Welcome to the School of Law

Nottingham’s School of Law is widely regarded as one of the top law schools in the UK and is a world-leading centre for legal research and teaching. Many of the academic staff in the school are internationally recognised in their fields and are all active scholars and teachers.

With around 50 full-time academic staff and a student population of about 1,000 across undergraduate and postgraduate study, the School of Law is a dynamic place for research, teaching and learning.

We offer a number of different degree programmes for the LLB degree. We also have BA degrees in Law with French and French Law, Law with German and German Law, Law with Spanish and Spanish Law and the BA Law degree, where students take core legal subjects, together with a number of modules in non-law subjects. Some students are selected at the beginning of their second year to transfer to one of our four-year law degrees, which involves spending their third year in an overseas university before returning to Nottingham for the fourth year.

Similarly, we have a Law with European Law degree, with the third year spent at one of a number of European universities with whom we have links under the Erasmus European exchange programme. Further information on our four-year law degrees is provided on pages 16-19.

Our graduates are highly sought after by employers and retain strong affection for the school and the University. We are confident that you will enjoy studying law and experiencing university life here. We wish you the best of luck with your studies and look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Professor Nigel White
Head of the School of Law

Don’t forget to watch our videos to hear from staff and students from across the Faculty of Social Sciences: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/watch-socialsciencesfaculty
Why study law at Nottingham?

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Degree title | UCAS code | Duration | A levels | IB | Places^ |
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**Single honours**<br>LLB Law/BA Law | M100 | 3 years^ | A*AA | 38 | 174 |
LLB Senior Status Law Degree | M101 | 2 years | 2:1 in an undergraduate degree, preferably a non-law subject, or a grade point average of 3.2 on a scale of 4 | 4 |
**Major/minor honours**<br>BA Law with French and French Law | M1R1 | 4 years | AAA | 38 | 6 |
BA Law with German and German Law | M1R2 | 4 years | AAA | 38 | 6 |
BA Law with Spanish and Spanish Law | M1R4 | 4 years | AAA | 38 | 6 |

^ We expect to enrol a further 70 international students from non-EU countries.

^^ Four years with a year abroad if students successfully transfer to the four-year course – see page 8.
Single honours

LLB Law/BA Law
The LLB Law and the BA Law are excellent programmes that meet the demand from highly qualified students who wish to study law as an academic discipline, irrespective of whether they wish to pursue a career in legal practice.

In addition to the study of the foundation subjects of English law, both programmes allow you to specialise in areas of law according to your own interests and future career plans. If you study for the LLB degree, you will devote most, if not all, of your time to the study of law. If you opt for the BA Law, you will be able to spend more of your time on modules outside the School of Law.

Typical law modules include: Child Law; Conflict of Laws; Foundations of International Criminal Law; Foundations of Public International Law; International Human Rights; Issues in Company Law; Principles of Commercial Law.

Students registered on either course may apply at the beginning of year two to be transferred to one of the school’s four-year degree courses, which incorporate a year abroad studying the law of that country. Successful students can choose between America, Australia, Canada, China, Europe, New Zealand and Southeast Asia. However, this is highly competitive and transfer should not be assumed. For those intending to follow a legal career, the grounding in different legal systems will prove very attractive to employers and, in particular, the leading international firms of solicitors.

LLB Law degree course structure
UCAS code: M100 (three years)

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Notes:
1. In addition to the core modules, at least 60 credits of other law modules must be taken in total over two and three in order to complete the 280 credits of law modules which are required for a single honours degree. In years two and three, up to 40 credits may be taken outside the school.
2. You may, if you wish, take the LLB Foundations of Tort module which attracts 10 credits for Tort A and 20 credits for Tort B (as opposed to the BA Foundations of Tort module which is 10 credits and 10 credits). Alternatively, to complete the necessary 120 credits, you may take a Legal Research Project module (attracting 5 or 10 credits), involving a research essay linked to work on another module.
3. You may transfer to LLB from BA Law at the end of the first year and must take all law options in years two and three.
4. For law options in years two and three, see the Law options section of this brochure on page 15.

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
LLB Senior Status Law Degree

The University offers an accelerated degree in law for students who have already graduated with a degree in another subject. It is completed over two years of full-time study during the same semester period as the other undergraduate degrees, and for the most part involves study of the same modules.

In the first year, you will study five of the core subjects of the degree (Contract, Criminal Law, Land Law, Public Law and Tort). In the second year you will study the other two core subjects (Law of the European Union and Trusts) and select up to six optional subjects (90 credits) from the full list of options that are available to undergraduate students.

For this degree all the optional subjects must be those offered in the School of Law and you will not be eligible for the study abroad courses.

Because the course will demand an intensive level of study effort, we would expect you to have achieved a very good level in your earlier degree (normally upper-second-class or equivalent).

This course is a qualifying degree for professional purposes.

LLB Senior Status degree course structure

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Notes:
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2. All options listed under year two and year three/four are available to LLB Senior Status students.

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BA Law with French and French Law/
BA Law with German and German Law/
BA Law with Spanish and Spanish Law

These courses are innovative and contemporary programmes offered by the School of Law in collaboration with the University’s departments of French, German, and Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies. They are offered as direct-entry, four-year degree programmes.

The courses are designed to equip you with a legal qualification based on English law and to encourage an appreciation of European law and French, German or Spanish law. The programmes will provide a solid foundation, not only for a career in law, but for one with a European dimension. Applicants must have studied A level French, German or Spanish or hold an equivalent qualification. You will also develop advanced language skills in French, German or Spanish and cultural awareness of the respective country.

There is a compulsory third year abroad in French/German/Spanish-speaking countries for those on law and language courses.

**Four-year degree courses**
The three years which are spent in Nottingham involve two-thirds of your time being spent in the School of Law and one-third in the relevant language department (although there is some scope for flexibility in your final year of study).

**Year one**
Your first year comprises a timetable of compulsory law modules, compulsory language modules and options in the relevant language.

**Year two**
You will study some compulsory law modules, compulsory language modules and optional choices in the relevant language.

Additionally, the second year includes the module Civil Law: A Comparative Introduction. This is designed to ensure that you are able to spend the third year abroad, equipped not only with the language skills required, but also with a legal grounding that will widen your learning opportunities in the host country. This reflects the integrated law/language structure of the degree.

**Year three**
During your third year on the law with a language programme, you will be expected to study French, German or Spanish law at one of the following universities:

**France**
- Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest
- Université Toulouse 1 Capitole

**Germany**
- The University of Hannover
- University of Göttingen

**Spain**
- University of Valencia

**Year four**
The fourth year offers some compulsory law modules, compulsory language modules and a choice of optional language modules.

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**BA Law with French and French Law/**
**BA Law with German and German Law/**
**BA Law with Spanish and Spanish Law degree course structure**

**UCAS codes: M1R1/M1R2/M1R4 (four years, with year three spent studying abroad)**

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In addition to the foundation subjects, a wide range of law options are available in each semester.

**Year two LLB/BA Law**

Law options include (subject to availability):

- **Full year (ie taken across both semesters)**
  - Principles of Commercial Law

- **Semester one**
  - Advanced Tort
  - Classical Legal Theory
  - Consumer and Marketing Law
  - Employment Law
  - Family Law
  - Foundations of International Criminal Law
  - Foundations of Public International Law
  - International Human Rights
  - Legal Issues in Health Care
  - Maritime Law
  - UK Human Rights Law

- **Semester two**
  - Child Law
  - Criminal Justice and the Penal System
  - European Convention on Human Rights
  - International Humanitarian Law
  - International Trade Law
  - International Wildlife Law
  - Law and Regulation of Foreign Investment
  - Modern Issues in Legal Theory

**Year three/four LLB/BA Law**

Law options include (subject to availability):

- the options available to year-two students
- and the following options available only to year-three/four students:

- **Full year (ie taken across both semesters)**
  - Dissertation
  - Principles of Criminal Evidence

**Semester one**

- Conflict of Laws
- Independent Study A
- Industrial Property
- Issues in Company Law
- Tax Law A

**Semester two**

- Commercial Conflict of Laws
- Independent Study B
- Mental Health Law and Policy
- Principles of Corporate Insolvency Law
- Tax Law B

Options outside the school can be chosen from a wide range set out in the catalogue of modules prepared by the University. If you wish to take such a module you must obtain the approval of the appropriate members of staff.

Overall, under the modular system, there is considerable flexibility between the LLB and BA Law degrees. On the one hand, a student registered for the LLB may take some modules outside the school in years two and three, or may switch to BA Law at the end of year one; on the other hand, a BA Law student may choose to concentrate entirely on law modules in years two and three/four.

If you complete any of the above degree programmes and cover the seven foundation subjects (Contract, Criminal Law, European Union Law, Land Law, Public Law, Tort and Trusts) you will be entitled to full exemption from the first part of the professional examinations of the Bar and the Law Society.
International degree courses

In addition to the degrees outlined on previous pages, the school has a number of international degree programmes. Please see page 18 for more information.

Each of the degree programmes are four years in duration. You will spend the first two years studying at Nottingham, the third year at one of the partner universities abroad (studying aspects of the relevant national law) and return to Nottingham to complete your final year.

Many of the partner universities are members of Universitas 21, a group of elite universities from around the world which includes The University of Nottingham.

The four-year programmes provide you with the opportunity to study a different legal system and culture, and offer a remarkable educational and cultural experience. Students who have participated in the four-year degree programmes have proved to be very attractive to employers generally and in particular to the leading international firms of solicitors.

How to apply
You cannot be admitted to read for these degrees directly; for that reason they do not appear in the UCAS handbook. If you are admitted to the school and successfully complete your first year of study on the LLB or the BA Law degree programmes, you can apply to transfer to one of the four-year degree programmes.

Students are selected for transfer on the basis of their examination performance in their first year of study and on their suitability for study abroad.

Fees
Students who are transferred to the four-year degree programmes are exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution (although students transferred to the Law with American Law programme at the University of Texas are only partly exempt). However, students will pay a fee to The University of Nottingham, which is currently £1,350.

During your year abroad you are eligible for all Student Finance loans and grants as if you had been initially registered for a four-year programme. In addition, our International Office offers a number of scholarships and bursaries, depending on your host institution.

Students finding out more about international degree courses at the Study Abroad Fair.
Law with American Law
You will spend your third year studying American law at the University of Texas Law School in Austin or the University of Connecticut in Hartford. Both law schools have an excellent academic reputation and first-class facilities.

Law with Australian Law
You will spend your third year studying Australian law at the Australian National University in Canberra, the University of New South Wales in Sydney, the University of Queensland in Brisbane, the University of Sydney or the University of Western Australia in Perth. All five universities are members of the Group of Eight universities, a coalition of leading Australian universities often referred to as the Australian version of the Ivy League.

Each of the law schools has an excellent reputation for teaching and research, offers first-class facilities and has an established programme of international student exchanges.

Law with Canadian Law
You will spend your third year studying at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario or the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Both are leading Canadian law schools, manifest in their teaching and in their research. Both have a well-established student exchange network.

A unique feature of the academic year at the University of Western Ontario is the January Term, when you will study only one subject – intensively and usually taught by a visiting international scholar.

Law with Chinese Law
You will spend your third year studying Chinese law at the University of Hong Kong. The Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong is a very highly respected faculty. It has well-established exchange links around the world. The method of teaching is the same as at Nottingham and tuition is in English.

Law with European Law
The Law with European Law degree is supported by the European Community’s Erasmus scheme. Our current Erasmus partners are:
- Brest (France)
- Copenhagen (Denmark)
- Gent (Belgium)
- Lund (Sweden)
- Madrid (Spain)
- Prague (Czech Republic)
- Rovaniemi (Finland)
- Utrecht (Netherlands)
- Vienna (Austria)

You will not necessarily have to speak a foreign language. At Copenhagen, Gent, Lund, Prague, Rovaniemi, Utrecht and Vienna, some courses are taught in English. However, in choosing who to transfer to the degree, we would be looking for students keen to develop their language skills. For the other institutions, you will need to have a good grasp of the language of the host country. Generally, you will need a very good A level and, ideally, some practical experience in the language of the country concerned.

Law with New Zealand Law
You will spend your third year studying New Zealand law at the University of Auckland or the University of Canterbury in Christchurch. The law schools at both universities enjoy an excellent reputation for both teaching and research; they also have a continuous flow of overseas visitors.

Law with Southeast Asian Law
You will spend your third year studying Southeast Asian law at the National University of Singapore. The National University of Singapore has an excellent academic reputation and has been officially recognised as one of the leading universities in Southeast Asia. It has well established exchange links with North American and Australasian universities and tuition is in English.

For further information about our international degree programmes please email fiona.hayes@nottingham.ac.uk

Studying abroad will take you to some amazing destinations.
How will I study?

The undergraduate timetable varies from year to year and option to option. Typically, you will have eight hours of lectures per week and four hours of seminars/tutorials per fortnight. In addition to these contact hours, you should expect to undertake a substantial amount of private study per week.

Teaching
Teaching is primarily by lecture and tutorial class, but some modules are taught by discussion groups and seminars.

Lectures
The principal teaching method in the school is the lecture class. The vast majority of undergraduate modules involve lecture classes on a weekly basis.

Tutorials
The school relies heavily upon the tutorial class in its teaching programme. You will be assigned to a tutorial class for each module studied. The group, which is usually made up of no more than eight students, meets on a fortnightly basis for each module to discuss pre-arranged questions and any other problems with the tutor.

Seminars
Some of the second and final-year undergraduate optional modules are taught by the seminar method. This is a method, midway between the tutorial and the lecture, involving presentations from staff and students which are discussed by the class as a whole.

Skilegal Programme
This is a series of optional workshops on skills such as presentation, communication and negotiation. Delivered by a range of law firms and chambers from London and the regions, the workshops are designed to be interactive and fun and to provide you with an understanding of the skills needed to become successful lawyers. The legal profession will be looking for evidence of these skills when you apply for legal training in your penultimate year.

Library and computing services
At Nottingham, you will benefit from access to an extensive collection of printed and online library resources. Teaching and learning in law are heavily underpinned by the use of key online legal commercial databases and hundreds of electronic law journals. In addition, you will have both on and off-campus access to a very wide range of databases, ejournals and ebooks in other subjects relevant to law.

Our printed collections run to over 60,000 items for law. This covers legal materials from the UK, the European Union, Commonwealth countries and the USA. The library collections are strong across a range of subjects but are particularly so in international law, human rights law, European law and associated areas.

In addition, The University of Nottingham is a full European Documentation Centre, and also has an extensive Documents Division with substantial holdings of UK official publications and official publications from important international organisations such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/is

Key Information Sets
Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website: www.unistats.com

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

How will I be assessed?

All undergraduate degree programmes in the University are modular, which means you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each semester.

Assessment methods
Assessment is predominantly by written examination, although some modules are assessed only by coursework, and a few by a mixture of coursework and examination. In addition, some modules are assessed on the basis of a dissertation or its equivalent.

Where a module lasts for one semester, assessment is undertaken at the end of that semester. Where a module fills two semesters, assessment is at the end of the second semester, although your progress will be measured throughout the year.

The teaching year
The teaching year is divided into two semesters. The first semester lasts for 14 weeks, with 12 weeks for teaching and revision and two weeks for assessment. The second semester follows the same pattern, but there are an additional two weeks at the end to complete the assessment process and to enable returning students to discuss their results with tutors and begin to plan the next session’s work.

There is one examiners’ meeting, attended by the external examiners, which is held at the end of the second semester. Although the teaching year is divided into two semesters for organisational purposes, this is fitted into the traditional pattern of three terms: one before Christmas; one between Christmas and Easter; and one after Easter.

Your final degree classification
Both your second and third-year results each count for 50% of your final, overall grade.

“I've recently accepted a contract with White & Case, a global American firm in London, which specialises in commercial law. It certainly helped that I'd been to Nottingham – in fact, employers have actually told me that it looks good on my CV.”

Law student
Career and employment prospects

The University of Nottingham was ranked as the number one university for job prospects at the 2015 Whatuni Student Choice Awards. Graduates of the School of Law have excellent employment and further study prospects. For the academic year ending 2014, of the known destinations, 92% of law undergraduates had secured employment or continued with their academic studies*.

The university has excellent links with employers who participate in recruitment, professional development, careers education and employability events tailored to our students. Law undergraduates have access to law firms and alumni, law career events, workshops and skill sessions all designed to raise student awareness of a career in law and how to successfully navigate the recruitment process.

Transferable skills
As a graduate from the School of Law, you will have completed the academic stage of training required for a career in law and will have also developed skills and qualities suitable for a range of careers, including:
- the ability to think critically about the nature and purpose of rules
- the analytical skills needed to assess factual situations
- the ability to conduct independent research
- the ability to present written information in a clear and well-structured form
- oral presentation skills, which will be developed through group work and by participating in mooting

If you choose the option of combining law with a minor subject, such as French and French Law/ German and German Law/Spanish and Spanish Law, you will have perfected your command of the language and also be provided with an excellent educational and cultural experience, which will be extremely attractive to employers.

Graduate career destinations
A high proportion of our graduates go on to complete legal training relevant to that of a solicitor – Legal Practice Course (LPC), or barrister – Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), whether or not they have secured a training contract/pupillage. Those seeking careers outside of law use their degree to gain access to a wide variety of professions and organisations such as consultancies, business advisory services, marketing, civil service, public relations, accountancy and campaigning.

Starting salary
The average starting salary for 2013/14 full-time graduates of the School of Law was £20,334 with the highest being £40,000*. Most of these graduates entered non-law professions.

In 2014, the national average starting salary for law graduates who secured a training contract with a regional firm and had to complete the LPC (2013 - 2014) ranged from £24,000 to £28,000 depending on the firm. For those who secured a training contract with a city law firm and had to complete the LPC (2013 - 2014) the starting salary ranged from £34,000 to £39,000, depending on the firm.**

Recent graduates
Natalie Connor – Development Officer, Mike Campbell Foundation (a human rights charity);
Francesca Eastwood – trainee solicitor, Michelmores LLP; Howard Mayers – undertaking the LPC, BPP Law School.

Data sources:
* Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.
** Source: www.rollonfriday.com

The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers.

The Graduate Market in 2013, 2014 and 2015, High Fliers Research
The School of Law offers a comprehensive range of postgraduate programmes to complement our undergraduate programmes. We have a truly international postgraduate student community of around 300 students from over 40 countries, making Nottingham a cosmopolitan and vibrant place to study.

The taught masters programme
The masters degrees offered within the School of Law have proved immensely popular and successful since their inception in 1987. We provide a diverse range of rigorous and stimulating courses, which constantly evolve in response to major legal and world developments. This ensures that students are equipped with the most up to date knowledge.

Master of Laws
The School of Law offers one of the widest choices of Master of Laws (LLM) programmes in Europe. You can study for the general LLM or choose a specialist degree in any of the following areas:
- Criminal justice
- Environmental law
- European law
- Human rights law
- International commercial law
- International criminal justice and armed conflict
- International law
- International law and development
- Maritime law
- Public international law

MA International Law, Security and Terrorism
This interdisciplinary programme allows you to explore the key political and legal issues arising from a discussion of international law, security and terrorism, and to relate them to particular conflict and post-conflict situations. The programme is offered jointly with the School of Politics and International Relations.

MSc Law and Environmental Science
This interdisciplinary programme provides you with an opportunity to explore the interplay between scientific knowledge and the law, and is offered jointly by the Schools of Law and Geography.

MA Socio-legal and Criminological Research
This programme is aimed primarily at those of you wishing to enhance your legal research skills before embarking on a doctorate. It is one of only a few programmes of its kind in the UK accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

The Executive Programme in Public Procurement Law and Policy
This innovative part-time programme recognises the growing importance of legal regulation in controlling public procurement. Aimed at, but not restricted to procurement professionals, this programme offers qualifications to certificate, diploma and masters level, and is taught by distance learning.

Research opportunities
The School of Law offers PhD supervision for research in most areas of law and interdisciplinary projects which have a legal aspect. We currently have around 50 registered research students who come from all over the world. The school has ESRC recognition for its research degrees in the areas of socio-legal and criminology.
“Nottingham was my first choice of university. I chose it because it’s got a fantastic campus and it’s one of the top universities in the country. I certainly haven’t looked back – everything from the social life to the teaching facilities, and everything in between, has been brilliant.”

Sam Pinner/BA Law

Find out more about Sam’s experience at www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/sampinner

Scan the code to watch this video on your smart phone.

Sam makes use of the books and reference materials in the law section of the Hallward Library.
You’ve read lots about the degree programme you’re interested in, now it’s time to explore life outside the lecture theatre. There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience you’ll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world

We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus. We’ve made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you’re never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain’s global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your new home from home

At Nottingham we offer a range of different accommodation options, rooms are available as single or shared, en suite or shared bathroom, all the way through to studio flats, and vary from self-catered to fully catered (19 meals per week). We also offer a guarantee of University accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, subject to the following conditions: you firmly accept your course place at Nottingham, accept your offer of accommodation by the deadline given in your offer letter, and have an unconditional status no later than 31 August in the year you intend to begin your studies. If you are a new, full-time undergraduate student who is classified as international for fee purposes, this guarantee applies for three years**. For more information, including a breakdown of pricing, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

- Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties
- Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition
- Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters
- Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of accommodation providers.
Getting involved in your Students’ Union

As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

Our Students’ Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun!

Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports

We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you’re not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city

With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you’re a night owl.

For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you’re not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre located on our University Park Campus – arthouse cinemas and three of the world’s oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide
Applying for a place

When considering your application, we will look for evidence that you will be able to fulfil the objectives of the programme of study and achieve the standards required. We will take into account a range of factors additional to, and in some cases instead of, formal examination results. For more information on how to make your application stand out have a look at our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Application process
All applications for an undergraduate place to study law at The University of Nottingham (including applications by overseas students) must be made through UCAS. Decisions by the School of Law will be notified to candidates through UCAS using the Students’ Portal. Applications should be made online at www.ucas.com. Candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track at track.ucas.com

Applications for our courses are made under one UCAS Track at www.ucas.com. Students who apply for M100 law are not required to specify which of these courses they intend to study until they register with the University at the beginning of their course. All applicants, including overseas students, will be required to take the National Law Admissions Test (LNAT) (see page 35).

Entry numbers
For information on how many students the department plans to admit on each course, please see the table on page 7.

The selection procedure
Selection of those applicants to whom we will make an offer will be based upon a combination of the candidate’s academic record and their performance in the LNAT (see page 35), together with an assessment of all the information provided in their UCAS application form, their academic reference and in their personal statement.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us the most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivating and make the best possible use of the opportunities this course might have to offer you.

Academic attainment
Our standard offer is A*AA at A level. In order to be eligible for an offer, candidates must be predicted to achieve at least AAA at A level. General studies and critical thinking are not included in the achievement of A level grades.

Candidates taking examinations in other systems (for example International Baccalaureate and other EU systems) will be expected to achieve an equivalent level of attainment (see page 34).

Where an application is made prior to completion of A levels, or equivalent, offers will be conditional, dependent on the attainment of these grades.

Some candidates without our normal level of academic attainment may be considered and made conditional offers. This may be so in the case of mature applicants (see page 33) and those who have had an educational disadvantage. Such offers may also be made to applicants with a high score in the LNAT test.

There is no guarantee that an offer will be made to an applicant who has attained or who is predicted to attain, or even exceed, the normal offer requirements.

Your academic record
The whole of your academic record will be relevant for this purpose. A GCSE record should contain a preponderance of outstanding grades of A and A*, particularly in the core academic subjects. AS level examination grades, where available, should also display excellence, especially where they may be the basis for prediction of results at A level. Where the grades are not excellent, the reference should contain an explanation for the prediction of better grades at A level.

Applicants will be expected to have studied at least four subjects at AS level and to continue studying at least three subjects to A level. Two AS level subjects will not be accepted as the equivalent of one A level. We would normally require all three A level examinations to be taken in the same examination period. We do not normally accept re-sit examinations of A level grades, unless there is an adequate and deserving explanation.

Required subjects
All A level subjects in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences are regarded as acceptable. However, offers are not normally made to students presenting more than one non-traditional or practically orientated subject. A higher score in the LNAT examination may be required of those applicants presenting non-traditional subjects.

Maths/further maths
We will be willing to consider candidates who are offering both maths and further maths. However, we would point out that for people intending to study and to practise law, a wide range of knowledge and training is probably an advantage.

Alternative qualifications
Vocational qualifications
The study of law is a demanding and highly academic process requiring high levels of literacy and reasoning. Therefore vocational and practical qualifications, such as NVQ and BTEC, are not accepted.

Advanced Extension Awards
The forecast, or attainment, of a distinction in AEA would be accepted as strengthening the academic profile in any comparative assessment.

Scottish Highers
Applicants will be required to present at least three subjects taken to Advanced Higher Level. The equivalent offer for students taking examinations in the Scottish education system will therefore be three A grades at Advanced Higher Level. The academic record in Highers will be considered as a part of the academic record.

Foreign languages in a foreign country
A levels in any language are acceptable. However, where a student presents with a profile including an A level in their native language we would expect that their other two A levels would be in traditional subjects. We would also look for a high LNAT score from candidates with such a profile.

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

Mature applicants
The School of Law welcomes applications from mature students as part of the University’s policy of widening participation. This means applicants who are making a change in the direction of their lives by a return to education and by the study of law. Such applicants should include in their personal statement on the UCAS form an outline of their life experience to date, together with their reasons for wishing to study law. For more information about being a mature student, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

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International applicants
The school welcomes applications from students outside the UK and EU areas. Such applicants will be judged on a more flexible standard to equate generally with a standard of AAA at A level.

We welcome applications from international students and have students from many parts of the world studying with us at undergraduate and postgraduate level. All international candidates for undergraduate courses should apply through UCAS. The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, working and living in the UK, entry requirements and preparing for coming to Nottingham – and arranges a Welcome Programme for new international students each September. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be happy to arrange an individual visit for you. For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/international-applicants

International Baccalaureate
UK applicants presenting qualifications in the International Baccalaureate must attain a total of at least 38 points (including bonus points). For Law with French and French Law, Law with German and German Law and Law with Spanish and Spanish Law the student must attain at least six at Higher Level in that language.

Applicants presenting other qualifications such as the European, French or International Option Baccalaureate and the German Abitur, will be judged on a standard equivalent to the UK A level grades.

English language requirements
It is essential that all our applicants have English language skills that are good enough to undertake a highly intensive and demanding course in law. For this reason, the School of Law normally requires an IELTS score of 7.0 with at least 7.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening. For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Preparing to study in English – academic English preparation and support
The University of Nottingham Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers high-quality academic English and study skills (presessional) programmes to prepare you to study your degree in English. Our programmes are designed to give international students excellent preparation for their academic studies and are taught by experienced, professional tutors.

CELE provides a range of programmes throughout the year, including five-week subject-specific courses (in some subjects) and a four-week course in September for students with unconditional offers, with a focus on academic study skills.

You can continue to benefit from academic English support with free classes and one-to-one consultations throughout your study (insessional programmes).

For more information about CELE, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

For tips and advice at every step of your application journey, visit our undergraduate applicants’ area: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugapplicants

National Law Admissions Test (LNAT)

The School of Law regards the National Law Admissions Test (LNAT) as an important part of its admissions process. The most selective law schools, including Nottingham, use this test to assess a candidate’s potential for law degree studies. The LNAT is designed to test the candidate’s aptitude in the skills required for the academic study of law. It requires a high level of comprehension of information and an ability to reason clearly and accurately on the basis of that information. The essay section of the LNAT is also used as part of our assessment.

Exemptions
The LNAT must be taken by ALL applicants to the School of Law, including mature students and overseas students. Exemption from the test may be granted in certain circumstances, for example where there is no test facility in the country where the candidate is resident.

Application for exemption should be made to:
Law Admissions Office,
School of Law,
The University of Nottingham,
University Park, Nottingham,
NG7 2RD
or by email to law@nottingham.ac.uk

The LNAT scoring system
The LNAT score may be the deciding factor in whether or not you are offered a place at The University of Nottingham, so it is important that you allow time to postpone your test, if necessary, to ensure that your score is a true reflection of your ability.

The LNAT multiple choice score that is required to obtain an offer from the school will vary from year to year. That score will depend upon the number and quality of applicants each year. The performance in the LNAT as a whole includes an assessment of the essay section.

The requisite score may also vary, either up or down, in respect of certain groups of students; for example, students offering non-traditional A level subjects or overseas students.

When you should take the LNAT
The LNAT must be taken before the closing date indicated on the LNAT website. For overseas candidates and others with a special reason for late submission, we can accept a later sitting.

Candidates are advised to book a test date well before that deadline. If you are unable to take the test because of illness, or would be disadvantaged in taking the test on a particular day because of another sufficient reason, you should arrange a postponement to a more suitable date.

You can sit the LNAT test either before or after you submit your UCAS application, but if you submit your application after you have taken the test you should revisit the LNAT website to add your UCAS number to your LNAT form.

Registering for the test
When you register for your LNAT you must ensure that you include Nottingham in the list of universities to whom you have applied (or those to whom you intend to apply). Unless that information is given we may not be able to retrieve your LNAT score. In that case, we will not know that you have taken the LNAT and your application may be rejected for that reason.

More information
Details of the operation of the LNAT, including the timing for the sitting of the test and the location of the test centres, are available on the LNAT website, which also includes a description of the test, a practice test and frequently asked questions section. Please see www.lnat.ac.uk
What is the difference between the LLB and the BA Law degrees? The LLB degree usually consists entirely of law subjects taken over three or four years, although a limited number of non-law subjects may also be taken in the second and final years of the course. The BA Law degree is a mixed degree in which law subjects are studied in conjunction with other non-law subjects. It is essentially still a law degree because at least two-thirds of the subjects must be law subjects. There is no restriction on the non-law subjects that may be selected, but timetable requirements will often mean that subjects should be chosen from law and social sciences.

Both these degrees are qualifying law degrees, which means that they qualify for exemption from those examinations required to be taken for professional qualification as either a barrister or solicitor. In the case of the BA Law degree, this will require you to select the appropriate options to be taken in the later years of the course.

Do you offer law with business studies? We do not have a degree called Law with Business Studies, but a BA Law degree in which you select modules in the Business School or School of Economics is a self-made degree in law with business studies.

How many hours a week will I be working? Typically you will have eight hours of lectures per week and four hours of seminars/tutorials per fortnight. In addition to these contact hours, you should expect to undertake a substantial amount of private study amounting to at least 30 hours a week. For more information on how you will study, please see page 20.

Do you accept transfers into the second or third year? We do not accept students wishing to transfer directly into the second or third year. You can apply through UCAS for entry into the first year only.

Do you offer a part-time LLB or distance learning? We offer our undergraduate degrees only on a full-time basis and we do not offer a distance learning programme.

What is the LNAT? The National Law Admissions Test (LNAT) is an important part of the admissions process in the School of Law. The most selective law schools, including Nottingham, use this test to assess a candidate’s potential for law degree studies. The LNAT must be taken by ALL applicants to the School of Law, including mature students and overseas students; please see page 35 for more information.

What support do you offer for students with a disability or dyslexia? We are committed to promoting access for students who have a disability, dyslexia or a long-term medical condition. Services provided by the University aim to enable students to fulfil the inherent requirements of the course as independently as possible. The University’s Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability

How much are the fees? Like many universities in England, Nottingham charges full-time UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £9,000. However, you will not have to pay your fees while studying – the government will lend eligible students the money, which you will start to pay back once you have left university and are earning at least £21,000. For more information, please see: www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Fees for students from outside the EU vary from subject to subject. For more information, please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

What support is available for students with children? There are a range of services provided to support students with children, including a University day nursery, a playscheme and a playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare. For more information, see: www.nottingham.ac.uk/child-care

What bursaries are available? Although bursary figures for 2016/17 are yet to be finalised, the University will continue to offer a generous package of bursary support to students from lower income households. These are in addition to any support you may receive from the government. For more information please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport or take a look at the funding tab on the relevant course entry in our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

If you are an international applicant (outside of the EU), please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Visit our website for more frequently asked questions: www.nottingham.ac.uk/faqs

To ask course-specific questions email law@nottingham.ac.uk
Visiting and contacting us

Open days
If you’re considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Mini open days
Mini open days are much smaller than the main open days but offer the same opportunities to attend various talks and tours as well as speak to current students and academics. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/miniopendays or call +44 (0)115 951 5559.

Virtual open day
If you can’t attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day: www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

UCAS visit days
Once you’ve been offered a place at Nottingham, you will be invited to attend a UCAS visit day, which is an opportunity for you to visit the School of Law and to find out more about your chosen course. You will also be given a short tour of the campus by current students.

Other visits
If you wish to make an informal visit to the University prior to applying here, you are welcome to do so, but you should contact us in advance if you wish to visit the school or speak to an admissions tutor, and we will do our best to oblige.

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w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/international

You can also connect with fellow applicants and current students on our applicants’ Facebook and Twitter pages:

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Social Sciences
www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywhatyoulove

Your passion can be your success. Study what you love.

Our creative responses help make us unique. Learn about the lives of others, their thought processes and their influences and explore your own reactions. We’ll help you turn an inspiring degree into an inspiring career.