Outstanding teaching
Friendly
Culturally diverse
Supportive

“One of the best institutions in Britain . . . this powerhouse of academic and research excellence boasts one of the best graduate employment rates in Britain. Students don’t just get any old job either - most secure degree level posts with decent starting salaries.”

Sunday Times University Guide 2013
Insider Information - Find out more …

Want to know what life at Cardiff is really like? Our Insiders are real students studying a range of subjects. You can read their blogs, post comments, ask questions and message them on Facebook and Twitter.

To find out more: www.cardiff.ac.uk/thrive
Discover the Cardiff Experience

A leading university . . .

- You’ll be part of a Russell Group university - one of the UK’s world-class universities with global recognition.
- You can choose from more than 300 degree programmes. The Cardiff University degree is known and respected worldwide, with a substantial number accredited by the professions and other external bodies.
- You’ll benefit from outstanding teaching in a research-led environment.
- Staff include a Nobel Laureate and numerous Fellows of the Royal Society.

in an outstanding city . . .

- You’ll live in a friendly, compact and safe city, with all of your study, living and leisure needs within walking distance.
- Your money will go further at Cardiff with capital city attractions at affordable prices - including one of the lowest rates of all university cities for student accommodation.¹

with able and motivated students . . .

- You’ll be at a first choice university where demand for places is strong.
- You’ll be studying in an environment with other able and motivated students who have high grades at A-level or equivalent.
- You’ll be at an international university with students from more than 100 countries.

who have excellent career prospects.

- You can be confident of your future - in 2011/12, 93.7% of our students were employed or had entered further study within six months of completing their studies.²
- You’ll be in demand - Cardiff is among the top 25 universities targeted by employers seeking high calibre graduates.³

Notes
¹.Moneysupermarket.com
The true cost of going to university 2012
². HESA Destination of Leavers Survey 2012
³. High Fliers Research
The Graduate Market 2013
Welcome

The Cardiff Law School offers a range of flexible and diverse degree programmes to suit the different expectations and aspirations of today’s students.

We attract students from all over the world and offer a friendly, supportive and culturally diverse environment in which to study.

We offer a diverse range of Law degrees which enable you to study law on its own, or combine it with a social science or modern language. We provide a range of extracurricular activities, including our award winning pro bono scheme, that enable you to develop the skills required for a career in the legal profession and wider job market.

We are the only Russell Group University to provide all the undergraduate and professional training required to qualify as a solicitor or barrister. Through our Centre for Professional Legal Studies, we provide the highly regarded Bar Professional Training Course and the Legal Practice Course, which has consistently received the Solicitors’ Regulation Authority/Law Society’s highest rating, for students who wish to qualify as either barristers or solicitors of England and Wales. Graduates of these courses can now upgrade their qualification to Masters level via the LLM in Legal Practice. We also offer the Graduate Diploma in Law which can be studied on a full or part-time basis.

We have a vibrant research culture and are recognised as a leading centre of legal research. In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise we were ranked 7th out of the 100 Law Schools in the United Kingdom and 95 per cent of our research activity was classed as world leading or of international quality.

The School occupies a substantial building on the Cathays Park campus, close to the law courts, barristers’ chambers, major law firms and Welsh Government offices. It is also close to the main social facilities offered by the Students’ Union and the highly rated University sports complex.

I look forward to welcoming you to Cardiff and I am sure that if you decide to study here, your time with us will be both educationally and socially rewarding.

Professor Dan Wincott
Head of Cardiff Law School

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Cardiff: A capital city

“Cardiff is a popular student city, relatively inexpensive and with a good range of nightlife and cultural venues.”

Times Good University Guide 2014
Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study. It combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city.

Cardiff offers everything from the excitement of the city to the peace and tranquillity of the nearby coast and countryside. With its distinctive character, good quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high-profile cultural and sporting events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket and motor sport.

When it comes to entertainment, Cardiff is well-equipped to satisfy student needs. There is a multitude of cafes, pubs and nightclubs. The City is home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it boasts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David’s Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Millennium Stadium, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.

Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Dr Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty, and the Dr Who Experience in Cardiff Bay is a popular new attraction.

The city is one of the UK’s best shopping destinations, a status enhanced by the opening of the £750 million St David’s Dewi Sant retail centre standing alongside pedestrianised shopping streets, indoor and outdoor markets, and a fascinating network of glass-canopied Victorian and Edwardian arcades.

Cardiff also has more urban green space than any other UK city, and offers easy access to the countryside, coast and mountains.

Lively, elegant, confident, cosmopolitan and ambitious are all words readily used to describe modern-day Cardiff. Together, the city and the University provide students with the ‘Cardiff Experience’, a lifestyle our students remember long after graduation.

Don’t just take our word for it...

“Modern Cardiff combines the best of the old and the new... it has a relatively small population and is fairly inexpensive to live in. Close to the campus, the city centre has an array of shops and entertainment options to cater to all tastes and budgets.”

The Telegraph Guide to UK Universities 2012

Come and see for yourself...

Cardiff benefits from excellent road and rail links with Britain’s other major towns and cities. London, for example, is two hours by train, and the M4 links both the west and south of England, as well as west Wales. Travel to the Midlands and to the North is equally convenient. The journey by road from Birmingham, for example, takes only two hours. The main coach and railway stations are both centrally placed, and Cardiff also benefits from an international airport.
Cardiff: A leading university

“Cardiff University is one of Britain’s leading teaching and research universities.”

Telegraph Guide to UK Universities 2014
Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

With attractive and compact campuses, excellent student accommodation, and a hugely popular Students’ Union, all within easy walking distance of each other in a thriving city, it is not surprising that Cardiff is a university of first choice among well-prepared applicants.

We admit approximately 5,000 undergraduate entrants each year, the majority of whom are school and college leavers, and have high grades at A-level or equivalent. While competition for entry is strong, Cardiff is an inclusive university with a good record on widening participation and fair access, and we welcome applications, irrespective of background, from everyone with the potential to succeed at Cardiff University.

The University’s Cathays Park campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff’s attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here - just a few minutes’ walk from the city centre. The three academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park campus, approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

Although dating from 1883, Cardiff is focused on the 21st century, and has modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. The University has invested substantially in its estate in recent years and most academic schools have benefited from major refurbishment, including new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities.

International opportunities are available via our Global Opportunity Centre. These include study, work and volunteering placements in 27 EU countries as well as international exchange opportunities. All students also have the opportunity to study a language in addition to their degree through the University’s Languages For All programme.

The University takes its environmental, safety and security responsibilities very seriously. It has comprehensive policies in place which are making great savings in energy consumption and, to support the safety and security of all members of the University community and their property, there is 24-hour security cover throughout the campus.

What the Guides say

“[Cardiff] University is the acknowledged leader of higher education in Wales. It is the Principality’s only member of the Russell Group of research-led universities and has two Nobel Laureates on its staff. It is our 2014 Best Welsh University.”

Times Good University Guide 2014

“The University is as confident and forward-looking as the city it’s located in, and has an excellent reputation for the quality of its teaching and research. Almost 60% of its research is ranked as world leading and it is a member of the Russell Group of leading universities.”

Guardian University Guide 2013
Living in Cardiff

As a fast developing capital city, Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It’s large enough to offer you an exciting variety of activities and entertainment, but small enough for you to feel comfortable in.

Accommodation
Cardiff offers guaranteed University accommodation, good quality and value, and a range of residences to suit individual preferences and budgets.

All first year undergraduates who apply during the normal UCAS admissions cycle (ie come to Cardiff as a firm or insurance applicant) are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences during the first year of study. Please see our website for full details: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

The University is continually investing in its student residences, and the views of students are taken into account at the design stage. Unusually for a civic university, most of our residences are within easy walking distance of lecture theatres, libraries, laboratories, the Students’ Union and city centre.

There are 14 different residences, providing more than 5,300 study bedrooms and students can apply for the residences which best suit their preferences, interests and budgets. Some 70% have en-suite shower and toilet facilities and all halls of residence have computer network connection points and access to Wi-Fi.

Fees depend on the facilities included and whether catered, part-catered or self-catered, but prices compare very favourably with those of other UK universities. Besides managing University property, the Residences Office maintains close links with the private sector and provides assistance to students seeking to rent or share houses or flats.

Student Life

The Students’ Union
Cardiff Students’ Union is one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain. Solus, the Great Hall and the Taf Bar are among the Union’s major attractions. Solus is the students’ own high quality nightclub, and is one of the largest in Wales. The Great Hall is a 1,500 capacity venue for major concerts and the Taf Bar is the Union’s own ‘local’.

Other facilities include The Kitchen, CF10 café, a bank, a printshop, a hair salon and a bookshop. The Lounge offers IT and Skype facilities, meeting rooms and a “chillout” area, as well as snooker tables and multi-faith prayer room. The Union also has its own letting agency and an Advice and Representation centre. In addition, it is home to CU TV and Xpress Radio (the students’ own TV and radio stations) and more than 200 cultural, political, religious, social and sporting societies.

Jobshop
Jobshop is the Union’s own student employment service and provides casual, clerical and catering jobs around the University to hundreds of students.

Student Law Society
Cardiff University Law Society is one of the largest and most active students societies at the University. In 2012/13 it won the official award for Best Society at the Guild of Societies Awards. There are over 150 societies at the University, so this was a huge achievement for all involved.

Web: www.cardiffunilawsociety.co.uk

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What the Guides say

“A place in one of the University’s 5,300 single study bedrooms is guaranteed to all first year undergraduates applying through the normal UCAS admissions cycle.”
Guardian University Guide 2014

“The cost of living for a student in Cardiff is generally lower than elsewhere in the UK.”
The Independent A-Z University Guide 2014

“The Union offers an exciting entertainment programme, a comprehensive range of student support services and 150 clubs and societies.”
The Complete University Guide 2014

How to find the School

We are located in the Law Building, which sits at the heart of the Cathays Park Campus, a short walk from the city centre. The building is very close to Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from University halls of residence.
Law is a challenging and rewarding subject which equips you to pursue a range of careers and our courses are designed to enable you to fulfil your academic and vocational potential. Our teaching is informed by our world-leading research, and this is reflected in the modules we provide.

Studying law is about acquiring the ability to make, apply and critically analyse precise distinctions and, especially, to rapidly select the relevant information from sources such as reports of court cases and statutes, and academic journals. Appreciating law in its social context is both demanding and satisfying.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment
You will be taught through a combination of lectures, tutorials and seminars, amounting to approximately ten to twelve hours a week of formal teaching. These, of course, will be supplemented by your own private study and written assignments which will become more demanding as you progress. Teaching is organised in modules, split over two semesters (Autumn: 14 weeks, Spring: 17 weeks); in each there are 11 teaching weeks. Christmas, Easter and summer vacations are not affected by the semester system. Our teaching is supported by a substantial reliance on web-based and other learning resources, to which you will have access throughout your studies.

Your progress in each module will be assessed during and at the end of the semester in which it is taught. All law modules include assessments, which are intended to assist your understanding and to provide you and your tutors with an indication of your progress to date. Methods of final assessment vary from traditional written examinations to a combination of examinations and assessed essays, to portfolios.

Personal Tutors and Support
At the start of your course you are assigned a personal tutor, who is a member of the academic staff of the Law School. Students on integrated programmes will have a personal tutor in each school. Personal tutors are there to advise on academic and personal matters in a confidential and informal manner. We aim to help overcome any problems, however great or small, as smoothly as possible. Your personal tutor will monitor your academic progress and will also supply references in support of any applications you may make for jobs or postgraduate courses. We hope that you will enjoy a constructive relationship with your tutor throughout your time as a student.

Personal Development and Career Planning
We recognise that employability is crucial to all our students. The extra-curricular activities we offer build on the knowledge you gain in the classroom and help you to develop many of the skills required for a career in law and a wide range of professions. We run a comprehensive programme of workshops and presentations designed to help you take that first step in your career.

You will have access to personal development opportunities and employability events that aim to increase your chances of success in the graduate job market, whatever your intended career path. At undergraduate level, Personal Development Planning is designed to help you develop as an independent learner; it will be of benefit not only during your time at Cardiff University, but throughout your career. In particular, we will encourage you to attend the many Employability Skills events hosted by our Careers and Employability Service and outside employers, and to regularly review your own development towards your career and academic goals.

We liaise with legal practitioners to offer our students work experience. This includes local law firms and barristers’ chambers with whom we have good long-standing relationships, and our alumni who wish to help current Cardiff students gain this valuable experience. We also work to ensure that these opportunities are accessible to all our students. Following a successful pilot in 2012, we are now running an annual work placement with Clintons, (a leading London practice specialising in Sports, Entertainment, Media and Family Law).

Through one of our alumni, who is managing partner there, we are able to offer a week’s placement to students from backgrounds who are under-represented in the legal profession and who might not otherwise have access to such placements. This opportunity comes with a small bursary from the Law School to cover transport and accommodation costs.
Student/Staff Panel
Cardiff Law School has a student/staff panel consisting of members of teaching staff and elected student members who meet to discuss academic issues. Any issues that you feel need attention can be highlighted to your student representative, who will raise the query with the panel. The work of the panel, alongside an annual feedback questionnaire circulated to all students, means that each course is constantly reviewed to ensure that it is the best programme of study available for students.

Library
Cardiff Law Library is one of the largest in the UK and has over 100,000 volumes with subscriptions to over 200 current periodicals and law reports. It is conveniently located in the Arts and Social Studies Library, close to the Law Building. Students can borrow up to 12 books at any one time, with a standard loan period of up to three weeks. Heavily demanded books, such as recommended texts, may be borrowed for shorter periods. In addition, electronic databases and retrieval systems such as Westlaw UK, Lexis®Library and HeinOnLine facilitate access to many other major reports and journals.

Law Library staff are on hand to offer specialist research assistance, including one-to-one and workshop training in information searching and mediated literature researches.

The Arts and Social Studies Library contains group study rooms, a cyber lounge, an open-access PC area and a spacious graphics unit.

Computing
The University has a resource centre, very close to the Law School, which contains 260 networked stations. The Law School provides additional facilities for students and complements the computing laboratories within the Law Library. As a result, every student normally has free access to appropriate computing facilities at all times.

Cardiff Law School delivers a range of materials and learning resources via Learning Central, an internet-based e-learning system which can be accessed by students anywhere, anytime.

Public Lectures
As a student of Cardiff Law School you will also have the opportunity to attend Public Lectures given by high profile speakers. Previous lecturers have included Lord Neuberger (President of the UK Supreme Court), Sir Keir Starmer QC (former Director of Public Prosecutions), Lady Justice Arden DBE (Head of International Judicial Relations for England and Wales), Lord Justice Thomas (now Lord Chief Justice) and Lord Justice Scott Baker (of the Court of Appeal), Sir Nicholas Wall (former President of the Family Division of the High Court), leading criminal defence lawyer Angus McBride of Kingsley Napley and leading international lawyer Martyn Day of Leigh Day & Co.

Gregynog Hall Conference
Every Spring, Cardiff law students have the opportunity to participate in a law conference at Gregynog Hall in mid-Wales, which is also attended by staff and students from three other Welsh law schools. Lecturers and researchers present short papers on a variety of legal topics outside the normal run of the degree syllabus, offering a sense of the breadth of the law and the fascination of research. For many participants this is also the first taste of the academic conference lifestyle - a weekend’s board and lodging in a large former manor house set in 750 acres of magnificent grounds.

Research
Some students may have the opportunity to develop research skills by providing research assistance for academic staff, or by working on their own projects alongside their studies. The Law School has provided opportunities to a number of students via CUROR the University’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Scheme.
Learning at Cardiff Law School isn’t just confined to traditional lectures, seminars and tutorials. We are committed to extending extracurricular opportunities to our students, helping to enhance their CVs in a competitive graduate job market.

Through our schemes, students learn that the law is not always black and white, that there can be problems with legal practice, procedures and systems, and that there is often not an easy answer to a person’s legal problems. Students gain essential skills in communication, research and teamwork. They are exposed to the problems of individuals, whilst at the same time facing the impact that law can have on the society in which we all live.

The Cardiff Law School Law Pro Bono Unit includes various schemes that have won prestigious national awards, and which provide legal help for those who might otherwise have no assistance. Our students provide pro bono (free) legal services, supervised by academic staff and practising solicitors and barristers.

**Cardiff Law School National Health Service Continuing Healthcare Scheme**

The NHS Continuing Healthcare Scheme addresses the nationwide problem of assessment for NHS continuing healthcare funding. This area of work revolves around situations where the NHS is arguably responsible for care and should fully fund it. Problems in this area mainly affect seriously ill patients, often elderly, in nursing homes, but can also apply if a person needs nursing care at home. We are the only Law School in the UK that runs a specialist legal advice clinic dealing with this niche area of law and practice, and our scheme is recognised by the Alzheimer’s Society and organisations that assist the elderly. We are supervised by the largest law firm in Wales, Hugh James Solicitors, and our work won the Student Team Award at the prestigious Law Society Junior Lawyers’ Division 10th Anniversary Pro Bono Awards.

**Cerebra Legal Entitlements Research Project**

Students working on this project research the law relating to disabled children and provide advice to families of disabled children facing disputes over their health and social care entitlements.

The research project was set up in conjunction with international children’s charity Cerebra, who refer cases to the project. Students are supervised by law school staff and practising solicitors.

**WRU Free Legal Advice Scheme**

In 2012, in partnership with the Welsh Rugby Union we launched a scheme to provide free legal advice to member clubs below the semi-professional level of the Principality Premiership Division across Wales, in English or Welsh language. We advise on a variety of legal queries, exposing students to a broad cross-section of legal disciplines. Our work is supervised by Hugh James solicitors and Civitas barristers’ chambers in Cardiff.

**Other Schemes:**

**Hafal Appropriate Adult Scheme**

Hafal is Wales’ leading mental health charity, and they train students to work as ‘Appropriate Adults’, to support vulnerable adults being interviewed at a police station having been arrested. Once trained, students volunteer to be on a rota to be called into police stations across South Wales.

**Mencap Cymru Legal Entitlements Project**

We are about to embark upon a pilot project with Mencap, where our students will assist with advice on issues affecting people with a learning disability.

**The Personal Support Unit**

The Personal Support Unit (PSU) supports litigants in person, witnesses, victims, their family members and supporters. It provides free, confidential, independent, non-legal support to clients, to help them through the court process. The PSU trains students to assist litigants at the Civil Justice Centre in Cardiff. We are constantly developing and extending our pro bono opportunities for students, and our portfolio will continue to grow.

Web: [www.law.cf.ac.uk/probono](http://www.law.cf.ac.uk/probono)
Mooting
Mooting is where two teams of ‘advocates’ argue a fictitious legal appeal case in front of a judge (usually a lecturer). It offers an opportunity to experience the courtroom first-hand. Cardiff’s internal mooting competition is run jointly by the Student Law Society and staff at the School, and is extremely popular with students. In 2014 the final of the Mooting Competition was held in the Supreme Court in London, and was judged by The Rt Hon. the Lord Clarke of Stone-cum-Ebony, Justice of the Supreme Court and former Master of the Rolls.

Competitions
Cardiff Law School has a long-standing involvement with the International Client Consultation Competition (www.brownmosten.com), where more than 100 law schools in the USA, Australia and other commonwealth countries showcase their legal advice skills. Centring on a simulated law office interview, it provides a valuable educational and cultural interchange between students, law teachers and legal practitioners. Panels of lawyers, academics and counsellors are recruited locally as judges.

Cardiff successes in recent years are:

- 2014: first of nine universities, resulting in a win at the regional heat;
- 2013: hosting the final of the National Client Interviewing Competition, as the previous year’s Winners for England and Wales;
- 2012: a Cardiff team represented England and Wales at the International Final in Dublin, having beaten off stiff competition from 25 UK law schools.

We often take part in The Negotiation Competition which is partly sponsored by the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR). Teams of students from law schools in England and Wales try to negotiate a settlement based on realistic business or commercial scenarios. Those proceeding to the national final are rewarded with a day’s negotiation training at CEDR. The winning national team goes on to the international final.
Cardiff University has a long tradition of welcoming international students. With over 3,500 students from more than 100 countries, the University enjoys the many benefits of multiculturalism.

The Law School attracts students from more than 25 countries. North America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia are well represented, with a number of students coming from, in particular, Canada, the Bahamas, Malaysia and India. Information relevant to students from specific countries is available on the Law School’s website.

Approximately 20% of the School’s undergraduate intake comprises international students, and there are currently around 350 international students enrolled on its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Fees and Scholarships for International Students

As an indicator, the fees for 2014-2015 entry were set at £13,500. The Law School currently offers two types of scholarship exclusively to students from outside the European Union who are enrolled as full fee paying students of international fee status. These are:

- **Entrance Bursaries** of £1,000 each.
  - These are available to all international students achieving excellence at A-level by obtaining grades of AAA; other equivalent qualifications are also considered including an 83% average mark in the best four subjects in Year 12 in the Indian School Certificate Examinations, or obtaining 37 points in the International Baccalaureate.

- **Merit Scholarships** worth £1,000, £3,000 or £5,000 a year. These are available to those who achieve outstanding academic performance whilst studying on the LLB programme at Cardiff.

We are committed to offering funding opportunities to outstanding applicants. Further competitive scholarships may be available, please check our website for details.

**Support for International Students**

The University provides all the information and support necessary to help ease the transition to life as a student at Cardiff. Once you have been made an offer here you will receive advice on immigration, visas, healthcare, climate and living in Cardiff.

We can arrange to collect you by coach from Cardiff or Heathrow airports. We provide an induction programme and, in the week before enrolment, there are various social events and visits to introduce you to Cardiff and to welcome you to Wales.

Web: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/inter/comingtocardiff/index.html](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/inter/comingtocardiff/index.html)

**Study Skills Assistance**

Throughout the year the University’s English Language Programmes Office provides English language and writing courses to international students studying, or intending to study, at Cardiff. Visit:

Web: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/inter/elt](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/inter/elt)

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Graduation Day is the highlight of your university experience
The LLB Degree and Qualifying for the Legal Profession

Students on every programme are able to complete the Qualifying Law Degree (QLD) requirements specified by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board for practice in England and Wales.

After graduation, you then have the option to proceed directly to the vocational stage of training for the legal profession in England and Wales: the Bar Professional Training Course or Legal Practice Course, both of which can be undertaken at Cardiff Law School.

The first year of the three and four-year programmes consists entirely of compulsory modules; all modules taught in the Law School in this year are required for a QLD. In the remaining two years (or three for the Law and Language programmes), Single Honours students may select further modules required for a QLD or choose from a wide selection of optional modules, many of which draw upon particular research strengths of Cardiff Law School’s staff. Students on Integrated programmes have a range of modules available in their other academic School, but are able to pursue additional legal options if they wish.

Law and Language students spending their year abroad in Germany, Austria or France can choose from a broad range of courses in the local law. They finish studying the law of England and Wales in their fourth year.

All students are required to take modules to the value of 120 credits in each year. You need 120 credits in order to proceed to the next year.

The structure and content of the degrees are constantly under review. There may be some changes between the time of writing and your year of entry. We will post changes on the Law School website. Not all of the optional modules described in this brochure will necessarily be available every year.

Modules marked with ‡ comprise the Foundation subjects required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board for completion of a QLD.
What you will study

In Year 1 all students will study the following compulsory modules:

Legal Foundations
What is law? Where and how do you find it? How do courts reach decisions and what effect do these have on statutes? How do you use a legal database? This module gives grounding in research, analysis, writing and IT skills in a hands-on manner; it seeks to establish the analytical and transferable skills you will need in all your legal studies and beyond. This module also introduces you to the institutions of the European Union and, in particular, their relationship to the judicial institutions in this country.

Public Law
This module is about the Constitution of the UK. It examines the workings of Parliament, the executive and the judiciary, the rules and principles governing their inter-relationship, and the impact of devolution on these arrangements. Attention is given to the ways in which the government may be held to be politically or legally accountable for its actions, in particular under the Human Rights Act 1998.

Criminal Law
A characteristic of many societies is the enforcement of standards of behaviour through state regulated punishments. This module deals with what has to be proved against defendants in criminal trials in England and Wales before they can be subjected to such punishment. Whatever the crime with which defendants are charged, there are certain matters which, as a general rule, have to be proved. The first part of the module concentrates on these `general principles’ of criminal law. The second part of the module involves an in-depth analysis of the constituent parts of specified offences.

Contract
Contract law is not only concerned with multimillion pound commercial deals. You make a contract every time you buy a CD, visit the cinema, catch a bus, or open a bank account. After examining the nature of contracts and contractual liability, you will be considering how agreements become binding contracts and how untrue or misleading statements can make the contract defective. You will then learn how to identify the parties’ obligation under the contract and how the law controls the use of ‘unfair’ terms. Finally you will examine what constitutes a breach of contract and the remedies that are available.

Florence Barnes
Graduating in 2014

I have hugely enjoyed my experience as a student at Cardiff Law School. Cardiff is a fantastic city to live in, there are so many things to do and see.

In my final year I have been part of the student Law Society committee as Careers Officer. This was a very exciting role to take on and involved organising careers sessions and networking events throughout the year. I organised events with various Magic Circle, American and regional firms, and also arranged for some students to attend an Inns of Court dinner. My main work was organising the Public Speaking Series, a series of workshops run throughout the year each led by a barrister or solicitor guest speaker. The aim of the workshops was to help students improve their public speaking skills, and provide an opportunity to meet members of the legal profession. The Series culminated in the Public Speaking Competition which was a fantastic event, judged by a local barrister alongside two members of staff from the Law School.

Throughout my time at Cardiff I have also been involved in mooting competitions, both external and internal. Cardiff has a fantastic internal mooting programme, and I feel that taking part helped me so much in developing legal research and public speaking skills.

During my second and third years I worked as a member of bar staff in the Student’s Union. It has been a fun and flexible way to earn extra money during term time.

In my second year I undertook two fortnight-long vacation schemes at City law firms: Jones Day and Macfarlanes. I was lucky enough to be offered a training contract with Macfarlanes and will be starting my sponsored LPC at BPP Holborn next year before beginning my training contract in September 2015.
LLB Law - Single Honours

The Single Honours LLB gives you the widest choice of optional modules. In Years 2 and 3, we offer a wide range of modules from the most traditional such as Jurisprudence, to areas of immediate social, political and economic interest such as Company Law, Law of the European Union, Media Law and Medicine, Ethics and Law.

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Lloyd Rees graduated in July 2012 with a First Class Honours degree in Law. He is currently undertaking a training contract with ‘Magic Circle’ law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Before starting his training contract Lloyd undertook the Accelerated LPC in London. Lloyd was offered two training contracts, which is a testament to all the hard work and dedication he put into his studies. He took advantage of the extra-curricular activities offered by the Law School. In his second year he won the Cardiff Law School Mooting Competition with his friend Lloyd Hopkin, and noted that the skills he gained as a result of this helped him not only in his studies but also in his interviews.

“The mooting competition helped me to be more confident in articulating my arguments, as well as helping me to prioritise what to read. The former helped me in my interviews and the latter is extremely useful when it comes to not only revising for but sitting exams.”

The skills gained in mooting also helped Lloyd when Sky News came to Merthyr and he did a live interview with Kay Burley about the Spending Review.

Lloyd also spent time working on the Cardiff Innocence project, which involves students working under the supervision of practising barristers and solicitors on cases of long-term prisoners who maintain their innocence of the serious crimes for which they have been convicted.

Asked what advice he would give to prospective Cardiff Law students Lloyd said, “Enjoy your time in Cardiff and with hard work, anything is possible!”
The Law and Criminology degree programme at Cardiff is designed to equip you with an understanding of core areas of law and the legal system, as well as to provide a broad introduction to Criminology. This degree programme reflects the centrality of law in its social and political context.

The Criminology part of the programme is intended to complement the content of the Law programme, by developing in students a critical appreciation of the processes of Criminological research, Criminological debates and the operation of the criminal justice system.

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**Year Two and Year Three**

In each of these years you will study modules to the value of 120 credits. 80 of these will be chosen from the law modules listed on page 17. The remaining options will be chosen from the list for Criminology below.

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There is a good staff-student relationship within the Law School.

Students have access to a wide range of reading materials to assist them with their study.
While law provides the framework for political action, political values and political forces can create new legal frameworks. The Law and Politics degree, which is jointly run by the Law School and the Cardiff School of European Languages, Translation and Politics, examines this interface.

It is designed to equip you with a knowledge of core areas of law and the legal system, as well as with an understanding of politics, in particular the politics of Europe.

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And the following politics modules

- Introduction to Government 20 credits
- Y Da, Dwf a’r Gweidyddol - The Good, the Bad and the Political 20 credits
- Introduction to Political Thought 20 credits
- Introduction to European Integration 20 credits

### Year Two and Year Three

In each of your second and final years you will study modules to the value of 120 credits. Between 60 (minimum) and 80 (maximum) of these credits will be chosen from the law modules listed on page 17. The remaining options will be chosen from the list of options for Politics.

#### Year Two

- Female Voices in Political Theory 20 credits
- French Politics & Society 20 credits
- Influencing Public Policy 20 credits
- Yr Groegiaid i Gymru 20 credits
- Credoau'r Cymry 20 credits
- British Politics since 1945 20 credits
- International Security - Concepts and Issues 20 credits
- Democracy in Crisis? 20 credits
- Politics and Policies of the European Union 20 credits
- Justice & Politics: Contemporary Political Theory 20 credits
- Global Justice 20 credits
- Political Thought from Marx to Nietzsche 20 credits
- Political Thought from Machiavelli to Rousseau 20 credits
- Conducting Political Research 20 credits
- Theory and Practice in Comparative Politics 20 credits
- International Law in a Changing World 20 credits

#### Year Three

- Politics and Policies of the European Union 20 credits
- West European Politics and Society 20 credits
- US Government and Politics 20 credits
- International Politics of the Middle East 20 credits
- The Limits of Ethics in International Relations 20 credits
- Cyfiawnder Byd-eang 20 credits
- Conedlaetholdeb, Crefydd a Chyiawnder: Hanes Athroniaeth yr 20fed Ganrif yng Nghymru 20 credits
- Parliamentary Studies Module 20 credits
- International Relations Dissertation 20 credits
- Politics Dissertation 20 credits
- Elections in the UK 20 credits
- Modern Welsh Politics 20 credits
- Global Climate Politics 20 credits
- European Mind in the 20th Century 20 credits
- Global International Organisation in World Politics 20 credits
- Personality and Power 20 credits
- Managing a Difficult Democracy 20 credits
LLB Law and Sociology

The Law and Sociology LLB degree programme is designed to equip you with an understanding of core areas of law and the legal system, as well as to develop your understanding of, and interest in, contemporary sociological theories, research methods and debates.

The Law and Sociology LLB reflects the centrality of law in its social and political context. The two subjects are intended to complement each other, providing a stimulating cross-referencing of ideas and methods.

**Year One**
- **Legal Foundations** 20 credits
- **Public Law** 20 credits
- **Criminal Law** 20 credits
- **Contract** 20 credits

And the following sociology modules
- **Key Ideas in Social Science** 20 credits
- **Sociology, Society and Social Change** 20 credits

**Year Two**
In Year 2, Law and Sociology students have to take the following two Sociology modules:
- **Social Theory** 20 credits
- **Inequality and the Division of Labour** 20 credits

The remaining 80 credits will be chosen from the law modules listed on page 17.

**Year Three**
In your final year you will study modules to the value of 120 credits. Between 60 (minimum) and 80 (maximum) of these credits will be chosen from the law modules listed on page 17. The remaining options will be chosen from the list of options for Sociology.

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This programme is available to applicants who wish to combine the study of law with the study of the Welsh language. It is not usually appropriate for those learning Welsh as a second language, as it requires students to be fluent in the language already. Students will pursue modules in the Law School and the School of Welsh.

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**And the following Welsh modules**

- Cyflwyniad i'r Gymraeg | 20 credits
- Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg | 20 credits

### Year Two

**You will study the following law modules**

- Datganoli yng Nghymru (Welsh Devolution) | 10 credits
- Cymraeg y Gyfraith (Legal Welsh) | 10 credits

**You will study further modules to the value of 80 credits: 60 credits will be chosen from the law modules on page 17 and 20 credits will be chosen from the Welsh modules listed.**

### Welsh medium provision

The need for lawyers who understand Wales and the Welsh language is increasing in light of the fact that the Welsh Government has received more powers, and that the Welsh Language Measure gives additional rights to Welsh speakers. Consequently, there is a growing demand for bilingual lawyers in the private and public sectors. Cardiff Law School's aim is to give our graduates the skills and knowledge necessary to be able to work in the field of law in contemporary Wales.

We offer the qualifying law degree fully through the medium of Welsh in all of our undergraduate programmes, meaning that you can have tuition in Welsh in all the core subjects. We are also building on the provision of optional subjects.

The ability to practice law in two languages is a valuable skill and also broadens horizons. As well as receiving tuition through the medium of Welsh, the Law School also organises extra-curricular activities, including careers events and public lectures, in Welsh because we recognise that employability is crucial to all our students. We also run mooting workshops as well as an annual National Welsh Law Conference in partnership with the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol.

### Welsh modules (Year Two and Year Three)

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**In Year 3 you will study the following law module**

- Law Dissertation | 20 credits

You will study further modules to the value of 100 credits: 40-60 credits will be chosen from the law modules on page 17 and 40-60 credits will be chosen from the Welsh modules listed.

Every effort will also be made to allocate a Welsh speaking personal tutor to you and you can submit your assessed work and take your examinations through the medium of Welsh, regardless of the language of tuition of the programme you are following.

You can also apply for funding to study through the medium of Welsh at Cardiff Law School. Students studying at least 66% of their course, i.e. 80 credits a year, through the medium of Welsh are eligible to apply for a ‘lead scholarship’ entitling them to £3,000 over three years. Students studying at least 33% of their course, i.e. 40 credits per year, through the medium of Welsh are eligible to apply for an ‘incentive scholarship’ entitling them to £1,500 over three years. If you win a scholarship from the Coleg, you will spend a period of work experience with an external company or organisation, to be arranged by the Coleg. This will offer you valuable legal experience along with important skills for law in the real world. A wide range of employers take part in the scheme, from the Welsh Government and county councils to large and small law firms. See www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk for more details.
Among Cardiff Law School's strongest programmes are the law and language programmes, pioneered here around thirty years ago. We offer degrees in Law and French or Law and German.

Legal practice increasingly takes place on a global stage, and Cardiff's LLB programmes in law and languages aim to produce lawyers not only fully competent in the law of England and Wales, but also fluent in the chosen language and conversant with the general culture, political institutions and legal system of another country. These programmes consist of four years study, the first two and final years spent at Cardiff, the third year spent at a university in France, Germany or Austria. Students will pursue modules in the Law School and the Cardiff School of Cardiff School of Modern Languages (MLANG). Both are full-time four-year programmes. Part of each programme consists of French or German studies undertaken in the Cardiff School of Modern Languages (MLANG), including tuition to proficiency in reading, speaking and writing the relevant language. The other part, undertaken in the Law School, combines a thorough grounding in the Law of England and Wales with an introduction to the legal system of France or Germany/Austria.

The year abroad is the most distinctive feature of our integrated degrees. This is spent in the Law Faculty of a University in a country whose language you are studying. The earlier years aim to give a solid foundation in both linguistic and national legal skills, upon which you can build while abroad and which will allow you to take full advantage of the benefits of studying in a foreign university environment.

Cardiff Law School has exchange agreements under the Erasmus Plus programme with the Universities of Amiens, Nantes, Rennes and Toulouse in France, Halle, and Passau in Germany with Hamburg from 2015, and Innsbruck in Austria. Assistance with the funding of the year abroad is regularly received from the ERASMUS programme of the European Union through its Lifelong Learning Programme. The links between Cardiff and its partner universities are close and each year members of staff from Cardiff visit them to hold lectures for local students. They also act as hosts for lecturers from the partner universities who come to Cardiff to deliver lectures for the students on the Law & Languages degree programmes.

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After studying French language, culture and society in your first year and French language and French law in your second, the integrated degree in Law and French involves spending the third academic year (Year 2S) studying law in one of five French partner universities.

During the year abroad you will study modules chosen from a range of courses in French private and public law as well as international and European law, for which you will attend both lectures and tutorials and sit the relevant examinations. You will also choose an optional course which is examined by the writing of a dissertation in comparative law. This dissertation of 5,000 words is written in French and undertaken under the supervision of a French tutor from the host Law Faculty. Students who choose to go to Amiens or Nantes can alternatively choose to take a degree in French law (licence) during their year abroad.

The University of Picardy, Amiens
Amiens is a small city set in the midst of agricultural Picardy. Amiens is conveniently located, being accessible both to the attractive Somme valley and to the centre of Paris, which is only 70 minutes away by train. The Law Faculty was founded in the 1940s and now forms part of the Université Jules Verne de Picardie. The Faculty is situated in a brand new building near the city centre, magnificently located between the Cathedral, the river and the medieval St Leu quarter.

The University of Nantes
Nantes is one of the ancient capitals of Brittany. It is a lively, growing city with many attractive 18th century buildings and facilities. The fishing villages and beaches of Southern Brittany are within easy reach. Since the 1960s the University has grown to service not only the city, but also the surrounding area. The Law Faculty is housed in modern buildings some two miles from the city centre near the river Erdre, easily accessible on the city's modern tram system.

The University of Toulouse
Toulouse, a city of some 800,000, is the regional capital. It is a centre for research and technology, particularly the aerospace and electronics industries. The city lies in the shadow of the Pyrenees mountains, which are only a couple of hours drive to the south. It is a lively city with many open air cafes in the main square and surrounding streets. It is known as the red city because of the abundance of medieval buildings built of red brick, giving it an almost Italian feel. The University of Toulouse, which can trace its roots back to the 13th century, is now based in three centres around the city. Law students will spend much of their time in the buildings grouped around the city centre, a bustling area near the river Garonne.

The University of Rennes
Rennes is a primary centre of Breton culture. Its buildings are mainly 19th century and neoclassical but the city has a fine medieval quarter. As a historical focus of Breton nationalism, as well as host to a substantial student population, Rennes offers a rich cultural and political life.

French Modules Year Two and Year Three
While continuing your French language studies in years two and three, your remaining modules will be chosen from the options listed.

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Years 1 and 2 in German studies provide an interdisciplinary introduction to modern Germany with classes in written and spoken German language and translation skills. In the second year you receive grounding in the German legal system. In year 3 you take an advanced language course and choose from a range of specialised courses.

Your year abroad will be spent in one of the four universities in Germany or Austria with which Cardiff Law School has established exchange schemes. Arrangements and schemes of study are similar in all four; whilst abroad you undertake at least 6 hours of formal study each week, have to take two examinations per semester and write dissertations in German studies and German Law. Some of the partner universities offer attractive options to build on the courses taken during the year abroad either for a certificate or for a later Master’s degree. Passau offers the Urkunde über Grundkenntnisse des deutschen Rechts that requires students to follow a prescribed set of courses and examinations. Both Konstanz and Passau offer a Master’s degree for law graduates.

**Passau University (Germany)**
Passau, a city with a long and varied history, stands at the confluence of three rivers on the Bavarian-Austrian border. The University, founded in 1978, is situated on the bank of the river Inn close to the city and has a first-class reputation for law and offers excellent facilities for learning languages.

**Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (Germany)**
Halle has a much longer University tradition: the 16th-century foundation of Wittenberg where Martin Luther taught is now united with the slightly younger institution in Halle, birthplace of the composer Handel and just over an hour by train from Berlin. Halle has the smallest Law Faculty amongst our partners, but with excellent staff and facilities, and is particularly keen to simplify the early stages of studying German law.

**Universität Hamburg (Germany)**
Universität Hamburg is the largest institution for research and education in the north of Germany. As the country’s fourth-largest university, it offers a diverse course spectrum and excellent research opportunities. The University boasts numerous interdisciplinary projects in a broad range of subjects and an extensive partner network with leading institutions on a regional, national and international scale.

**Innsbruck University (Austria)**
The University of Innsbruck was founded in 1669 and is the largest in western Austria, it comprises almost 27,000 students. The town, located in the heart of the Alps, is the capital of the Tyrol and is renowned for its winter sports facilities.

**German Modules Year Two and Year Three**
While continuing your German language studies in the second and final years, your remaining modules will be chosen from the options listed below.
Undergraduate study in law can open doors to both law and non-law careers. Many of our graduates go on to successful careers in a wide range of occupations in industry, commercial law firms and international business organisations.

LLB graduates may also decide to pursue further study by way of a Masters or doctoral degree, with a view to an academic career, or by undertaking a vocational legal training course to become a solicitor or barrister (see page 26 for more information).

A programme of law related career talks takes place during the autumn and spring terms at the Law School, open to all Law students. The Law School also has links with a number of local and national firms who are keen to employ Cardiff graduates. Many of these firms hold presentations or attend our annual Law Fair, run in conjunction with the University Careers Service: Careers & Employability.

In addition to the support provided to students, graduates and postgraduates by Careers & Employability, the Law School employs its own professionally qualified Career Consultant who is available, on site, to support students with all aspects of the career planning process. All students are encouraged to arrange a consultation about career strategy with their Career Consultant during their time at Cardiff Law School.

Career Sessions take place regularly within the Law School, and are designed to help students develop their employability skills and improve their prospects for the future. In addition to these tailored sessions, an extensive general careers programme organised by Careers & Employability covers all aspects of the career choice and job hunting process as well as presentations from a wide range of non-law employers.

Whatever your future intentions are, your Career Consultant at Cardiff University can assist you in both developing and achieving your career goals. For more information about Careers & Employability activities, please visit the website at: Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers

Additional Services for International Students
The University provides additional resources to assist international students with their career planning. Please see:
Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers/students/international-students/ for more information.

Known Destinations of 2012 Graduates

Our graduates enjoy successful careers in a wide range of occupations. Some of our recent graduate destinations include major national and international firms and businesses such as:

- Linklaters LLP
- Eversheds LLP
- PwC
- Bond Dickson LLP
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
- Macfarlanes
- Berwin Leighton Paisner
- Silverman Sherliker LLP
- Hugh James Solicitors
- British Airways
- HM Revenue & Customs
- United Nations
- Deloitte
- The Crown Prosecution Service
- Government Legal Service (GLS)
- Ashurst LLP
- Hong Kong Government
- Foot Anstey LLP
- Various Barristers’ Chambers across the UK

Further Information
Careers & Employability
Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4828
Email: careers@cardiff.ac.uk
Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers
Further Study and Research

Graduates with a good first degree may be able to continue with their academic studies on one of the Law School’s postgraduate programmes. Cardiff Law School offers four types of postgraduate study:

1. Postgraduate Taught Study
We offer a number of specialised postgraduate taught programmes (see below) leading to the award of the degree of Masters of Laws (LLM). Students can also pursue a general LLM in Law by choosing from any of the available modules.

- LLM Canon Law
- LLM European Legal Studies
- LLM Governance and Devolution
- LLM Human Rights Law
- LLM International Commercial Law
- LLM Law
- LLM Law and Governance in the European Union
- LLM Legal Aspects of Medical Practice
- LLM Legal and Political Aspects of International Affairs
- LLM Shipping Law
- LM Social Care Law

With the exception of the LLM Canon Law and LLM Legal Aspects of Medical Practice, all courses are available both full and part-time.

2. Postgraduate Research Study
We offer opportunities for both full and part-time study leading to the degrees of MPhil and PhD. We can provide expert supervision in a wide range of specialisms.

3. Professional Legal Training
Cardiff Law School is home to the Centre for Professional Legal Studies, the leading provider of legal training in Wales. The Centre is one of a handful of providers validated by the professional bodies (the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board) to offer the Legal Practice Course (LPC) and Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) for students wishing to qualify as solicitors or barristers. Cardiff’s LPC has consistently achieved the Solicitors Regulation Authority’s highest grading and our BPTC is strongly supported by the local Bar and Judiciary. If you have a degree or equivalent in a non-law subject and would like to qualify as a solicitor or barrister, you can take the Graduate Diploma in Law at Cardiff to satisfy the academic stage of legal training. The GDL may be studied in one year on a full time basis or two years part-time.

Following successful completion of a BPTC or LPC, you can also upgrade your qualification to Masters level via the LLM in Legal Practice. This is a 60 credit (dissertation only) module which can be pursued part-time or by distance learning.

Through its Professional Development Unit, Cardiff provides other courses for the legal profession, such as the Police Station Representatives Accreditation Scheme, and the Criminal Litigation (Duty Solicitor) Accreditation Scheme.

4. Continuing Professional Development Programme
The Law School offers a Continuing Professional Development programme for professionals wishing to study Masters level modules as single units, with the opportunity to progress to a full LLM (Masters degree).

For more information on all our courses please go to:
Web: www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/courses

Research
Cardiff Law School prides itself on its vibrant research culture. The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) recognised the School as a leading legal research institution, with 95% of our research activity classed as world-leading (4*), internationally excellent (3*) or of internationally recognised quality (2*), and ranked us 7th in the UK. Our research active staff span a broad spectrum of internationally recognised and acclaimed contemporary scholarship. The School’s key research strengths are in: governance and constitutionalism, family law, civil justice, environmental law, human rights, international and comparative law, law and religion, and medicine, law and ethics. The pre-eminence of Cardiff in the field of socio-legal studies is attested to by the fact that the internationally renowned Journal of Law and Society is based in Cardiff Law School. The Journal is established as the leading British periodical for Socio-Legal Studies. It addresses issues from a range of legal cultures, as well as theoretical concerns of cross-cultural interest.

A particular strength of our research is its inter-disciplinary and collaborative nature.

Our researchers work with those at other universities, both in the UK and abroad, to conduct cutting-edge research of international relevance. For example, Cardiff Law School is a founder member of the Network on Family, Regulation and Society, which brings together leading researchers in family law at the universities of Exeter, Bath, Bristol and Cardiff, and which is currently funded by a Leverhulme Trust International Network Grant to develop a programme of research with scholars from Australia, the USA and Europe.

Research with specialists in other disciplines within Cardiff University is conducted through the following centres:

- Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics
  The Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (Cesagene) is a multidisciplinary centre in which staff from the social sciences and humanities work closely with natural and medical sciences to address the social, economic and policy aspects of developments in genomics. Established in October 2002 as a Lancaster-Cardiff collaboration, it is part of the ESRC funded Genomics Network.
  Web: www.cesagen.e lancs.ac.uk

- Wales Governance Centre
  We are co-founders of the Wales Governance Centre (WG C) along with colleagues from the Department of Politics and International Relations. WGC undertakes innovative research into all aspects of the law, politics, government and political economy of Wales, as well as the wider UK and European contexts of territorial governance. It plays a central role in training the ‘next generation’ of practitioners and experts in Welsh law, politics and government.
  Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/wgc

- WISERD
  The Law School is a founding member within Cardiff University of WISERD, the Wales Institute of Social Research, Data and Methods, funded by the ESRC and HEFCW, and the Wales Governance Centre (WGC), partly funded by the National Assembly for Wales. WISERD draws together and builds upon the existing expertise in quantitative and qualitative research methods and methodologies at the universities of Cardiff, Swansea, Aberystwyth, Bangor and South Wales.
  Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/wiserd
Research within the School is supported through the work of the following Centres:

**Centre for European Law and Governance**
The Centre for European Law and Governance is a vibrant international centre for the study of EU law and European governance. Its research and teaching excellence have been recognised by the European Commission through the award of a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law and Governance.

Web: [www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/celag](http://www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/celag)

**The Centre for Health and Social Care Law**
The Centre for Health and Social Care Law was launched in 2008 to build upon the success of our former Medico-Legal Studies Centre (established 1993). The Centre promotes research in relation to the theory and practice of substantive law concerning Health and Social Care Law, and in addition to its publications organises conferences and specialist seminars.

Web: [www.law.cf.ac.uk/chscl/](http://www.law.cf.ac.uk/chscl/)

**The Centre for Human Rights and Public Law**
The Centre for Human Rights and Public Law was established to provide a forum for the promotion of both teaching and research in international and domestic human rights law. It brings together members of the Law School with expertise in these areas.

Web: [www.law.cf.ac.uk/chrpl](http://www.law.cf.ac.uk/chrpl)

**The Centre for Law and Religion**
The Centre for Law and Religion promotes research in comparative law of religion, the ecclesiastical law of the State, canon law, other legal systems of religious organisations, and human rights law on religion. In addition to numerous publications, the Centre organises and contributes to conferences and teaching worldwide and has welcomed scholars working in this field from Europe, the USA and Israel. Its staff also teach on the LLM Canon Law.

Web: [www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/clr](http://www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/clr)

In addition, individual staff members within the School are engaged in a wide variety of agenda-setting research, from personal injury and the compensation culture to corporate governance and bankers.

For more information, please see: Web: [www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.law.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

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**Research Case Studies**

At Cardiff Law School we undertake world-class legal research which contributes to the academic body of knowledge and also impacts on policy and practice.

The law regulating social care services for disabled and elderly adults dates back over 60 years, the lack of reform being largely attributable to the substantial cost of the system, its complexity and a lack of political consensus on the direction reform should take. As a result of fundamental demographic and societal changes during this period (including the reduction in numbers of people receiving social care support allied to a rapidly ageing population) the failure of legislation to address the support needs of unpaid carers has become a pressing issue. Significant social policy research has been undertaken on this fundamental issue, but Professor Luke Clements’ path-breaking legal analysis has been critical in highlighting the legal dimensions, thereby making a major contribution to public discourse on the rights of unpaid carers – and the people for whom they care.

This area of law is now being reformed - as a result of a sustained period of academic publication and Parliamentary action by Professor Clements. The Governments both in England and Wales introduced Bills in 2013 which have now been enacted as (respectively) the Care Act 2014 and the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Before 2008-9 the worldwide Anglican Communion had no global legal framework for its 44 autonomous churches with their 80 million members. Historically, the Communion has been maintained by “bonds of affection”. This is changing. There are now the Principles of Canon Law Common to the Churches of the Anglican Communion (2008), and the Anglican Communion Covenant (2009) is currently before each church for ratification. A major contribution to these two developments is the research papers, publications, and drafting of Professor Norman Doe at Cardiff Law School – he originally proposed these two initiatives and was involved directly in their development globally.
Equal Opportunities
Cardiff Law School is a diverse community with a shared commitment to promoting equality, dignity and respect. We are working to create and support a representative community that is inclusive and accessible to all. These commitments apply to all staff, students and any other members of the School and extend to every aspect of the School’s internal and external activities.

All offers to study at Cardiff University are made solely on the basis of academic merit. The Law School conducts its student recruitment and selection procedures on an equal opportunities basis. We are committed to ensuring that all applicants are treated equally, regardless of their age, colour, race, ethnic or national origins, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family responsibilities, disabilities, or their political or religious beliefs.

Disabled Applicants
Our disability team works with administrative, academic and pastoral support staff, both within the Law School and across the University, to ensure that no students are disadvantaged in their programme of study by disability. We work with students to identify and remove barriers to their successful study, wherever reasonably possible.

We encourage applicants who have specific requirements related to a disability, specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) or medical condition to discuss these with us at an early stage. We are happy to provide information about the admissions procedure, methods of teaching, course delivery, physical access to the School and to discuss with you how we might make adjustments to meet your needs. In addition, the University’s disability advisers can provide information about learning support, funding and about the University’s physical environment. Where appropriate, informal visits can be arranged in which applicants can view accommodation and meet academic staff.

Student Support Centre,
50 Park Place, Cardiff, CF10 3AT.
Tel/Minicom: (029) 2087 4528
Web: www.cf.ac.uk/dyslx/index.html

Non-Standard’ Applicants
The School welcomes ‘non-standard’ applicants and admits a number each year, some of whom may have been out of formal education for a considerable time. Many will have prepared for a return to study by taking an Access course or A-levels; however, potential may be demonstrated in other ways, such as by relevant voluntary or paid employment. Applicants with a ‘non-standard’ background may be invited for interview and to sit an aptitude test as an alternative means of showing their academic potential.

Widening Access
Through its ‘Step Up’ scheme and other activities, the Law School plays an active role in encouraging applications from a diverse range of students across Wales. The Step Up scheme gives students in participating schools a ‘taster’ of life as a law student through visits to the Law School and a residential summer school, run in collaboration with Swansea University.

More details can be found on the University Widening Access Office’s website at:
Web: www.cf.ac.uk/about/community/universityforall/wa

Useful links
The Law Society’s Equality and Diversity Policy and Strategy:
Web: www.lawsociety.org.uk

The Bar Standards Board’s Equality and Diversity Code
Web: www.barstandardsboard.org

Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities
Web: www.skill.org.uk/
To be considered for entry onto one of our degree programmes, you should apply online via the UCAS website using the 'UCAS Apply' facility. To use this facility you need to log onto www.ucas.ac.uk/apply

The website will provide you with information on how to apply and explains the UCAS procedure.

If you are offered a place you will be invited to one of the Law School's applicant days. There are three applicant days for LLB Law (M100) applicants, held in December, February and March. There are applicant days in February or March for the Law and Languages, the Law and Welsh and the Law and Criminology/Politics/Sociology degrees.

These open days comprise both formal presentations and an opportunity to meet staff and existing students in an informal setting.

**Entry Requirements**

For detailed entry requirements and latest typical offers please see: www.cardiff.ac.uk/ugcourses

Applicants with alternative qualifications applying for Law and French or Law and German are advised that they will need to demonstrate sufficient linguistic competence to work alongside post A-level students without difficulty.

**Notes for Welsh Language Applicants**

We recognise that if you are a Welsh-speaker you may feel more comfortable speaking to a Welsh speaking personal tutor. If so, every effort will be made to allocate a Welsh speaker to you. If you wish, you can also submit your assessed work and take your examinations through the medium of Welsh, regardless of the language of tuition of the programme you are following.

Some of the accommodation at Senghenydd Court student residence has been allocated for Welsh speakers and learners who would like to be grouped together. If you would like to take advantage of this please make a note of this on your accommodation form.

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Got questions about student life? Get them answered at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/thrive

Some of our current students are sharing their experiences online through their Facebook pages, so if you want to know what life as a student at Cardiff is really like, then you can find out now. There is also lots of information about what is happening in Cardiff, including articles written by our students, videos, and much more.

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