

# School of **Law and Politics**

Law Undergraduate Degree Programmes



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Become a member of our award winning Law Society. The society is student run and is responsible for providing its **400+ members** with extracurricular opportunities and events which go beyond their academic syllabus.

Our Pro Bono Unit provides you with the opportunity to help members of the community with legal matters. We have a range of schemes including the Cardiff University Innocence Project, which is the only UK university Innocence Project to have helped overturn cases at the Court of Appeal.

**94% of our graduates** were in employment and/or further study, due to start a new job or course, or doing other activities such as travelling, 15 months after the end of their course.\*

HESA DATA

In the latest **Research Excellence Framework (REF)** our legal research was ranked **5th** for research environment and **6th** for research impact. In the 'Law' Unit of Assessment, this placed us **15th in the UK.**

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK (REF) 2021

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# Choose Cardiff

Starting your university career is an exciting time. You have so many things to think about and to consider but why should you choose to join us, here in Cardiff, for the start of your legal studies?

Our vibrant and bustling school is set in the dynamic, capital city of Wales. Not only are we located in the city's civic centre, a stone's throw from Welsh Government and the Crown Court, we also have a close relationship with Cardiff's thriving legal sector which you can take advantage of via placements, career fairs and socials.

Studying here combines the benefits of Welsh life and culture, with a worldwide outlook.

We welcome a host of students through our doors each year. Some have travelled just a few miles from other parts of Wales and the UK, while many others have travelled overseas to us, specifically to experience what we and Cardiff has to offer.

Whatever you choose to study with us, you'll benefit from the unrivalled access colleagues in the school have to the devolved Welsh Government, to Welsh and UK policymakers, and to the world at large.

You can expect to be taught by academic staff who are at the very forefront of their respective fields of research and expertise, united by a vision to create and use knowledge to change people's lives for the better, today and for future generations. This is evident in the real-world impact of our research activities, which saw law ranked 6th in the UK, and politics and international studies awarded a perfect score (4.0) for impact, one of only 3 UK universities to achieve this award.

I joined the school in 2022 and was delighted to learn that my colleagues share a passion for teaching and bringing out the best in our student community. We want our graduates to make meaningful and positive change in the world around them. This is proven by the topical and thought-provoking modules we offer and

the work we actively engage in both inside and outside work time. This work not only matters in a legal context but in a universal context.

In addition to the academic support and peers you will gain in Cardiff, you'll also have access to excellent, dedicated career support, a personal tutor system and a range of extra-curricular activities. Depending on your interests these can include moots, societies and award-winning pro-bono opportunities, which all help you prepare for your life, post university whichever career or academic path you choose to pursue.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to the school and, with our incredible community, helping you reach your goals and realise your ambitions.



**Professor Warren Barr PFHEA**  
**Head of the School of Law and Politics**



**I am proud to say that I am a paralegal at Hugh James, a top 100 UK law firm, as part of my professional placement year.**

I have grown my professional network with friends and colleagues at the firm as well as the wider legal community.

Ultimately, this year has prepared me for life in a professional setting and affirmed my intentions to practise as a solicitor.

**Irfan Suhail Mohamed,  
Law with a Professional  
Placement Year (LLB)**

# Why study law?

There is a legal dimension to virtually every type of activity imaginable.

Almost every item on nightly news bulletins engages some element of the law, while many of our most-loved TV dramas and books often end in a vital courtroom scene.

Law students are used to seeing topics they study appear in the media.

This has become even more common following Brexit, where many issues have required the meticulous unpicking of complex overlapping laws.

The study of law has rarely been more topical or more important. Law is extensive; it touches on almost every aspect of everyone's life. The receipt in your pocket and your contract of employment are both everyday examples of contract law, for instance.

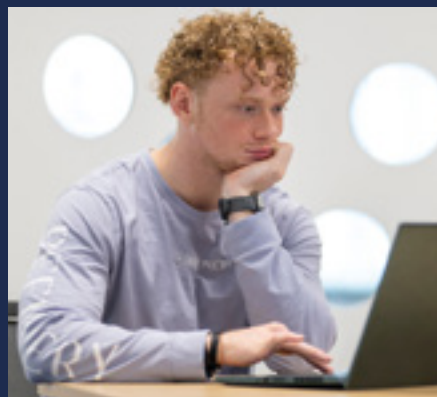
Moreover, studying law brings us into contact with the controversial topics of the day. The law syllabus is constantly being rewritten to keep up with legislative developments in Parliament and the decisions of courts and tribunals up and down the land. This also means that law is diverse. There is something for everyone given the different areas of law, whether you are more interested in commerce and finance, criminal law, the laws of warfare, or human rights and the environment.

Studying law not only allows you to understand what the law is today but also how it has developed and how it is likely to develop next. The study of law produces better informed citizens and develops a range of important skills, such as mastering long and complex documents, the close analysis of texts, questioning the reliability of sources and being able to think on your feet, to name just a few.

A law degree opens doors to a range of careers and the skills that you will develop during your studies are highly prized by prospective employers.

In an increasingly uncertain job market, having a law degree clearly makes you stand out. This is especially true of a law degree from Cardiff University. We equip you with a range of skills which will help you prosper in a variety of jobs for both legal and non-legal employers, provide career-focused support and the opportunity to engage in a range of extra-curricular pro bono projects with a legal dimension.

If you want to understand the society in which you live, the major issues that shape the life of the nation and how this affects everyday life then the study of law is for you. If you are concerned about injustices and inequalities, the global context in which we live and the way in which we respond to social and political change, then studying law at Cardiff University is for you.



**“As someone who did not have a concrete career plan before university, I decided to study law because it was a subject that was broad in scope and touched on many areas relevant to society.**

Moreover, I knew that the skills that I would gain on my degree would be highly beneficial and thus increase my employability in whatever career path I decide to go down.

**Joseph Garcia,  
Law with a Professional  
Placement Year (LLB)**

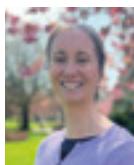




# Meet our experts

Our academics and their expertise are the foundation of our department. Not only do they drive our research agenda they also engage our students in critical thinking and ask the pertinent questions that need answers in 21st century academia and beyond.

Here are just a few of the faces and specialisms you might come across if you join us.



**Dr Natasha Hammond-Browning**  
**Senior Lecturer of Law**

**What makes healthcare law at Cardiff University different?**

Currently, my research is focussing on uterus (womb) transplants. Uterus transplants have been performed worldwide for cisgender women who have absolute uterine factor infertility (AUI); these are women who have been born without a uterus, have had their uterus removed for health reasons, or who have a uterus that is unable to gestate. Although I am the only legal academic at Cardiff University researching specifically this area of healthcare, my research is supported by other healthcare and bioethics academics here. There are overlaps between areas of healthcare law that allow us to work together, for example, I am working on a project on uterus transplantation and consent, that combines mine and a colleague's expertise.



**Professor Nicholas Ryder**  
**Professor of Law**

**Tell us about your area of research?**

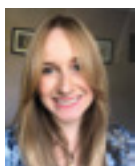
My research focuses on financial crime, but with a particular focus on terrorism financing, fraud, corporate economic crime and money laundering. From there, I became interested in the funding mechanisms of terrorist groups and the mechanisms used to combat this problem. The evolution of financial crime and its continued threat drives me to conduct practice orientated research to advise stakeholders at a regional, national and international level. I have advised the UN, NATO, Cepol, the Home Office and others on many financial crime related topics and the related research forms a key part of my teaching at Cardiff University.



**PJ Blount**  
**Lecturer of Law**

**What makes law at Cardiff University different?**

I research the areas of international space law and cyberspace governance. We've recently introduced a law, technology, and society module that integrates space and cyber law with a number of other topics to give students an understanding of how technology shapes and is shaped by legal mechanisms. This module uses hands-on activities to give students unique skills for responding to legal challenges presented by technological change in their future careers. Space law may sound esoteric, but most people experience benefits from it daily.



**Dr Sharon Thompson**  
**Reader of Law**

**What are your biggest achievements to date?**

There are 2 moments in my career that I will always treasure. The first was when Lady Hale – the first woman to become President of the UK Supreme Court – agreed to write the foreword for my book on women's overlooked role in law reform, *Quiet Revolutionaries*. The second was when I discovered that my work on prenuptial agreements had been cited and applied by the top court in Australia. When I was an undergraduate student, I could never have imagined that my research would ultimately influence the law on the other side of the world. But students at Cardiff should know that if they enjoy questioning the law, and want to pursue research further, the LLB may open these doors for them too.



**Dr Roxanna Fatemi-Dehaghani**  
**Senior Lecturer of Law**

**What first attracted you to study criminal justice?**

My interest in criminal justice was initially sparked during undergraduate study in law, when studying an optional criminology module which focused on miscarriages of justice. During my postgraduate degree, I learnt a lot more about why miscarriages of justice occur and how effective safeguards can reduce their incidence. After a few years working in Citizen's Advice, helping people overcome their problems, I realised just how powerful access to legal solutions could be. I kept coming back to the question of how vulnerable people were treated in one of the most coercive areas of our legal system and I realised that I wanted to research and teach in this area to make a real-world impact.



**Caleb Wheeler**  
**Lecturer of Law**

**What excites you about international criminal law?**

International criminal law is a relatively new field and one that serves a vital function within the global legal order. That newness attracts me to it as an area of study because it provides an opportunity to really shape discussions within the field. International criminal law is exciting because it's constantly evolving in terms of how and where it is applied. Also, it is a field in which concerted efforts are being made to incorporate a broader range of legal perspectives.

# Studying bilingually

Did you know that you can opt to study your modules through the medium of Welsh? The way you do it is up to you, but we'll provide the opportunity or should we say, y cyfle!

Our aim is to provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge to live and work bilingually in a modern Wales.

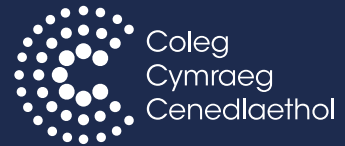
Devolution, legal developments and the Welsh Language Measure 2011 have led to a significant increase in the demand for bilingual graduates in both the public and private sector. If you want to live and work in Wales, living and working in Welsh is a no brainer.

Studying law bilingually means undertaking the same modules and courses as other students but with in-built opportunities to advance your skills through the medium of English and Welsh. All LLB undergraduate law programmes have access to

bilingual provision. Students who study bilingually can choose whether to submit assessments in Welsh or English.

The ability to engage with the law in 2 languages provides an opportunity for you to enhance your understanding of law, improve your communication skills, and provides additional employability opportunities. There are also formal qualifications and recognition available through the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's Welsh Skills Certificate.

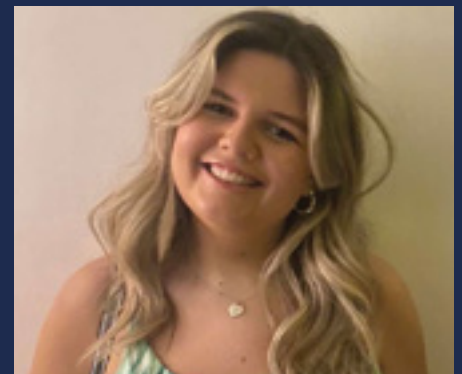
Whatever your confidence in using Welsh, there are opportunities for you to develop your bilingual legal skills and to take advantage of our Welsh-medium provision.



If you opt to study bilingually you may be eligible to apply for financial support. Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol works with further education colleges, universities, organisations that offer apprenticeships, and employers to create opportunities to train and study in Welsh.



Coleg Cymraeg offers a range of scholarships that might be right for you so take a look on their website to find out more.



**I really believe that studying bilingually has elevated my ability to understand and apply the law, and I know this will benefit me in the future.**

I have made so many friends through studying bilingually, and it is so nice to have maintained a circle of Welsh speaking friends.

**Maddison Darlington,  
Law (LLB)**

# Beyond the classroom

Theoretical knowledge is key to starting out in any profession.  
But, what about experience and skills that will set you apart from your peers?

We offer a range of opportunities that allow you to stand out in a competitive employment market and equip you with the skills you need to succeed. We work with a number of firms of solicitors, based in Cardiff, Newport, Pontypool, Bath and Swindon, to provide you with the opportunity to apply for work placements which are carried out in the third year of the Law LLB degree.

The competitive application process, which takes place in your second year aims to replicate the graduate recruitment processes you'll encounter after leaving university.

In addition, you'll also have the option of sourcing your own placement with a firm of solicitors or a comparable provider of legal services. Students who secure a placement transfer onto our 4-year Professional Placement degree programme.

During your placement, you'll undertake legal practice as a paralegal, and will perform graduate level roles. You'll develop key practitioner skills such as case management, client care, legal research and legal writing in addition to general employability skills such as time management, team working and commercial awareness.



## Use your legal skills in a political setting

You'll have the opportunity to take a module in your third year which allows you to carry out a work placement at an organisation that plays a key role in Welsh governance. This placement aims to provide you with a theoretically grounded, yet practice-oriented introduction to devolved governance in Wales. By participating in a series of lecture seminars delivered by leading practitioners and academic experts in the fields of public law and politics, you'll experience the workings of public administration in Wales at first hand. You'll broaden your empirical knowledge and understanding of the legal and political dimensions of governance in Wales, develop highly valuable transferable skills that will be key to your employability and career development, and forge long-term professional relationships within relevant sectors.

## Study law in Europe

If you are a student on our Law LLB programme you can apply to study abroad and spend your third year in a European country. Study will be taught through the medium of English and will take place at one of our partner institutions which currently include Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid), Charles University (Prague) and Munster University (Germany). Should you be successful in your application, your course will be taught across 4 years instead of the standard 3. The year abroad is an opportunity for personal development which will pose intellectual challenges and expose you to a new and exciting culture.



**I did a year abroad in Madrid during my third year of studies. Apart from being one of the most enjoyable years of my life it also gave me the time to really explore different career paths and figure out what suits me best.**

I also increased my skillset by exploring the modules offered by the partner university and gave me the opportunity to learn another language.

**Karolina Panayiotou,  
Law (LLB)**





# Gain experience before you graduate

Our Pro Bono\* Unit offers a range of varied schemes that will enhance your CV and increase your employability in a competitive job market.

Pro bono work gives you the opportunity to work with lawyers and organisations who are helping vulnerable people and members of the community with legal matters, completely free of charge.

This opportunity helps you get a head start in your legal career by developing your skills in client care, legal research, writing and public speaking.

Over the years, our schemes have developed and evolved but due to circumstances often beyond our control, we cannot guarantee that all our schemes will run each year. We are committed to offering exciting opportunities to our students so the following list is a snapshot of the type of schemes you could apply for if you were to join us. A full list of schemes is available on our Pro Bono microsite.

## Age Cymru

Working with Age Cymru and the HOPE partnership (Helping Others Participate and Engage), this scheme provides low-level advocacy support to older people and their carers.

As part of this voluntary role, students support older people or their carers to understand their rights, make informed choices, give them a voice and, ultimately, empower them to advocate for themselves. The charity's Independent Volunteer Advocates support older people with any range of low-level advocacy issues – from helping them to place formal complaints, to supporting them in finding sheltered accommodation that's right for them – no two cases are the same. Students are trained in the advocacy role and skills needed and have support from a supervisor throughout their casework. Students build relationships with clients, build action plans collaboratively, record case notes and liaise with third-party organisations.

## Cardiff University Innocence Project

The Cardiff University Innocence Project gives students the opportunity to try to help people who are maintaining innocence of serious criminal convictions. The aim is to give support to our clients by reviewing their cases, and if possible, finding arguable grounds of appeal. To date, we are the only university-based Innocence Project in England and Wales to have helped overturn convictions in the Court of Appeal. As well as having those 2 successful appeals, in 2014 and 2018, we have assisted with the submission of more than 35 applications to the Criminal Cases Review Commission, the miscarriages of justice watchdog empowered to refer cases to the Court of Appeal. As these figures indicate, the appeal system is very restrictive, and our casework has highlighted significant flaws with the criminal justice system. We use these experiences to advocate for reform. We investigate cases, liaising where appropriate and possible with a range of experts in the field, including appeal lawyers, police advisors, forensic scientists and other relevant experts.

## Climate and Environment Project

This project addresses particular topics and looks at law and practice in detail. Students critically analyse what the law and policy currently says and then consider how things might be improved. To date, the project has examined the law on climate change mitigation in Wales, particularly how it applies to transport and to biodiversity, and the public right of access to environmental information. The project has also produced a number of mini-reports and has had its proposals considered by the Senedd, as part of the Welsh Parliament's Petitions process. Alongside this, the project has examined the law on hedgerow protection in Wales and produced a report commissioned by the Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales, who oversees the functioning of environmental law in Wales.



\*Pro bono publico is a Latin phrase for professional work undertaken voluntarily and without payment.

## Hafal Appropriate Adult Scheme

Appropriate Adults support vulnerable adults who are detained in custody. Students are trained to become qualified appropriate adults, and to be placed on a rota to be 'on call' to attend local police stations if a vulnerable adult is arrested.

## Justice Gap Volunteer Reporter Scheme

The Justice Gap is an award-winning online magazine about law and justice. In collaboration with Cardiff University, Manchester University, University of Glasgow and University College London (UCL), the magazine runs a volunteer reporter scheme open to law students with an interest in journalism and a commitment to human rights.

Following a successful application, students receive training in news writing and journalistic skills and are given the opportunity to contribute to the site as Justice Gap reporters, writing news as well as features and investigations.

The Justice Gap aims to broaden the discussion about law and justice and include voices and perspectives not normally heard.

## Support Through Court

This is a national charity that assists litigants in person at court. It provides free, independent, non-legal support to clients to help them through the process. Our students are trained to assist litigants in person at the Civil Justice Centre in Cardiff.

## Victim Support

Victim Support is a national charity which supports people affected by crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales.

Our students volunteer at the charity's national inbound call centre. Amongst the services they offer is their national support line which provides free and confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Through this scheme, students develop important skills such as empathy, active listening and the importance of being non-judgemental.

## NHS Continuing Healthcare Scheme

Delivered in partnership with Hugh James solicitors, this scheme provides students with a unique insight into the work that Hugh James undertakes in the area of NHS Continuing Healthcare funding. If an



individual is in a nursing or care home because of physical or mental health needs, the cost of their care should be covered by the NHS Continuing Healthcare funding scheme, regardless of the individual's wealth. This pro bono scheme focuses on NHS Continuing Healthcare claims and allows students to gain real-life, hands-on experience of how cases are handled.

Each week, students are taken through a stage of the NHS Continuing Healthcare process using 'dummy files'. The sessions develop key practitioner skills, including: client care, analysing evidence, drafting and advocacy. The scheme provides an opportunity for students to work with solicitors from Hugh James and gain a greater understanding of what it is like to work in a top 100 law firm.

## Ukraine Project Cymru

Ukraine Project Cymru is a free immigration advice scheme offered to individuals and families based in Wales who have fled their homes due to the war in Ukraine.

The scheme is offered in partnership with Asylum Justice, an independent legal service for asylum seekers and refugees in Wales, with funding from Welsh Government and is open to Ukrainians who wish to enter or remain in Wales.

The initiative has been set up by an immigration and asylum lawyer and lecturer who has extensive experience of immigration cases arising from the conflicts in Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq amongst others. The aim of the project is to provide one-off advice to clients who will then take their own cases forward.

## Mooting and negotiation

Mooting is an essential element of legal training which sees law students take part in simulated court scenarios where they hone their speaking, persuasion, research and analytical skills. To help develop these skills we run mooting competitions each year which are 'sponsored' by local barristers' chambers. The stakes are high with the winners being given the opportunity to undertake a mini-pupillage (a period of work experience) as their prize.

Negotiation is part of our everyday lives, and key skills can be learned, which are useful for any future career. We have a training programme which helps prepare our students for a national negotiation competition each year which our students often excel in.

## WRU Incorporation Project

Formerly the free legal advice for clubs project, our students have assisted amateur clubs who want to become companies limited by guarantee. With clubs incorporating, their officers can achieve increased legal protection in the event of any legal claims. The project is a partnership with the Welsh Rugby Union and law firm Hugh James and aims to evolve into a Public Legal Education project for clubs, giving students valuable commercial law pro bono experience.



Find out more  
on our pro bono  
microsite



# Beginning your career

The skills developed while studying a law degree are transferable across a variety of sectors and we support your career goals, whatever they may be, from your first day with us.

A law degree from Cardiff University is versatile, opening the door to a variety of career options. Our graduates are now working in a diverse range of fields, including the legal sector, banking, healthcare, insurance, teaching, the hospitality industry and the police service. 94% of our graduates were in employment and/or further study, due to start a new job or course, or doing other activities such as travelling, 15 months after the end of their course. (HESA, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20\*).

We are proud of the support we offer you to pursue your career goals.

## Dedicated careers support

All law students have access to a dedicated Law Careers Manager, who is based in the school 2 days a week. This support includes:

- one-to-one sessions by appointment
- workshops on CV writing, application forms, interview preparation and job searching
- career planning sessions including career options for your specific degree
- access to an annual Law Fair which is a flagship event of the careers calendar, attracting 30+ legal recruiters to Cardiff
- professional networking events
- professional guest speakers from within the legal sector (e.g. solicitors, barristers, and other law professionals)
- mock interviews
- information on internships and graduate training programmes
- up-to-date careers information and links to additional graduate careers resources

You can gain additional support from Student Futures (the university's careers service) which includes:

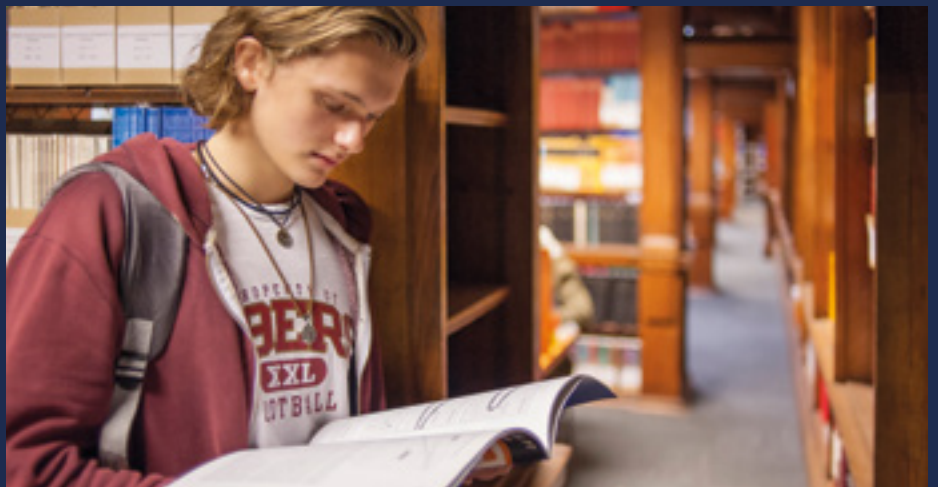
- access to the online learning module, 'Your Career Journey', via the Student Intranet
- enterprise and entrepreneurial activities and support with starting a business
- information and advice on opportunities to study, work and volunteer abroad (via Global Opportunities)
- the opportunity to complete an employability award (Cardiff Award)
- work experience and placement opportunities
- specialist support from the Career Confident Team (for eligible students)



**The careers and employability team have been supportive and engaging throughout my undergraduate programme.**

We receive emails on a weekly basis regarding employment roles, placements and volunteering experiences within the industry and beyond.

**Gwenllian Evans,  
Law and Welsh with a  
Professional Placement  
Year (LLB)**



# Our degree programmes

Our structured curriculum enables you to develop a range of skills in each year of study.

We support you to become an independent learner, able to undertake and understand new challenges and to respond to them effectively whether you opt for a future in law or an alternative sector.

## Law LLB

### UCAS Code: M100

Our flagship Law LLB programme is a full time, 3-year course that is both challenging and stimulating.

Study foundation modules together with a wide selection of varied optional modules that include Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, Media Law and Family Law.

In addition to the broad-based academic training we provide, studying law at Cardiff University will offer you unique opportunities to see law in action in a social context.

We work in partnership with lawyers, charities and voluntary organisations to give you the opportunity to practise and extend your skills through a variety of pro bono schemes.

We are committed to providing an outstanding teaching and learning experience that is underpinned by excellent research activity.

## Law and Politics LLB

### UCAS Code: ML12

Unquestionably, the relationship between law and politics is an interdependent one. Both subjects have a huge impact on all our lives regardless of age, ethnicity and social background. This programme allows you to combine these fascinating topics within the interdisciplinary environment of our school.

You'll gain a comprehensive grounding in law spaced out across the 3 years of your programme. Alongside your law modules you'll study politics modules that explore how parliaments and governments function and evaluate political ideas such as power, freedom, democracy, conflict, legitimacy and accountability.

We have excellent academic links with Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament and long-established relationships with national and international organisations such as the Westminster parliament, European Union and NATO, giving you the opportunity to supplement your learning by engaging with political decision makers.

## Law and French LLB

### UCAS Code: RM11

In our globalised world, legal practice increasingly takes place across countries and continents.

This programme aims to produce lawyers not only competent in the law of England and Wales, but also fluent in French and the legal system of France.

This programme is taught in collaboration with the School of Modern Languages and is studied across 4 years. As with all our law programmes, you'll gain a comprehensive grounding in English and Welsh law, but in addition, you'll develop high-level language skills and gain an in-depth intercultural understanding that encompasses a specific knowledge of the French legal system, its political institutions and general culture.

You'll develop strong communication and critical-thinking skills, and foster resilience and independence through time spent in France at a law faculty of a university (locations have included Amiens, Nantes, Rennes or Toulouse). This period will allow you to build upon your linguistic and national legal skills and take full advantage of the benefits of studying in a foreign university environment.

## Law and Welsh LLB

### UCAS Code: MQ15

The establishment of a devolved Welsh Government and the introduction of the Welsh Language Measure 2011 has meant

that the ability to work professionally through the medium of Welsh has become an increasingly sought-after skill in contemporary Wales.

This programme is taught collaboratively with the School of Welsh and offers you the opportunity to study law through the medium of Welsh. The ultimate goal is producing graduates qualified to employ legal knowledge through the medium of Welsh and English.

As with all our law programmes, you'll gain a comprehensive grounding in English and Welsh law, but in addition, you'll gain a thorough academic and practical understanding of the Welsh language, its literature and culture; a high level of skill in written and spoken Welsh; and well-developed employability and creative skills relevant to modern Wales.

## Law and Criminology LLB

### UCAS Code: M190

Whereas law examines the system of rules used by a country or state to regulate its inhabitants, criminology focuses on criminalisation, victimisation, and social responses to crime and disorder.

This makes both topics an ideal pairing for study as part of a joint honours programme.

The programme is taught in collaboration with the School of Social Sciences and provides you with the opportunity for in-depth study in both disciplines.

As with all our law programmes, you'll gain a comprehensive grounding in English and Welsh law, but in addition, you'll examine how to approach problems of crime, justice and control as a social scientist before applying your new research-driven skills to real world issues and debates.





## A foundation for professional practice

The paths to professional qualification as solicitor or barrister have undergone significant changes recently.

Those wishing to qualify as a solicitor will need to obtain a degree (or equivalent) but will no longer need to obtain a law degree specifically.

Instead, prospective solicitors must sit the new centralised online assessment, the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE), which was introduced in September 2021. However, the foundational modules studied as part of a law degree cover some of the subjects which are examined in the SQE which means that many students continue to choose a law degree as the first step in becoming a solicitor. All LLB programmes at the School of Law and Politics allow you to study these foundational modules and thereby provide you with a solid start to your career in law.

Advantages of studying a law degree at Cardiff University include:

- exposure to the teaching and research of law academics across a range of specialisms
- an outstanding law library (as described by Higher Education Funding Council for Wales), ensuring you have a first-class environment in which to study
- the opportunity to apply for a range of pro bono schemes which will enhance your CV and increase your employability in a competitive job market

Please note that the Bar Standards Board (the regulatory body for barristers) continue to require the study of the foundational modules before progressing to vocational training for the Bar.

## Professional legal training

We are the only Russell Group university that also offers a range of courses to prepare students for professional practice. We have built a reputation over many years for our high quality provision which is well regarded by the legal profession.

For graduates wishing to pursue a career at the Bar we offer the Bar Training Course (BTC). This is offered at LLM or Pg Dip level to provide you with flexibility.

# Entry requirements

To be considered for entry onto any of our undergraduate courses, please apply through UCAS.

## Typical entry requirements

These typical requirements are for guidance. Please check our website for the latest information at:

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/law-politics](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/law-politics)

### A-levels

AAA - AAB. Please note, General Studies, Citizenship Studies and Critical Thinking will not be accepted. It is not necessary to have A-level Law and we do not require students to sit the LNAT test.

### Extended Project Qualification

Applicants with grade A in the EPQ will typically receive an offer one grade lower than the standard A-level offer. Please note that any subject specific requirements must still be met.

### Welsh Baccalaureate

The Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate will be accepted in lieu of one A-Level (at the grades listed above), excluding any specified subjects.

### IB

34-36 points overall, or 666 at Higher Level.

### Other

International students must have an overall IELTS score of at least 6.5 with a 6.5 or above in writing and a minimum of 6.0 in all other sub-scores, or comparable evidence of English language proficiency.










## How to find us

### Key

-  School of Law and Politics
-  University and NHS buildings
-  Student residences

### 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.

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experiences and are happy to  
answer your questions.

Our student bloggers are real  
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courses. They are here to answer  
any questions you have about life at  
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