



# **Durham Law School – The Durham Experience**

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# Welcome

# Durham Law School

- **Outstanding teaching and international reputation:**  
Durham is currently ranked 5<sup>th</sup> (Complete University Guide), 6<sup>th</sup> (The Times), 7<sup>th</sup> (Guardian) and in top 50th 2022 QS World University Subject Rankings
- **Accessible, world-class academics**
- **We are a modern, open and inclusive school with a long history, located in one of the best student cities in the UK**

# Durham Law School: Programme Structure

Two options:

- LLB (3yrs)
- LLB (Year abroad – 4yrs)

Content:

- Year 1: 6 x 20 credit modules
- Year 2: 120 credits
- Year 3: 120 credits

# Programme Structure: Year 1 & 2

## Year 1 courses

Introduction to English Law and Legal Methods  
Contract Law  
Tort Law  
UK Constitutional Law  
EU Law  
The Individual and the State

## Year 2 courses

Criminal Law (compulsory)  
Land Law (may be required, depending on career choice)  
Trusts and Equity (may be required depending on career choice)  
Range of optional modules (see below – availability depends on year)

# Programme Structure: Year 3

## Year 3 – Mix of compulsory and optional courses

Dissertation (compulsory) = 12,000 words piece of work that is double-weighted (40 credits)

# Programme Structure: Year 2/3 Optional modules

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Advanced Issues in Public Law  | Labour Law  | Legal History   |
| Administrative Law             | Intellectual Property Law                         | Advanced Issues in Employment and Discrimination Law      |
| Media Law                      | Law and Medicine                                  | Chinese Legal System                                      |
| Religion and Law               | Tax Law   | Pensions Law  |
| Employment Law                 | Advanced Issues in International Legal Governance | Financial Law   |
| Public International Law       | International Human Rights                        | Counterterrorism Law                                      |
| Law, Gender and Society        | Corporate Finance                                 | Climate Change Law & Policy                               |
| Commercial Law                 | Law in Practice                                   | <b>(availability of options varies from year to year)</b> |
| Comparative Constitutional Law | Law, Sex and Crime                                |   |
| Company Law                    | Jurisprudence                                     |   |
| EU Competition Law             | Law and Literature                                |   |

## Another Option: Non-Law Modules

- **Students can sit one non-law module after year 1**
- **Popular options include:**
  - Modern languages
  - English
  - Business/Economics



# Teaching Diversity

- Informed by our world class research
- Lectures (small and large)
- Small group teaching
  - Tutorials of 8 students
  - Seminars

## **Assessment *diversity***

- Exams, essays, oral presentations

# Durham: Career Support and Student Experience

- Durham Careers and Enterprise Centre
- DLS: Employability Handbook
- Mentorship scheme
- DLS Events
- DLS Research Centres
- Student Societies

# Entry requirements for Durham Law School

- Ordinary entry requirements:
  - See details on entry requirements: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/courses/m101/>
  - **A level offer – A\*AA.**
  - BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma/OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma – D\*DD.
  - IB Diploma score – 38 with 666 in higher level subjects.
- Completion of the **Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)** is required.
  - For details (including application deadlines: <https://lnat.ac.uk>)
- Contextual offers are available, depending on background and its impact on your qualifications
  - A contextual offer will be lower than our standard entry requirements
  - For details, see <https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/courses/m101/>

# Admissions

## What our selectors consider

- Prior and predicted grades
- Personal Statement
- Teachers/Academic Reference
- Contextual evidence of merit & potential
- Motivation for the degree programme
- Study & other skills

Find out more by attending 'Applying to Durham' session in the Teaching and Learning Centre, room TLC042



# College Allocation and Preferences

- We no longer ask you to make a college preference on your UCAS Application Form. The only option listed at UCAS is 'Durham City'
- Your college is NOT linked to your degree subject
- Before we allocate your college, you will be invited to rank the colleges in the order of your preference
- You will be allocated your college in or around May