University of Staffordshire

LAW

Your place
of possibility

We are delighted to announce that Staffordshire University has rebranded to become University of Staffordshire. It reinforces our commitment to Staffordshire and beyond. Our brand evolution also heralds an exciting new future, with lots of new opportunities for our students.

WELCOME TO LAW

We're your gateway to the legal profession. Study one of our Law degrees and you'll gain the real-world skills and experience for success.

Work with real clients through our Legal Advice Service. Stage mock trials and mooting competitions in our simulated courtrooms. Or explore how to regulate cyber space.

Once you graduate, you'll be equipped for further studies to become a qualified barrister, solicitor or CILEX lawyer.

We offer next-level teaching, hands-on and personalised learning, and all the support you need. You can either take a broad-based route or choose one of three specialist pathways – Bar, Professional Law or Digital Law.

Volunteer with one of our advice clinics and you could be helping members of the public with a housing, consumer rights, employment or family law issue. You'll do client interviews, research and offer written legal advice.

You'll also get to experience the cut and thrust of court life. You could be arguing your case in front of a judge in one of our mock courtrooms and pitting your wits against opposing lawyers.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR STUDENT EXPERIENCES IN LAW

Bringing your place of possibility to life

THIS IS YOUR PLACE

MAGISTRATES AND CROWN MOCK COURTROOMS

ANNUAL LAW CAREERS FAIR

LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

MOOTING COMPETITIONS

CLIENT INTERVIEWING COMPETITIONS

WHY CHOOSE UNIVERSITY OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Find your gateway to industry and a future full of possibilities. An amazing community, where amazing things happen. **All built around you.**

Leading modern courses

Right from the beginning, we've been at the cutting edge of industries and driving change. Building a bridge between the classroom and real-world practice. Learn the skills for the future on our career-focused courses.

Next-level teaching

We teach in the best way, not the old way. Pushing boundaries and using hands-on, personalised learning. Championing digital innovation, from CGI to games technologies. Immerse yourself in our simulation spaces, taking you from crime scene to courtroom or ambulance to operating theatre.

Personalised support

Get all the support you need to achieve real success. Whether you have a worry about money, your studies, your mental health or a personal issue, we're here for you every step of the way.

Gateway to careers

With our unique industry connections, you'll unlock your potential. Unleash your entrepreneurial skills as you take on projects, explore placements or exhibit your work at shows, and gain the skills for whatever comes next. You can even become a student consultant, marketing your expertise to employers.

Inclusive community

Become part of our open, inclusive and welcoming community. An environment that's big on personality and full of character. A place where you'll feel empowered and inspired. Where everyone is valued and you can be you.

LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE

Gain real-world experience helping the public through our Legal Advice Service.

Under the supervision of a qualified solicitor, you'll be offering preliminary legal advice for free to members of the community. It will involve interviewing clients, expanding your legal research skills and crafting detailed letters.

We offer several advice clinics, focusing on different aspects of the law. These include issues linked to housing, consumer rights, neighbour disputes, employment rights, and family and divorce.

So while you gain valuable professional skills, you'll also be providing a vital service.

We also have connections into industry, including working with local law firms. Students can shadow solicitors and become immersed in the legal world.

NATASHA THOMAS

Legal Advice Service

FACILITIES

Digitally enabled mock courtrooms

One of our courtrooms is designed as a crown courtroom and the other for cases at magistrates' court.

Students can present legal arguments, act as expert witnesses, or take part in mooting. Each space includes a dock, lawyers' area and a bench for the judge or magistrates.

TAKE A TOUR OF OUR DIGITALLY ENABLED MOCK COURTROOMS

OUR STUDENTS

“I find it an exciting and stimulating place to read law. My lecturers are considerate, approachable and really professional. They encourage me to always aim higher. It is a very vibrant learning environment with networking events, competitions and a thriving Legal Advice Clinic.”

Leona Shala

Law Graduate

“The lecturers are always supportive, and the tutor system is very effective. We have been able to shape our degree in the way we want, learning the subjects that interest us. I would highly recommend the course and believe it has set me up very well for the future.”

Naseem Khan

Law Graduate

MEET THE EXPERTS

ANNA GARLAND

Course Director, Law

Anna brings practitioner experience to her position as the Course Director in Law, having formerly qualified and practised as a barrister before making the move to academia. She is an expert in criminal litigation and her teaching specialisms include criminal practice and evidence.

AIDAN FLYNN

Senior Lecturer, Law

Aidan has worked in three law firms before becoming a lecturer at University of Staffordshire in 2016. He is the Course Leader for the two-year accelerated LLB (Hons) Law, and has expertise in constitutional, EU and human rights law

DONNA GRAHAM

Lecturer, Law

Donna specialises in teaching students in the first year of their undergraduate studies. Additionally, she is experienced in teaching a wide range of law and legal skills modules through to postgraduate level. Her teaching expertise include tort law, principles of law, and employment law.

GILES GATER

Senior Lecturer, Law

Having qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales, Giles worked in a top 50 UK law firm in the asset management team. He is now a senior lecturer in the law team at University of Staffordshire, specialising in cyber law.

RACHAEL STRETCH

Lecturer, Law

Rachael's teaching has generally focused on family law with her expertise including: law relating to children, law and disability and SEND, equity and trusts, quantitative methodology, comparative methodology, and professionals and mandatory reporting.

OUR COURSES

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Law	LLB (Hons)	M100	112–120	3
Law (with foundation year)	LLB (Hons)	M111	48	4
Law (two-year accelerated)	LLB (Hons)	M101	120	2

SPECIALIST PATHWAYS

On our undergraduate Law course, you can either choose from our range of modules or one of our innovative pathways*.

Bar pathway

A specialist pathway which focuses on the key subjects and skills required for a career in advocacy in the courts and tribunals.

- Specifically designed for aspiring barristers with modules that meet the academic component of Bar training and additional modules to prepare you for the next steps for the Bar.
- Practise mooting and presenting your argument in our digitally equipped mock courtrooms.
- Hear from expert members of staff with experience of working as barristers in the courtroom.

Professional pathway

If you want to become a solicitor, then our LLB (Hons) Law (Professional) Pathway is the right option for you. This exciting pathway includes additional core modules which will develop client-facing skills to supplement your subject knowledge.

- You will gain practical experience and help the local community with our Legal Advice Service.
- Make use of our connections with local firms and networking opportunities at our Careers Fair.
- Practise client interviewing in mock scenarios to hone your skills.

Digital pathway

Our Digital Law Pathway is ideal for exploring the impact on law of cutting-edge technologies and to provide you with legal expertise in a rapidly evolving, digital world.

- Specialise in an exciting and evolving area of Law with our Digital Pathway which gives you practical experience of finding digital solutions for legal problems.
- Prepare to meet the modern demands of the legal sector.
- Learn from expert staff with a wide range of specialisms and professional experience.

*All pathways and option modules are offered subject to student numbers and staff availability.

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Our undergraduate Law course equips you with the academic knowledge and skills needed by the legal professions. With a range of modules and pathways, you can specialise in the areas that interest you most. All LLB courses and pathways at University of Staffordshire allow you to proceed to further study to qualify as a solicitor, barrister or CILEX lawyer.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COURSE HERE

Why choose us…

- Option to tailor the course to your interests or take one of our specialist pathways (Digital, Bar or Professional) designed to prepare you for your future.
- Opportunities to take part in our legal advice clinics, mock trials, client interviewing competitions and various other opportunities to grow your practical experience ready for your future career.
- We hold an annual Law careers fair where you can talk and network with prospective future employers.
- Learn from experts who are passionate about their specialisms and bring the latest sector knowledge into your learning experience to inspire you to find areas that interest you most.
- We also offer a four-year degree incorporating a Foundation Year.

What you'll learn…

You'll learn the legal foundation subjects to prepare you for a wide range of roles when you graduate. The main Law LLB (Hons) route is flexible, allowing you to study law at a broader level and choose from a variety of option modules that spark your interest.

Module examples:

- Constitutional Law
- Law in Practice
- Criminal Law
- Tort Law
- Legal Advice Clinic
- International Human Rights

What you could do next…

Our course will grow your skills and knowledge to prepare you for a range of careers. You could progress to the next stages of studying toward becoming a solicitor, barrister or a CILEX lawyer. Alternatively, the degree gives you a vast range of practical skills into other related areas.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Subject to approval/validation

We're always striving to deliver the most current and relevant degrees, both by creating new courses and regularly reviewing our current offering.

Each time we make changes, the course goes through a rigorous approval process to ensure that it's the perfect fit for our students, employers and other relevant stakeholders.

Some of the courses inside this guide may be marked as 'subject to approval' or 'subject to validation', but don't worry, this just means some of the details of the course won't have been finalised yet. As soon as new courses are approved and validated, up-to-date information will be provided on the online course pages at **www.staffs.ac.uk/courses**

If you have been offered a place and there is a significant change to the course, or for any reason, the course doesn't run – we will contact you immediately and fully support you in finding the best suitable alternative.

At the time of printing in September 2024, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2025/2026 academic years. Very occasionally, however, we need to make changes to our courses, including their content and the way in which they are delivered. In some instances, courses can be discontinued or combined with other courses.

Reasons for withdrawing courses can include insufficient student numbers and courses not receiving the necessary accreditation or approval. Changes to course information may include operational and academic reasons.

If circumstances beyond our control mean we cannot provide particular educational services, all reasonable steps will be taken to minimise any disruption to those services. However, the University will have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any prospect or student as a result.

As a prospective student of University of Staffordshire, it's your responsibility to ensure you have fully reviewed up-to-date course information before you apply, and that your chosen course fully meets your requirements. You should also check the course still meets your requirements before accepting an offer to study with us.

Student satisfaction scores have been provided by Unistats and are correct at the time of going to print. For more information, visit: **discoveruni.gov.uk**

If we discontinue a course or programme and you're not happy with the alternative offered, or if a programme is changed and you're not happy with the changes, you'll be given the opportunity to withdraw from the programme. Up-to-date course information can be found on our website (**www.staffs.ac.uk**), or by calling us on **01782 294400**.

If you're offered a place at the University of Staffordshire, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of University of Staffordshire, you will enter a contract with us and be bound by our rules and regulations. These, too, may vary from time to time (**www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs**).

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2ND IN THE UK FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

Sustainable Development Goal 4 THE Impact Rankings 2024

5TH FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS

The Mail University guide 2025

TOP 10 FOR CAREER PROSPECTS

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2023

TOP 20 FOR FACILITIES

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2023

TOP 10 FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023

87% OF RESEARCH IMPACT IS 'OUTSTANDING' OR 'VERY CONSIDERABLE'

Research Excellence Framework 2021

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