



**NEXT
GEN**
EDUCATION

LAW

WELCOME TO LAW

Our undergraduate Law course equips you with the academic knowledge and skills needed by the legal professions, as well as focusing on developing your skills and experience to prepare you for your career.

At Staffordshire University, you will find all the tools, experts, facilities and inspiration you need to help you succeed in your career. Our professional academics have a range of expertise across different fields of law and many are active in research in their chosen area. They will encourage you to learn about niche and interesting specialisms, and help you develop a range of skills, knowledge and experience to find your own passion.

Whether you're interested in the fields of Family Law, Digital Law, Business, Employment Law or Human Rights, we will help you grow your understanding and practical skills. We support you to gain a variety of experience, whether that be via the Staffordshire University Legal Advice Clinic, through client interviewing and mooting competitions, or through work experience and placement opportunities.

What's more, you can either tailor your course through our range of modules to suit your interests, or choose one of our specialist pathways developed with careers in mind; Digital Law, Bar or Professional Law. Alternatively, we also have a two-year accelerated option.



TAKE A LOOK
AT OUR
STUDENT
EXPERIENCES
IN LAW





WHY CHOOSE **STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?**

SPECIALIST PATHWAYS
(BAR, DIGITAL, PROFESSIONAL)

**DIGITALLY
ENABLED
MOCK
COURTROOM**

**ANNUAL
LAW
CAREERS
FAIR**

**CLIENT INTERVIEWING
COMPETITIONS**

**STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY
LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC**

MOOTING COMPETITIONS



STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC (SULAC)

Our Law Department offers one of the most exciting and innovative legal advice clinics in the UK, SULAC – Staffordshire University Legal Advice Clinic.

Enabling students to gain real life experience working within the community, our law clinic offers free legal advice, on a variety of subjects, to the public and to certain specific sectors of the local community.

SULAC provides Law students with the unique opportunity to experience the process of applying law to real life situations in some truly innovative settings.

WHY CHOOSE STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?

Whether teaching students about criminal law or how to understand the root causes of offending, we have become nationally recognised for our work.

Our School of Justice, Security and Sustainability (JSS) oversees a wide variety of degrees. But the common thread is social and criminal justice, both locally and globally. We also offer students fantastic opportunities to use their skills in the real world.

These include the chance to volunteer with our Legal Advice Clinic in your final year, where you could be helping families in

need. In one year alone, our Law students supported more than 250 clients in Staffordshire.

We also run an annual law careers fair, where you can talk to and network with potential employers.

While at University, you'll be using facilities like our mock courtrooms, which enable you to practise your techniques in a realistic environment. By the time you graduate, you will have gained plenty of practical experience alongside your subject knowledge.

At JSS, we cover a number of other academic disciplines, including Forensic Science, Security and Intelligence, Humanitarian Archaeology, Criminology, Professional Policing, and a suite of courses run by our Business School.

No matter what you study, you'll benefit from the extensive expertise of our staff. Our School vision is to become a leading provider - nationally and globally - in championing human rights, prosperity, sustainability, security and justice. We want our students to become agents of change, ready to make a difference.



**TRACEY
HORTON**

SULAC LEAD

Tracey qualified as a solicitor in 1994 and practised in London for several years before returning to the North West. Through her career, she has dealt with several areas of law including general litigation, personal injury, clinical negligence, contentious probate, and employment law. Tracey joined Staffordshire University in 2018 to set up and manage the legal advice clinic.



FACILITIES

COURTROOMS

Put legal theory into practice in our purpose-built and digitally-equipped mock courtrooms. Here you can experience the pressures of the court environment, whether that is giving evidence in a court of law or presenting your argument at a mooting competition.

TAKE A TOUR
OF OUR
DIGITALLY
ENABLED
MOCK
COURTROOMS



Observation suite

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

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

MEET THE EXPERTS



**ANNA
GARLAND**

COURSE DIRECTOR

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.



**DR SAMANTHA
SPENCE**

COURSE DIRECTOR

Samantha has experience of working in both local and international law firms and many years' experience teaching in higher education. Samantha's research interests include critical thinking, feminist theory and international human rights law. Over recent years she has worked with the United Nations in order to highlight abuses linked to harmful practices.



**PAUL
ALLEN**

SENIOR LECTURER

Paul has enjoyed a successful career in various legal contexts, spending 6 years as a Civil Servant, followed by a 25-year career with Derbyshire Constabulary, rising to position of Inspector. He later moved into a private practice, working in family, private client and asset management law. Today, Paul lectures on the Legal Practice Course, and is a qualified solicitor and mediator.



**DR JOHN
MCGARRY**

SENIOR LECTURER

John has years of experience in Law academia. He is a member of the Society of Legal Scholars, the Socio-Legal Studies Association, the UK Constitutional Law Group. John's research interests include all aspects of public law and legal theory and he has been published extensively in these areas.



**AIDAN
FLYNN**

SENIOR LECTURER

Aidan has worked in three Law firms before becoming a lecturer at Staffordshire University 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.



**DR JO
BESWICK**

SENIOR LECTURER

Jo is committed to research, teaching and learning and student experience. Her principal research interest is clinical negligence and the myriad of questions as to how the changing structure of the NHS will impact on this area. Jo is interested in wider questions relating to healthcare law and ethics particularly end of life and questions posed by newly emerging technologies.



**RACHAEL
STRETCH**

LECTURER

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 court room.
- 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 Staffordshire University Legal Advice Clinic.
- 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.



LAW



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 Staffordshire University 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 Clinic, 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.

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 May 2023, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2023/2024 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 Staffordshire University, 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 Staffordshire University, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of Staffordshire University, 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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**IN THE UK FOR
QUALITY EDUCATION**

Sustainable Development Goal 4
THE Impact Rankings 2023

**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

68%

**OF RESEARCH IS
'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT'
OR 'WORLD LEADING'**

Research Excellence
Framework 2021

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