Law

UCAS Code: Combined Honours only (please see website for details)

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Law shapes our society and influences every aspect of our lives. It defines our obligations and legal requirements, serves to regulate and define relationships and provides a means of redress when problems arise. To study Law is not only to study a challenging subject, but also to study the rules, principles and policies that underpin society. This degree gives you a theoretical and philosophical grounding in Law, as well as the ability to engage in its practical study and application.

Study Law with us and you will gain an understanding of the fundamental principles, theories and key ideas that underpin the law in England and Wales. You also learn about the way Public Law provides the legal framework within which government and administration functions, the structure of Law and Government under which we live, and the values of democracy, rule of law and constitutionalism that underpin that structure.

We aim to produce graduates who do not merely know or know how to, but understand why things are as they are and how they could be different. It is about gaining a deep approach to the subject, in which you try to relate ideas in one subject to those in others, to understand what you read, questioning material, making links and pursuing lines of inquiry out of interest.

This degree can be taken over 3 or 4 years. If taken over 4 years, the third year would be spent in an appropriate legal work experience setting in light of the requirements set down to undertake the Solicitors Qualify Exams.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

As well as tuition fees, you will need approximately £10 per year for travel to fieldtrips. You will also need approximately £150 per year for purchasing core textbooks.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.



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Law Curriculum

Year One

Public Law

This course introduces and examines the rules, conventions and principles that govern the workings of institutions of the United Kingdom, such as Parliament and the Cabinet and the rules that govern the relationship between citizens and public administration.

Contracts

This course introduces the rules that govern binding agreements between natural and legal persons that are essential to the workings of our communities and societies more generally. The course will cover topic such as formation of contracts, capacity to conclude contracts, breach of contract and remedies for breach.

Legal Methods and System

This course introduces students to the legal system, legal procedures and the key principle of the system such as binding precedent and judicial interpretation. It also covers legal study skills such as reading the law, identifying, and accessing the law, and legal referencing.

Year Two

Criminal Law

It will explain the general principles of criminal law and explore the legal requirements of main criminal offences. It will look at basis of criminal responsibility, modes of participation, capacity, inchoate offences as well as explores a wide range of specific offences from theft, robbery, non-fatal offences to homicide.

Land Law

This course examines the various interests that can exists in land. It explores principles governing the creation, ownership, use, transfer, and extinction of these interests.

Torts

This course covers the rules that govern our civil liabilities to others. The course covers a set of rules that are essential to the workings of our communities because they determine and allocate individual and group responsibility for acts that may infringe the rights of others. In short, the law that governs civil wrongs and our duty to others.

Year Three

Equity and Trusts

This course examines the principles governing legal and equitable interests in propriety and an interplay between equity and the common law. It explores the principles governing the creation of legally binding trusts and its extinction, as well as duties of trustees, and remedies available in Equity for breaches of trust terms.

European Union Law

The course examines the nature of the EU as a constitutional system of conferred powers, the key principles and doctrines of EU Law and the rules governing the relationship between the UK and the EU following the UK leaving the EU.

Research Project

The research project requires students to plan, undertake the research and complete a piece of written work under supervision. Students can choose their area of particular interest and develop advanced knowledge and expertise of their chosen topic.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 15-20 students, and tutorials which typically have no more than 10 students. You also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

For the Law part of your Combined Honours degree, in your first year there are 6 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your studies, you will have a number of assessments each year, including written exams, essays, repots and portfolios.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.

