Law

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

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Law shapes our society and affects every part of our lives. It sets our duties, regulates relationships, and offers ways to resolve disputes. Studying law means exploring a complex subject and the rules that support society.

Our law degree gives you a strong foundation in both theory and practice. You will learn about the key principles and theories that form the law in England and Wales. You will also study how Public Law creates the framework for government and administration. This includes the values of democracy, constitutionalism, and the rule of law that uphold our system.

This law course aims to create graduates who not only know the law but also understand its impact and potential changes. You will think critically. You will connect ideas from different subjects. You'll question readings and explore topics that interest you.

You can study the LLB or Joint law degrees over three or four years. Choose four years, and the third year offers legal work experience. This helps meet the Solicitors Qualifying Exams requirements.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2026/2027 are £9,535 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.



Law Curriculum

Year One

The Year One curriculum provides you with essential courses in substantive law, legal theory, and legal study skills, forming the foundation for future legal study.

Public Law

This course introduces the rules, conventions, and principles governing the institutions of the United Kingdom, including Parliament and the Cabinet. It also examines the legal framework that governs the relationship between citizens and public administration.

Legal System and Skills

This course provides an introduction to the legal system, key legal procedures, and fundamental principles such as binding precedent and judicial interpretation. Students will develop legal study skills, including reading and accessing the law, legal referencing, and practical skills such as advocacy, drafting, client interviewing, negotiation, and mediation.

Year Two

In Year Two you will broaden and your knowledge and understanding of the foundations of legal knowledge by studying the doctrines and principles of three more foundations of legal knowledge.

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.

Tort Law

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.

Year Three

In the final year, you will build a strong grounding in essential legal principles while tailoring your learning through optional elective modules in areas such as Family Law, Company Law, Human Rights, or International Law.

Electives include:

Human Rights Law

This course examines the development, nature, and enforcement of international Human Rights law.

Research Project

Students plan and undertake an independent research project under supervision, producing a piece of written work on a topic of their choice.

Company and Commercial Law

This course explores the internal workings of companies and how they operate in the marketplace.

European Union Law

This course examines 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 Brexit.

Public International Law

This course covers the rules governing the birth, recognition, continuity, obligations, jurisdiction, and sovereign rights of states within the international legal order.

Family Law

This elective examines the concept and nature of marriage and the legal protections provided by the State.

Employment Law

This course examines the legal framework and key principles, helping students understand the mechanisms of Employment Law and the political and social issues surrounding it.

Law Clinic

This course introduces students to legal practice. Under the supervision of qualified solicitors, students provide probono legal advice to fellow students and members of the public.

Elective options are subject to availability and may change.

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.



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