Law at Keele

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Attributes 1 and 2 are developed across all modules, both core and elective. Whether it is the protection of commercial interests (studied in Torts 2) or the legal regulation of sexuality (Gender, Law and Sexuality), you are encouraged to think critically and openly about the law and to develop reasoned, analytical arguments. Many subjects studied are placed within their wider social, political or historical contexts. From Level 4 in Legal Systems (a module promoting awareness of the social and political context in which legal systems operate) to Level 6 options such as Employment Law (where you can assess the impact of changing social and economic policy), you will explore a range of perspectives to appreciate fully the provisional and dynamic nature of knowledge.

Reading widely, you will encounter a range of methodologies, experiencing empirical, theoretical, socio-legal, comparative or policy-based approaches to law. At Level 5, for example, Law Science and Society explores the relationship between science and legal practice, drawing on anthropological and sociological techniques to facilitate engagement with contemporary debates such as the role for the scientific expert in court. At Level 6, you might elect to complete a dissertation or Independent Study Project (ISP), a sustained piece of supervised research on an area of law that interests you from your own chosen perspective.

Information literacy and problem-solving is developed in all modules at all levels. From semester 1, Legal Skills introduces you to the technical, legal and academic skills you require for the study of law. In your core modules, preparing for tutorials and assessments, you will become proficient in the use of electronic and library-based resources, legal databases and academic journals. By way of specific examples, the use of workbooks in Land Law requires direct engagement with primary and secondary sources of law improving case and statute handling skills. In International Law, students use wikis to provide concise online analyses of recent international law developments.

The exposure to different disciplines through the study of non-Law electives at Level 4 provides students with the opportunity to draw on a range of perspectives and approaches to resolving legal problems. This foundation is developed in Level 5 in core modules such as Contract Law, within which students engage with moral and political perspectives to add to their legal analysis of the formation of Contract, and in Law and Ethics which brings together legal, moral and ethical approaches to consider contemporary social and legal problems.

Level 6 modules support students in the development and demonstration of higher level skills of research and analysis.
At all levels of study you will have extensive opportunities to develop your written and oral communication skills. Written work is required for almost all assessments in the form of exams (seen or unseen), but also essays, assessed problem questions, reflective logs/portfolios or dissertations. Through tutorial work you will contribute more confidently to discussion. At various stages of study, you will benefit from making presentations, whether formal or informal, as an individual or as part of a group, in the classroom or to the wider community. Mooting and client interviewing are excellent co-curricular opportunities to hone your interview and advocacy skills. The provision of feedback across this range of activities supports the continuing development of your communication skills, building your confidence to pursue your future goals.

Students develop subject relevant knowledge at all levels and in all modules in increasing depth as they progress through their studies. Our graduates are not only able to demonstrate knowledge and skills across the foundational subjects in Law but also through the inter-disciplinary electives at Level 4. The opportunity to deepen their legal knowledge within broad areas whether that be International Law, Socio-legal studies or Commercial law, enables Keele students to assert legal knowledge across a range of possibilities.

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In Level 4 Public Law, students are encouraged to make connections to the social and political context of Constitutional and Administrative law through field visits and outside speakers. At Level 5, Keele students have the opportunity to work with community partners through Law in Action to enhance their understanding of Law and encourage participation as a citizen within the wider community. In the Level 6 EU 2 module, students explore substantive EU Law from the perspective of the EU’s social interventions, particularly in the context of equality and discrimination Law. Students are strongly encouraged and supported to take part in the extra-curricular opportunities for work placements that strengthen our students’ understanding about their role in society.

Keele’s pioneering creation of the CLOCK programme gives our students the opportunity to train as Community Legal Companions, assisting litigants in person within the Law School and court centre that established this now, national scheme.
Be professional and reflective...

A Keele Law School graduate will be professional and reflective, and develop qualities of leadership, responsibility, personal integrity, empathy, care, respect for others, accountability and self-regulation.

Students develop these attributes at an appropriate stage to their Year of Study. In Legal Skills at Level 4, students learn to effectively work within groups. This is developed through the opportunities to work in and lead smaller teams to deliver presentations for internal and external audiences at Levels 5 and 6. All Keele students are supported in the development of their professional interactions through work experience opportunities and professional networking with our strong and active alumni networks. Each semester, students are invited to reflect on their assessment performance in a meeting with their personal tutor to identify the strengths and weaknesses of their work in order to improve their future performance.

Be flexible and adaptive...

A Keele Law School graduate will have the flexibility to thrive in rapidly changing and uncertain external environments and to update skills and knowledge as circumstances require.

The Graduate Marketplace (particularly within Law) is a rapidly changing environment. At the heart of Keele’s programme is the flexibility and adaptability we encourage our students to develop. In Level 4 students study non-law modules, alongside their Single Honours programme. This approach enables students to think laterally and creatively about different perspectives, and provides them with the flexibility they will require in the future. Those students undertaking Study Abroad opportunities, or who work with community partners in Law in Action develop key attributes which enable them to operate successfully in unfamiliar environments. All students are encouraged to take advantage of the range of extra-curricular activities which further strengthen these skills, particularly through CLOCK.

Further Information

Course
LLB/BA Law

Entry Requirements
A-level or equivalent
ABB

UCAS
34 points

BTEC
DDM

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics or Science at C or above

Annual Intake
Approximate intake is 150 per year.

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