



**Masters Programmes  
at Northumbria School of Law**

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# Welcome

Welcome to Northumbria – one of the most innovative law schools in the UK. Northumbria is justifiably renowned for its unique undergraduate programmes, and for the excellence of its range of vocational and postgraduate programmes.

What makes Northumbria School of Law so special is its focus on law in practice – the learning of law through the understanding of law as it operates in practice. Out of almost 90 academic staff, more than 70 staff are qualified as solicitors or barristers – with considerable, often continuing, experience of practice. All of us are committed to ensuring that our students learn law in a way that equips them for their professional roles.

The practical expertise of our academic staff and the focus on excellence in teaching, ensures that the postgraduate programmes we offer are of a consistently high standard, designed to meet the practical needs of our students. We are constantly developing the programmes to make the most of new technologies and to respond to the changing requirements of students who are also busy professionals.

We are proud of the strong reputation that we have built for our distinctive and innovative postgraduate programmes focused on the practical operation of the law. The School of Law is committed to ensuring that it remains at the forefront of postgraduate provision and that its students benefit from the highest quality of teaching.

The intake of students across all of our courses reflects the national and international reputation of the School – with students from across the UK and from all other major common law jurisdictions. The students comment on the high levels of support and encouragement from the staff, and the commitment by the School to



supporting their studies. By making full use of e-learning and other modes of distance learning provision, we have designed courses that support full-time students, while opening up access to qualifications for students who have work or life commitments which mean that they need the flexibility of part-time and distance learning studies.

We look forward to welcoming you onto our postgraduate law courses.

**Kevin Kerrigan**  
Executive Dean

## Masters programmes in law

### Full-time programmes

- LLM Commercial Law
- LLM International Commercial Law
- LLM International Trade Law
- LLM Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)

### Distance learning programmes

- LLM Advanced Legal Practice
- LLM Commercial Law
- LLM Employment Law in Practice
- LLM Information Rights Law and Practice
- LLM International Commercial Law
- LLM International Environmental Law
- LLM International Trade Law
- LLM Master of Laws
- LLM Medical Law
- LLM Mental Health Law
- LLM Mental Health Law Policy and Practice
- LLM Planning and Environmental Law
- Postgraduate Certificate in Business Law

The LLM programmes have been credited for Continuing Professional Development purposes by a number of professional bodies including the Law Society and the Bar Standards Board. Study on the LLM Employment Law and Practice will also be recognised for the purpose of the CIPD's CPD programme.





## Why choose Northumbria School of Law?

- Our programmes are specifically designed to meet the needs of a range of professionals who wish to study law in support of their careers.
- We have over 90 academic staff with a wealth of experience and expertise.
- We have over two decades of experience in offering flexible distance learning programmes and we provide access to an extensive range of online legal databases.
- We are based in the heart of Newcastle upon Tyne – a first class student city – in a state-of-the-art law school which boasts outstanding teaching and learning facilities.
- The Linked Award structure of our Distance Learning programmes gives students flexibility in their studies. Students enrol on and complete each stage of the programme, before choosing to move onto the next stage or exiting with the relevant award. The stages are Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and LLM.

## About our programmes

Northumbria School of Law has been offering LLM programmes since 1991 when it started with the innovative LLM Advanced Legal Practice. Since that time our portfolio of programmes has expanded and we now offer a mix of full-time and distance learning programmes in subjects as varied as international trade law and information rights law. Each programme has been carefully designed to include a suitable mix of compulsory and optional taught modules which students must successfully complete before progressing on to the project stage of the LLM. The precise content and mix of modules for each programme is listed below. The project stage, which is common to all our LLM programmes, provides students with the opportunity to undertake research into their chosen area of study, supported by an academic supervisor within the School of Law. On successful completion of the taught modules and a project, students will qualify with their LLM.

We have over 1500 LLM graduates across the UK and worldwide, many of whom have gone on to use their LLM success to change or enhance their careers or to embark on further study.

## Full-time programmes

- **LLM Commercial Law**
- **LLM International Commercial Law**
- **LLM International Trade Law**

We offer three full-time commercially orientated LLM programmes. Each full-time programme commences in September and students are expected to complete their studies within 12 months. The programme begins with an induction period. The induction programme is essential as it is designed specifically to prepare students for the remainder of their studies. On completion of the induction programme students are expected to study their compulsory and optional subjects until May of the following year. Each programme comprises of six taught modules. All students are required to study the Legal Research and Study Skills module. This involves group work and peer review of formative written work. Students are required to participate in a series of tasks to be successful in this module.

The academic year is divided into blocks, of approximately nine weeks, during which students will study two modules. The benefit of this approach is that students can stagger their assessment throughout the academic year. The modules are taught by a mix of traditional lectures, workshops and seminars. The lecturers on the programme have a wealth of experience in their subject areas and are keen to encourage students in a range of extra-curricular activities.

Each module (other than Legal Research and Study Skills) is assessed by way of a written assignment which may take the form of a critical essay or problem-based exercise. Students will also have the opportunity to submit formative assessed work beforehand, in order to develop their legal writing skills.

During the final block students are invited to submit their project proposals after which they will be allocated a project supervisor. In addition all full-time students are allocated a guidance tutor who can help provide advice and support on an individual basis.

<b>Commercial</b>	<b>International Commercial</b>	<b>International Trade</b>
<b>Legal Research and Study Skills</b>	<b>Legal Research and Study Skills</b>	<b>Legal Research and Study Skills</b>
One from: World Trade Organisation or International Sale Contracts	<b>World Trade Organisation</b>	<b>International Sale Contracts</b>
<b>Company Law and Insolvency</b>	<b>Law of International Trade</b>	<b>Carriage of Goods</b>
One from: Intellectual Property or International Finance	One from: Intellectual Property, International Finance or Energy Law	One from: Intellectual Property, International Finance or Energy Law
<b>Commercial Contracts</b>	Two from: International Dispute Resolution, Transnational Competition Law, Commercial Contracts or E-Commerce	<b>International Dispute Resolution</b>
One from: E-Commerce, Transnational Competition Law or International Dispute Resolution		One from: Commercial Contracts, Transnational Competition Law or E-Commerce
<b>Project</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project</b>

**Note:** compulsory modules are shown in bold.

## LLM Bar Professional Training Course

This innovative two-year full-time Masters programme offers students the opportunity to work towards an LLM qualification and a Postgraduate Diploma in Bar Professional Training over two years. The programme offers a different pathway to students who would like to attain an award under the Bar Professional Training Course but would, at the same time, like to enhance their legal research skills through the completion of a project. Students who wish to qualify as barristers are required to complete the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), formerly known as the Bar Vocational Course (BVC). This LLM programme provides vocational training across a range of subjects and skills necessary to enter pupillage, whilst simultaneously developing a student's knowledge and understanding of a specific area of law through their study under an LLM programme.

The programme commences in September of each year with an induction period. The induction programme is essential as it is designed specifically to prepare students for the remainder of their studies. The induction period is followed by a compulsory Legal Research and Study Skills module. In addition, students are required to study the BPTC core subjects and skills which are divided over both Year 1 and Year 2 of the programme. The LLM 'component' of the programme requires students to undertake a project of 15,000–17,000 words on an area linked to an area of study under the BPTC. The project is submitted at the end of Year 2.

All BPTC core subjects and skills are taught by barristers, many of whom practice on the North Eastern circuit. During the programme students develop a range of essential skills, which include:

- Advocacy
- Drafting
- Opinion Writing
- Conference Skills
- Resolution of Disputes Out of Court
- Evidence, criminal litigation and civil litigation are also taught as discrete subjects, as well as being integrated with the main skill areas.

All advocacy tutors are accredited by the Advocacy Training Committee to train students. Many are also accredited to deliver advanced advocacy training to junior practitioners and to train others to teach advocacy.

All subjects and skills are developed through practical sessions, in which students work on case studies and carry out a range of tasks typical of work in pupillage. All students choose two specialist options. Current options include:

- Civil Practice
- Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury
- Chancery Practice
- Commercial Practice
- Criminal Practice
- Employment Practice
- Family Practice
- Student Law Office – students will work in Northumbria's Student Law Office, which is the largest student law clinic in the country, working on real legal problems for members of the public (subject to maximum numbers).

The BPTC is student-centred with skills taught in small groups. Students are provided with individual feedback on each skill from BPTC tutors and Northumbria promotes the use of critical self-reflection, which can dramatically improve student performance. This programme aims to enable students to enhance their Bar qualification, their knowledge, their research skills and their employability.

### Admissions criteria

Applicants must either have obtained a Qualifying Law Degree, passed the Graduate Diploma in Law or otherwise have satisfied the Bar Standards Board requirements to embark on the vocational stage of training. All students are required to join one of the four Inns of Court before they commence the BPTC.

## Distance learning programmes

Our distance learning LLM programmes are designed to provide professional people with the opportunity to further their academic career without having to make the commitment to full-time study. We have been offering distance learning law programmes since 1991 and we understand the needs of students who, because of professional and family commitments, need programmes that are accessible and flexible but provide rigour and quality.

All of our distance learning programmes are designed to be studied from home but we provide ample opportunities for students to maintain contact with the School, their tutors and other students via optional study days, email, telephone and the online learning environment. Our programmes are intended, as far as possible, to provide a flexible programme of study over 2.5–3 years.

All of our Distance Learning Masters programmes (with the exception of the LLM Advanced Legal Practice and Postgraduate Certificate in Business Law) are validated as Linked Awards. This makes them flexible in the sense that students complete each nine month stage before enrolling on the next, allowing the option to leave at the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma stage, or to continue on to the Masters stage of the programme. As these programmes are validated as linked awards, each part of the programme is treated as a separate and distinct award – successful completion of the 60 credit Postgraduate Certificate, comprising three modules, is therefore an entry requirement for the Postgraduate Diploma and successful completion of the 60 credit Postgraduate Diploma, comprising three modules, is an entry requirement for the LLM.

The distance learning model that we have developed is based on experience and feedback from our graduates. For each taught module students receive a detailed workbook, written by an academic member of staff or an experienced professional lawyer. The workbooks seek to guide students through the content of the module but students are also expected to undertake extensive further independent reading. In support of this our students have access to a wide range of legal databases including Westlaw and Lexis Nexis enabling students to access a wealth of legal information from anywhere in the world. In addition, the tutors make the workbook and any supplementary materials available electronically via the University's eLearning Portal (known as Blackboard). This portal provides an interface between students and their tutor and in some instances students are either required or may participate in online discussion boards.

Although our programmes are distance learning we do also offer the opportunity to attend an introductory study day and study days in most of the core and optional modules. We endeavour to offer study days in most modules but this is subject to staff availability and sufficient attendance from students.

All students are required to study the Legal Research and Study Skills module at the start of their programme. This involves online group work and peer review of formative written work. Students are required to participate in a series of tasks in order to be successful in this module. Thereafter each module is assessed by way of a written assignment which may take the form of a practical problem or critical discursive essay.

On successful completion of the Certificate and Diploma stages, students are invited to submit their project proposal and, once accepted, will be allocated a project supervisor.





## Advanced Legal Practice

This innovative masters programme is designed especially for those who are qualified lawyers (solicitors, barristers or other internationally recognised equivalent) or those who aspire to become a legal practitioner. Building either upon an existing postgraduate qualification, or current postgraduate study (see below) the programme provides the ideal opportunity for professional development in a specialist area of law. Candidates are expected to undertake in-depth study of an agreed legal topic under individual tutor supervision. The programme starts in October each year and is taught via distance learning. The programme is two years in duration but can be completed sooner.

The programme focuses on legal research and coherent presentation of legal research in a written form. Students complete a Legal Research and Study Skills unit for the first six months which is designed to update their writing and research skills. For the remainder of the programme, students complete a project of between 15,000–17,000 words. The topic is of the student's choosing, subject to there being a tutor available to supervise it. Since the project requires in-depth research it may be closely related to the student's area of practice.

## Study for an LLM Advanced Legal Practice while completing the LPC or BPTC at Northumbria University

This programme is available to students whilst studying their Legal Practice Course or Bar Professional Training Course at Northumbria University. This is a unique opportunity and the LLM is available at a discounted rate when studied alongside the LPC or BPTC. The programme begins at approximately the same time as the LPC and BPTC. The standard date for submission of the project is two years after commencement but students can always choose to submit it sooner.

The specialist expertise gained upon completing the LLM alongside the LPC or BPTC will undoubtedly benefit students when they begin their training contract or pupillage.

Completion of the LPC, BPTC, Law Society Finals or equivalent entitles students to advanced standing points. Any student who enrolls upon the LPC or BPTC at the same time as the LLM must satisfactorily complete their LPC or BPTC before they can be awarded the LLM. Apart from the personal satisfaction of gaining a Masters, the programme provides career benefits through focus on skills that are directly relevant to the needs of modern legal practice, including:

- The development of existing expertise and knowledge
- The opportunity to gain experience in a new area
- Enhancement of skills in research, analysis and practical application or problem solving
- Enhanced understanding of the wider context in which the law is developed and is implemented



**Victoria Smith,  
Advanced Legal Practice 2011  
Trainee Solicitor Dickinson Dees**

*"This is a brilliant opportunity to focus on a particular area of law in a great amount of detail. It has benefited me greatly and is a brilliant way of gaining an additional qualification."*

## Commercial Law International Commercial Law International Trade Law

The School of Law has developed three commercially orientated programmes which have been designed to meet the needs of professionals working in a commercial context.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Commercial Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Commercial Contracts
- Company Law and Insolvency

### Postgraduate Diploma in Commercial Law (60 credits)

Three optional modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Carriage of Goods
- Construction Law
- Employment Law
- E-Commerce Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Finance Law
- International Dispute Resolution
- Energy Law
- International Sale Contracts
- Law of International Trade
- Transnational Competition Law
- WTO

### Postgraduate Certificate in International Commercial Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- WTO
- Law of International Trade

### Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Law (60 credits)

Three optional modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Construction Law
- Employment Law
- E-Commerce Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Finance Law
- International Dispute Resolution
- Energy Law
- Transnational Competition Law

### Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- International Sale Contracts
- Carriage of Goods

### Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade Law (60 credits)

One compulsory and two optional modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- International Dispute Resolution (Compulsory)
- Company Law and Insolvency
- Commercial Contracts
- Construction Law
- Employment Law
- E-Commerce Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Finance Law
- Energy Law
- Transnational Competition Law
- WTO

Please note, optional module choices will be grouped, meaning some module combinations will not be possible.

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.







Environmental law is a recognised branch of public international law shaping a significant amount of domestic law and policy. The protection of the environment is of global concern and this programme is designed to cover key themes of interest to those who have responsibility for environmental issues, whether students, in the corporate sector or legal professionals. These postgraduate programmes provide students with an in-depth understanding of the legal issues involved with international environmental law and regulation and will provide students with a unique and reputable qualification in this emerging and exciting area of study.

## International Environmental Law

Students on the programme gain specialist legal knowledge within a practical context, whilst developing expertise in chosen areas and enhancing research skills. The programme is designed to meet the needs of a range of students interested in environmental law and specifically international environmental law, including students wishing to improve upon their undergraduate qualifications and also professionals working in the field of environmental regulation within the domestic, EU or international sphere.

The programme structure is set out to the right. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in International Environmental Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Principles of International Environmental Law
- Climate Change Law

### Postgraduate Diploma in International Environmental Law (60 credits)

One compulsory and two optional modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Environmental Regulation & Enforcement (Compulsory)
- Waste Management Law and Regulation (Option) or
- Environmental Justice (Option) or
- Water Law (Option)
- Access to Environmental Information (Option) or
- Contaminated Land (Option)

Please note, optional module choices will be grouped, meaning some module combinations will not be possible.

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.

## Planning and Environmental Law

Students on the programme gain specialist legal knowledge within a practical context, whilst developing expertise in chosen areas and enhancing research skills. The programme will be relevant for professionals working in the planning and environmental sectors, for example in local authority planning departments or environmental regulatory control bodies and lawyers in niche environmental law practice. It also has relevance to professionals working within the corporate sector who have responsibility for regulatory compliance.

The programme structure is set out to the right. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Planning Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Planning Law I: Development management
- Planning Law II: Special controls, designations and compulsory purchase

### Postgraduate Diploma in Planning and Environmental Law (60 credits)

One compulsory and two optional modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Environmental Regulation & Enforcement (Compulsory)
- Waste Management Law and Regulation (Option) or
- Environmental Justice (Option) or
- Water Law (Option)
- Access to Environmental Information (Option) or
- Contaminated Land (Option) or
- Climate Change Law (Option)

Please note, optional module choices will be grouped, meaning some module combinations will not be possible.

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.





## Employment Law in Practice (In conjunction with DWF Law Firm)

This innovative Masters programme, developed in close consultation with DWF Law Firm and human resources professionals, has been developed to meet the needs of those working in this highly complex yet fascinating area of law. This programme enables participants to explore and develop an in-depth critical understanding of the key areas of employment law in a practical context. The programme will be of relevance to lawyers, human resources professionals, staff development and training officers and those with a general interest in employment law. It provides a unique opportunity for a wide range of professionals to gain a postgraduate qualification in employment law, enabling them to respond to complex legal and ethical problems, whilst still pursuing their careers.

The programme structure is set out below. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Employment Law in Practice (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- The Employment Relationship
- Terminating the Employment Relationship

### Postgraduate Diploma in Employment Law in Practice (60 credits)

Two compulsory and one optional module make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Restructuring the Employment Relationship (Compulsory)
- Managing Equality and Diversity in an Employment Context (Compulsory)
- Employment Tribunals Practice and Procedure (Option) or
- Information Rights and Employment Law (Option)

Please note, optional module choices will be grouped, meaning some module combinations will not be possible.

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.

### DWF Law Firm

This programme is being offered by Northumbria School of Law in conjunction with the employment law department of DWF Law Firm. The benefits to students of enrolling upon a programme offered by an internationally recognised university in conjunction with a leading North East law firm is immeasurable. DWF solicitors, as advisors to a range of public and private sector organisations, are well aware of practical problems businesses face.

## Information Rights Law and Practice

The Information Rights programme was developed by Northumbria University in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice. It commences in September of each year and is the first postgraduate qualification designed to unravel the complexities of information rights. The programme recognises the increasing importance of effective records management and information handling. It aims to respond to the specific needs of information rights practitioners, providing a structured framework within which they can acquire and update knowledge whilst gaining a qualification that recognises their specialist expertise. This programme will therefore be attractive both to practitioners specifically charged with processing information and to other professionals working in environments where information is held, including central and local government, health, education and commerce.

Realistic practical scenarios will be used throughout the programme. As well as the core elements of the programme, a wide range of specialist options are available. All of the optional modules have been developed in consultation with professionals, including records management specialists from the School of Computing, Engineering and Information Sciences, to meet the specific needs of practitioners.

The programme structure is set out to the right. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Information Rights Law and Practice (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Foundations of Information Rights
- Data Protection

### Postgraduate Diploma in Information Rights Law and Practice (60 credits)

Two compulsory and one optional module make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Freedom of Information (Compulsory)
- Access to Environmental Information (Compulsory)
- Managing Records for Legal and Regulatory Compliance (Option) or
- Confidentiality and Medical Issues (Option) or
- Children and Young Persons – Sharing Information (Option) or
- Information as Intellectual Property (Option) or
- Information in Employment Law (Option) or
- Media Law and Privacy (Option)

Please note, optional module choices will be grouped, meaning some module combinations will not be possible.

### The project

Students wishing to gain the LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.







## Master of Laws

This Masters programme offers flexibility and choice to students and will appeal to a broad range of people whether employed in the legal sector or who have an interest in specific aspects of legal areas which are relevant to their employment or personal development. Students can tailor their Masters programme to meet their own interests and aspirations.

Students can choose to study subjects from a whole range of modules offered across the School's other LLM programmes. The choice of modules available to study can be obtained from [www.northumbria.ac.uk/law/llm](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/law/llm). The programme follows the Linked Award structure and begins with a module in Legal Research and Study Skills to allow students to develop the necessary skills to successfully complete the programme assessments.

Optional Saturday study days are available which allow participants to deepen their understanding of critical issues in each module and to meet tutors and other students to share experiences.

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.

## Medical Law

(In conjunction with Ward Hadaway Solicitors)

The LLM in Medical Law is a practice-based and innovative programme examining those issues of direct concern to both healthcare professionals and lawyers. The programme combines a practical approach with an in-depth study of Medical Law. Lawyers will be able to acquire detailed knowledge of topics central to healthcare claims. Doctors, nurses and healthcare managers will be able to develop their legal knowledge and skills in areas closely associated with their work and in relation to questions of liability. Whether lawyer, medic or manager, the options allow participants to pursue individual interests and professional needs. In addition, the Legal Research and Study Skills module acts as a transition for non-lawyers, providing essential legal expertise.

The programme structure is set out below. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Clinical Negligence
- Treatment: Consent and Patients' Rights

### Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law (60 credits)

One compulsory and two optional modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Medical Confidentiality (Compulsory)
- Employment Issues in Healthcare (Option) or
- Mental Health and Capacity (Option) or
- The Expert Witness (Option) or
- Advanced Clinical Negligence Litigation (Option) or
- Children: Medical and Mental Health Issues (Option) or
- Patients' Rights and Remedies (Option)

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.



## Mental Health Law

This popular Masters programme provides a unique opportunity for mental health practitioners to gain a postgraduate qualification in Mental Health Law whilst still pursuing their careers. The programme provides students with the opportunity to undertake in-depth study of Mental Health Law with the flexibility of distance learning study enabling participants to work independently whilst maintaining essential contact and support from their tutors. It will appeal to practising lawyers, psychiatrists, social workers, hospital managers and law graduates as well as those with a general interest in Mental Health Law.

The programme structure is set out below. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Compulsory Civil Admission to Hospital and Guardianship
- Hospitals and Consent to Treatment

### Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Law (60 credits)

Two compulsory and one optional module make up the Postgraduate Diploma.

- Mental Health Tribunals (Compulsory)
- Mentally Disordered Offenders (Compulsory)
- Mental Health Law - Children and Young Persons (Option) or
- Mental Health Law and the Elderly (Option)

Please note, optional module choices will be grouped, meaning some module combinations will not be possible.

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.

## Mental Health Law Policy and Practice

The LLM in Mental Health Law Policy and Practice has been written and developed in close consultation with the Institute of Mental Health Act Practitioners (IMHAP) with the aim of providing in-depth training to those who work specifically within the field of mental health. It combines an in-depth study of the law, policy and practice relevant to mental health with the flexibility of distance learning.

This innovative programme is open to a wide range of students. The programme will appeal to those students who have successfully completed the IMHAP certificate in Mental Health Law and who would like to progress their studies. It will also be of interest to administrators, social workers, hospital nursing staff and other healthcare personnel who are involved in the field of mental health allowing them to gain a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters whilst still pursuing their careers.

The programme structure is set out below. Modules run sequentially and are each studied over a three month period.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Mental Health Law (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Certificate.

- Legal Research & Study Skills
- Compulsory Civil Admission to Hospital and Guardianship
- Hospitals and Consent to Treatment

### Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Law Policy and Practice (60 credits)

Three compulsory modules make up the Postgraduate Diploma

- Mental Health Tribunals
- Mentally Disordered Offenders
- Practice, Procedure and the Future of Mental Health Services

### The project

Students wishing to gain an LLM must complete a research project of 15,000–17,000 words on a related area of law. Completion of the project enables students to explore a particular topic, of their own choosing, to a much greater degree.

## Nicola Philips, Mental Health Law 2011

*"The programme is very relevant for practising Psychiatrists who work in any of the subspecialties within Psychiatry. The workbooks are extremely useful as are the study days which are a very good way of meeting others on the course."*





## Postgraduate Certificate in Business Law

Understanding how the law operates within the commercial context is essential for any successful business whether it be a small enterprise providing local services or a multinational company trading throughout the world. The impact of increased legislation in the fields of employment law and environmental law, the complex rules governing intellectual property rights and the rules governing international trade finance law are just some of the challenges facing businesses today. In particular the increased use of the internet has changed the face of business and an understanding of E-Commerce Law is increasingly essential.

In recognition of these demands the School of Law has developed a Postgraduate Certificate in Business Law, designed specifically to meet the needs of members of the business community who are interested in developing their understanding of the law that affects their business activity.

In order to obtain a Postgraduate Certificate in Business Law students are required to satisfactorily complete three modules. Students can select the modules that meet their specific needs. All of the modules are taught from a practical point of view enabling students to understand the law in context and to apply it to real-life situations.

### Modules

Students are required to complete three modules from the following:

- Carriage of Goods
- Commercial Contracts
- Company Law and Insolvency
- Competition Law
- Construction Law
- E-Commerce Law
- Employment Law
- Energy Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Finance Law

- International Sale Contracts
- Law of International Trade
- Transnational Competition Law
- WTO Law

Students who have never studied law before will be required to successfully complete the Legal Research and Study Skills module.

### Opportunity for further study

Students who have satisfactorily completed the Postgraduate Certificate may wish to further their study by enrolling onto one of the three 'commercial' LLM programmes offered by the School of Law.



### Student support

Students frequently praise the friendly atmosphere, and the high level of guidance and support that they receive from academic and administrative staff. Students are encouraged to contact staff as and when the need arises. The programme leader is available throughout the programme to meet with students. Each module tutor will be able to provide answers to queries about the module they are teaching. All full-time students are allocated an individual guidance tutor who can be contacted by email, telephone, letter or in person to discuss the student's progress in general, or any difficulties.

### Information technology

Northumbria School of Law subscribes to a wide range of online legal databases. As soon as students enrol onto a course they will receive passwords to these databases. Students will be directed in their workbooks as to when they should access law reports, legislation and journal articles from these databases.

The programme leaders utilise the web-based eLearning Portal to provide course materials and information, provide legal updates, maintain regular contact with students and offer guidance, including assistance with legal research tasks. Students are actively encouraged to contact each other and staff by email. All students will receive a University email account, which University staff will use to contact students.

### Library services for distance learning students

Under the UK Libraries Plus scheme, distance learning students benefit from borrowing access at our own University Library as well as other participating libraries nationwide. The University has also set up a library and information website for part-time and distance learning students, which provides information on inter-library loans, photocopying services, locating and accessing articles and cases and gives guidance on many other library services which have been specifically designed to assist distance learning students with their studies.

### Entry requirements

All of our Masters programmes (with the exception of the LLM Advanced Legal Practice and LLM Bar Professional Training Course) are open to lawyers and non-lawyers.

The standard entry requirements for the programmes are either a degree in law or another discipline or other relevant professional qualifications. Students may also be considered for enrolment on certain programmes if they can demonstrate sufficient work-related experience.

The standard of English language competence required for entry to the programmes is: TOEFL paper test score of 600 or TOEFL computer test score of 250, or IELTS score of 6.5.

### Applications

Applications can be made on a standard University application form which is available by contacting Admissions at [et.admissions@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:et.admissions@northumbria.ac.uk) or **0191 227 4453**. Online applications can be made through the School's website:

[www.northumbrialawschool.co.uk](http://www.northumbrialawschool.co.uk)

### Law School visits

If you are unable to make one of our open days, come along to one of our law school visits on various Wednesday afternoons throughout the year. Please check our website for dates.

[www.northumbrialawschool.co.uk](http://www.northumbrialawschool.co.uk)



# A law school for the twenty-first century

Northumbria School of Law is located on a modern, state-of-the-art £70 million development in central Newcastle – City Campus East. The development was officially opened in 2008 in a ceremony which marked one of the most significant developments in the history of Northumbria University. The development has now massed 20 awards and continues to be enthusiastically received by both students and staff.

The School of Law, which shares its building with Newcastle Business School, incorporates 16,000 square metres of purpose-built accommodation including three large state-of-the-art lecture theatres and workshop rooms equipped with the latest technology, as well as student hub areas. There are courtrooms modelled on those that students will experience as qualified practitioners, with the ability to use technological developments to be found in a modern court. The School's original courtroom, installed courtesy of South East Northumberland Magistrates, has been reconstructed in the futuristic building.

A specialist Law Practice Library contains practitioner materials, journals and law reports and, in addition, students have access to IT and wireless facilities throughout the building and both study and social space, including a cafeteria.

The building also houses the School's internationally renowned Student Law Office, which provides students with the opportunity to provide legal advice and representation to members of the public and thus experience life as a professional lawyer.



## Sport Central

The University's overall £160 million campus redevelopment includes a £5 million update of the Students' Union, landscaped pedestrian walkways across City Campus West, and Sport Central.

Sport Central provides some of the most outstanding fitness and training facilities in the country. The centre offers a 25-metre pool with a variable depth floor, a sports hall provision equivalent to the size of four netball courts, a Health and Fitness suite with more than 150 pieces of the highest spec Technogym equipment, a climbing wall, glass-backed squash courts, a dedicated strength and conditioning suite, a 60-metre sprint track and specialised training environments for a number of different sports. At the heart of the facility is an indoor arena, fully media-enabled and with 3,000 seats.

# About Newcastle upon Tyne

Newcastle is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city – making it the perfect place to be a student. Newcastle has been voted one of the friendliest places in the UK and you will see why once you get in to the city and see how helpful and friendly the 'Geordies' really are.

Northumbria University is located in the heart of Newcastle. It's right on the doorstep of everything, including some of the best shops, bars, parks, galleries and museums. Once you arrive it's not hard to see why over 42,000 students choose to study in this passionate city.

If you are visiting Northumbria University for a study day then you may need to find accommodation. There are a variety of hotels in the city from budget hostels to five star hotels, most of which are close to the Northumbria University City Campus. You can visit the tourist information website [www.newcastlegetaways.com](http://www.newcastlegetaways.com) to find out more information about staying in Newcastle.

## Sports and events

In the city you can find a number of places to watch sporting and music events. We have Premier League football team Newcastle United, as well as Newcastle Eagles, Newcastle Vipers, and Newcastle Falcons representing the city at basketball, ice hockey and rugby respectively. The biggest sporting event in the North East is the Great North Run with over 50,000 taking part each year.

Music venues include the Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle City Hall and the O2 Academy, as well as The Sage Gateshead, situated just over the Tyne Bridge.

## Shop till you drop

If shopping is what you do best, Newcastle is the place for you. You can take a stroll up Northumberland Street, lined with high street stores, or browse Eldon Square, a huge shopping centre, until you find exactly what you're looking for.

## Getting around

Newcastle has excellent transport links and is very easy to get to. It's only three hours from London by train and an hour and a half from Edinburgh. Newcastle also has its own International Airport.

Newcastle has a modern Metro rail system and a reliable and regular bus service. Northumbria School of Law is located right next to Manors Metro station.

## Legal community

The North East legal community has a justified reputation for the breadth and depth of its work and provides a comprehensive range of legal services of the highest standard. The work of the firms and chambers in the region is viewed as both progressive and innovative. The North East provides the prospective trainee or qualified practitioner with a wide range of opportunities. There are firms with regional, national and international reputations. There are also smaller practices that have developed niche specialisms and expertise. For those with an eye on the Bar, the North East has a number of leading chambers and several smaller sets, covering all of the main areas of practice, in addition to a number of important specialist areas.





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