

# Kent Law School

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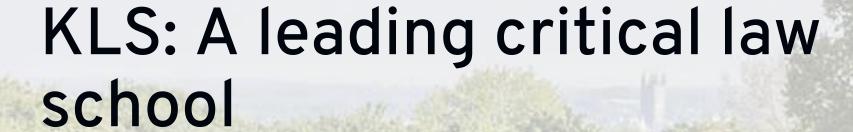
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"A critical approach to law means not taking the law for granted, but encouraging you to ask questions about it — Why is the law the way it is? What social, political and economic impacts does it have? Whose interests does it serve? How could it be fairer, more inclusive or more effective? What are the possibilities and limits of law in addressing issues ranging from everyday problems to global challenges?"

Professor Rosemary Hunter, Head of Kent Law School



# An international, expert academic community



Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 **2nd for Law** in Times Higher Education rankings

Leader in **critical** and **interdisciplinary** scholarship including **socio-legal studies**, law and **humanities**, **critical legal studies** and **feminist theory** 

**Top 20** Law School
The Times Good University Guide 2023

**Top 75** Law Schools in the World THE World University Rankings by Subject 2023, and **16th** amongst UK Law Schools in the World THE World University Rankings by Subject 2023



# A ground breaking university law clinic



Clinical Legal Education

Experiential Learning



## Kent Law Clinic



### Specialist areas:

- Housing
- Family
- Employment
- Welfare Benefits
- Immigration
- Civil Litigation
- Access to Land



# Benefits for students getting involved:

- Understanding responsibility towards clients
- Influencing outcomes making a difference
- Analytic and technical aspects of law and lawyering
- Reflection
- Deep understanding of how the law works in its social context
- Connecting learning the law and the role of a lawyer

## A wide range of co-curricular opportunities



#### What we offer

### **Lawyering skills:**

Client Interviewing

Mediation

**Mock Trial Advocacy** 

Mooting

Negotiation

### Plus additional innovative opportunities:

Kent Law Review

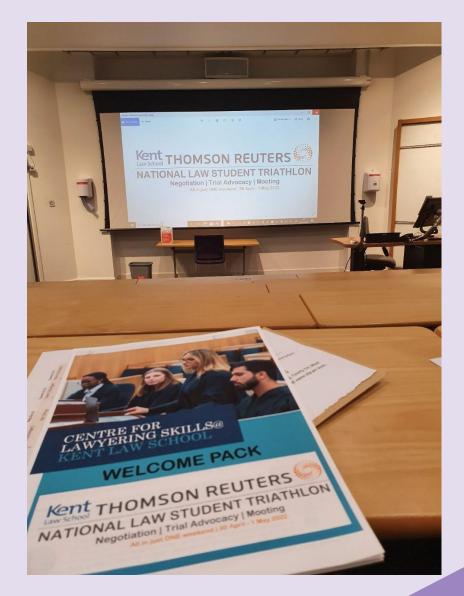
**Student Conference** 

Student Outdoor Clerk Scheme

Sponsored internal advocacy competitions (civil,

family, criminal)

Global online learning opportunities



# An active student community





Kent Critical Law Society



Kent International Law Society



European Law Students' Association



Kent Student Law Society



Canadian Law Society



Human Rights Law Society



Kent Law Temple Society



Kent Art Law Society



Empowering Womxn In Law



BAME Law Society



**Kent Sports Law Society** 

# Effective support mechanisms



- Academic advisors
- One to one access to teachers and advisors
- Skills hub, revision support for exam periods
- ACE coaching
- StudentSupport -

- pastoral care and student wellbeing
- Employability
   within and
   beyond the
   curriculum events,
   opportunities,
   placements





## A comprehensive range of courses

Law with a Foundation Year LLB Single honours LLBs

Law

Law with a language

Law with Quantitative Research Joint honours LLBs

Examples:

Law and

Criminology
Management
Politics
Sociology
Social
Anthropology

Study abroad LLBs

English and French Law

European Legal Studies

International Legal Studies Master 1 Droit international et européen and LLB in Law Linked Award

Law (Senior Status) LLB

MLaw
Advanced
Legal
Practice



Prepare for a career in legal practice with this four year degree, which combines the content of the LLB in Law with a specialist final year that will prepare you for part one of the Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE1).

## A wide choice of modules



## The Foundations of Legal

### **Knowledge:**

**Criminal Law** 

**Equity and Trusts** 

Law of the European Union

**Contract Law** 

**Tort Law** 

Property/Land Law

**Public Law** 

## **Examples of elective modules:**

International Law

Commercial and Business Law

Privacy, Data Protection, Cyber

Security, Technology

**Legal Theories** 

**Evidence** 

**Environmental Law** 

Immigration and Refugee Law

Laws of everyday life (family, work,

housing, health)

**Clinical Option** 

## Conversion activities



# Prepare for Law

Get the confidence to succeed

www.kent.ac.uk/law



- Available to all undergraduate applicants who are made an offer (with the exception of Law with a Foundation Year)
- Our 'Prepare for Law' commitment to you

Law's Memories

## Conversion activities

LANDMARK CASES IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



University of Kent

Law's

Memories

- A free programme of Zoom webinars
- offers a taste of the legal topics you can study as part of a law degree at university



# Generous PGT scholarship provision



- Kent Law School LLM Global Welcome Scholarship
  - Tuition fee discount £2,500
  - Open to applicants from countries that receive ODA funding from the OECD
  - https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FN37GLOWEL01
- Thailand Second LLM Scholarship Law (Canterbury)
  - Tuition fee discount £3,000
  - Thai nationality and completed first LLM at KLS
  - https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FN37THALLM01
- Kent Law School Alumni Excellence LLM Scholarship for Home and International (including EU) students (First and Upper Second Class)
  - https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FN37ALEXCA01
- Scholarships for current Kent UG (Home or International) students who progress to an II M
- https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FNADLOYDIS04
- https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FNADLOYDIS03

## The LLM at Kent Law School



- Flexible specialisation choice
  - you determine your LLM award by the modules you choose
- Active student community
  - LLM Conference
  - Mastering Law blog
  - Kent Law Clinic
  - Active student representatives
  - Many active societies at UG and PG level
- Student support
  - Dedicated office
  - Academic support by academic members of staff
  - Pastoral support by a dedicated team
  - University wide language support
  - Dedicated research and writing skill modules

# Programmes offered



### **Programme**

- Masters (LLM)
  - 6 taught modules
  - 1 dissertation
- Postgraduate **Diploma** 
  - 6 taught modules
- Postgraduate Certificate in Law
  - 3 taught modules

#### Mode of delivery

- Full time OR
- Part time

### Programme start

- September OR
- January

PLEASE NOTE: the final registration date for the LLM is **Monday 9**<sup>th</sup> **October 2023** (one week earlier than the University's standard deadline

## LLM in (specialisation/pathways)



- Choice of 10 pathways
  - Choice made after registration and arrival at Kent
- OR
- LLM in Law

Criminal Justice
International Criminal Justice
International Commercial Law
Intellectual Property Law
Public International Law
Public International Law with International Relations
International Environmental Law
Human Rights Law
Law and Health
Law and Society

## LLM in (specialisation/pathways)



- Flexibility of specialisation
  - Single subject pathway (3 modules + dissertation from one specialisation + 3 modules from any specialisation)
    - LLM in Human Rights
  - Major/Minor pathway (3 modules + dissertation fall within the scope of major/main specialisation and 3 modules from minor/second specialisation)
    - LLM in Human Rights with Criminal Justice
    - LLM in International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property
  - Possibility to study 1 or 2 non law modules (depending on pathway)
- General law
  - Choose any 6 law module
  - Possibility to study 1 non-law module



# Post-Graduate Research at Kent Kent



- Kent Law School (KLS) is widely recognised as a world leader in critical and interdisciplinary scholarship (with its research ranked 2nd in the UK in the 2021 round of the Research Excellence Framework -REF - exercise).
- Our research students benefit immensely from a vibrant research community, a supportive environment, cutting-edge legal training and many opportunities to engage critically with academic research and contemporary issues.
- They are immersed in a research culture which situates legal studies in its historical, political, social and economic context.

# Research degrees at KLS





We offer two research degrees:



the **PhD** (or doctorate), is awarded for a substantial piece of supervised research that makes an original contribution to knowledge in a particular field. It is expected to take 3-4 years full-time, 5-6 years part-time, to write a PhD thesis of **70-100,000 words**.



the **LLM by Research**: this is a one-year programme (full-time), during which students write a shorter but still substantial thesis, of up to **40,000 words**. LLM by research students similarly undertake independent research, under the guidance of a supervisory team.

# Modes of study



- Full-time (3-4 years) and Part-Time (6-7 years)
- In addition to the standard on-campus research degree, we have also developed an external research degree programme designed for those who are in the process of establishing their careers or who need to study alongside other commitments. They are ideal for individuals in the UK and abroad who are looking for an opportunity to undertake a PhD but may not be in a position to relocate to the UK or take time out from work (fees are 75% of the overseas fee for F/T study or 50% for P/T study).

# What is a research degree in law? Kent



#### The PhD in law is

- individually researched
- sustained / unified
- piece of original writing
- equivalent to a sole-authored monograph





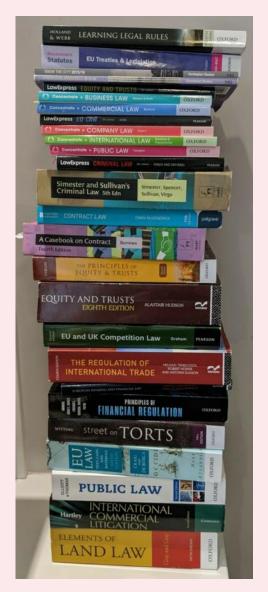
## What a PhD in law is *not*



#### A doctoral dissertation in law differs from:

- a 'text book' where it might be appropriate for an author principally to a provide a description of existing law
- a policy report e.g. of the sort which a non-governmental organisation (NGO) might publish to advocate reform of law in a particular area.





# What are the admissions criteria? Kent



Past academic attainment is important

- We expect applicants to have a good undergraduate degree in law or a relevant subject
- For the PhD, a Master's degree which incorporates a separate dissertation component is also strongly recommended.

But what is more important is evidence that applicants have the aptitude to undertake independent research (they will benefit from KLS cutting-edge socio-legal and critical-legal training) and to become an enquiring legal scholar. And this is where the research proposal is relevant

# What is a research proposal?



A concise and coherent summary of the intended research. It can be between 5-10 pages

The draft research proposal should contain the following:

- an outline of the intended research
- a summary of likely questions to be addressed in the thesis or an outline of anticipated lines of argument to be investigated or developed
- some indication of the proposed method of research
- a reference to reading which you have found influential in choosing your topic and what your project will add to this literature.
- an indication of the viability of the proposal and why it is suitable to be undertaken at Kent Law School.



# Scholarships for research degrees



Kent Law School Next Generation Law Scholarship

for PhD study



- Limited scholarships are available each year within KLS, the next round of scholarships will be for PhDs in September 2024 entry
- Scholarships are open to Home, EU and International students
- Scholarships include a waiver of tuition fees for three years, and a maintenance grant for 3 years

# Scholarships for research degrees



It is also possible to apply to an external body for funding to undertake a PhD in KLS.

#### For example:

- University of Kent is part of the South-East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS) which funds scholarships for PhD studies. Law students are eligible if their proposed research is on a socio-legal topic, in particular, legal research projects which have an empirical component
- the University of Kent is also part of the Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE).
- the next round of scholarships will be for PhDs in September 2024 entry
- More information: https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships







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