

# Kent Law School

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# Meet some of the team at KLS



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# Meet our international students



Q&A with LLB student Pavitra Gadekar

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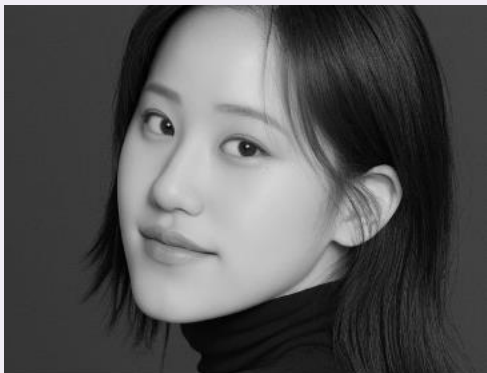
Reasons I chose to study at Kent - 1, 2, 3

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Q&A with Law student, Moksh Gadia

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Q&A with international LLB student Melissa Chan

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Q&A with 2nd year LLB international student Niharika Akaloo

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My Kent LLM story: The story of a girl from a land far away!

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/news/7478/my-kent-llm-story-the-story-of-a-girl-from-a-land-far-away>

# From Year Abroad in France to training with Linklaters

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# KLS: A leading critical law school

“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, leading academic community

- **Top 25** Law School (The Times Good University Guide 2024)
- **2nd for Law** in Times Higher Education rankings - Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021
- Leader in **critical and interdisciplinary** scholarship including **socio-legal studies**, law and **humanities**, **critical legal studies** and **feminist theory**



# A ground breaking university law clinic

*"I've liked being involved in real life cases and get an experience of what working as a solicitor would be"*

*"I joined a case that received an award at the Law Society Awards in London!"*

*"I have really enjoyed both the family and housing action groups. I have learned a lot about subjects I don't study."*

## What the Law Clinic Students have enjoyed from volunteering at the Clinic

*"Realizing how impactful even the smallest contributions can be for someone. the law clinic does an amazing and truly wonderful job!"*

*"I enjoyed meeting new people and talking about cases."*

*"I've enjoyed participating in the disability action group. I'm learning a lot about this area of law and I am looking forward to continue working on our cases."*





# 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





# 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 to help navigate studies and career options
- One to one access to teachers and advisors
- Skills hub, revision support for exam periods
- ACE coaching
- Student Engage Support – pastoral care and student wellbeing
- Employability within and beyond the curriculum – events, opportunities, placements



# Undergraduate Law degrees at Kent

# A comprehensive range of courses

Law with a  
Foundation  
Year LLB

Single  
honours  
LLBs

Currently:

Law

Law with  
Quantitative  
Research

Joint  
honours  
LLBs

Currently:

Law and  
Criminology

Law and  
Politics

Law and  
Management

International  
Legal  
Studies LLB

Current  
partners in  
Canada  
Japan  
Hong Kong  
Austria  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Finland  
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Law  
(Graduate  
Entry) LLB

MLaw  
Advanced  
Legal  
Practice

Undergraduate MLaw

## Advanced Legal Practice

Soon to be renamed Law (Solicitors' Practice) MLaw

→ Apply now

→ Book Open Day

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).

### Local law student gets feet under the desk with new paralegal scheme

WORK experience is the foot in the door for many aspiring solicitors, but a local law firm has joined forces with the University of Kent to help a local student get his feet under the desk as a paralegal as part of a new degree.

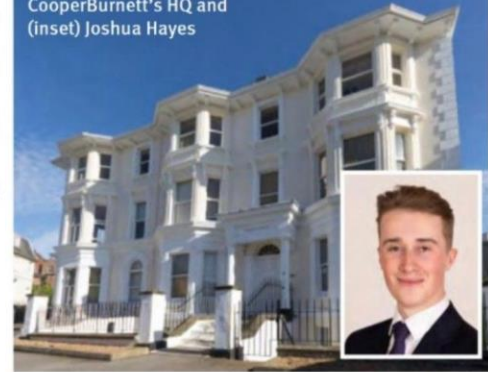
CooperBurnett has supported the University of Kent's new Masters of Law (M-Law) paralegal scheme since its inception, and welcomed its first student this summer.

Joshua Hayes, from Crowborough, praised the new 'hybrid approach' to becoming a solicitor, saying: "The opportunity to sit closely and work alongside other experienced fee earners is invaluable as I start my training."

He explained: "My week currently involves three days of study at the University of Kent, whilst working two days at CooperBurnett.

"Being a wholly new route to qualification, it was at first quite daunting. However, I would definitely advocate for the M-Law, as it provides an opportunity to blend the traditional vocational training

LAWYERED UP:  
CooperBurnett's HQ and  
(inset) Joshua Hayes



Ephraim Road offices, but will have the opportunity to work in a variety of different departments.

Victoria Sampson, Partner and Head of the Corporate and Commercial, said the firm was 'proud to foster a culture of supporting and training the next generation'.

Joshua added: "It is so lovely to see an established firm embracing the new route to qualification, whilst not only supporting me in equipping myself with the necessary

# 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



# Examples of recent career successes



**From Year Abroad in France to training with Linklaters**



**KLS alumnus joins UN House team in Bahrain**



**First class honours student to join Irwin Mitchell on training contract**



**Securing a scholarship with Middle Temple**



**The journey to pupillage**



**Beginning life as a trainee at Slaughter & May**



**Top 150 Future Leader secures training contract with Osborne Clarke**



**First Canadian to graduate from the Inns of Court**

# Prepare for Law

Get the confidence to succeed

[www.kent.ac.uk/law](http://www.kent.ac.uk/law)

**Kent**  
Law School

For 2024 entry:

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

# Summer of law

**Kent**  
Law School

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



**Postgraduate Law at Kent**

# Generous PGT scholarships

- **Kent Law School – LLM Global Welcome Scholarship**
  - Tuition fee discount £2,500
  - [Open to applicants from countries that receive ODA funding from the OECD](#)
- **Thailand Second LLM Scholarship – Law (Canterbury)**
  - Tuition fee discount £3,000
  - [Thai nationality and completed first LLM at KLS](#)
- **General scholarships**
  - [British Council GREAT Scholarship China, Ghana, Greece, India, Kenya, Thailand, Turkey](#)
  - [International Scholarships for Taught Masters Students](#)
  - [India Women in Leadership Scholarship](#)
- **Ambition scholarships for 2024 Kent graduates**
  - [The “Ambition” Scholarship for 2024 University of Kent graduates](#)
  - [The Widening Participation Ambition Scholarship for 2024 University of Kent graduates](#)
- **Loyalty discounts**
  - [Loyalty Discount for EU/Overseas Students - exclusively for Kent graduates - January Starter](#)
  - [Loyalty Discount for UK or Home Fee paying students - exclusively for Kent graduates - January Starter](#)

# 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

## Campus

Canterbury

## Programme start

- September OR
- January

## Mode of delivery

- Full time OR
- Part time

# LLM in (specialisation/pathways)

- Choice of 10 pathways
  - **Choice made after registration and arrival at Kent**

OR

- LLM in Law

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Criminal Justice

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International Criminal Justice

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International Commercial Law

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Intellectual Property Law

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Public International Law

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Public International Law with International Relations

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International Environmental Law

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Human Rights Law

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Law and Health

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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**

# Research at Kent

# Post-Graduate Research at 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?

The PhD in law is

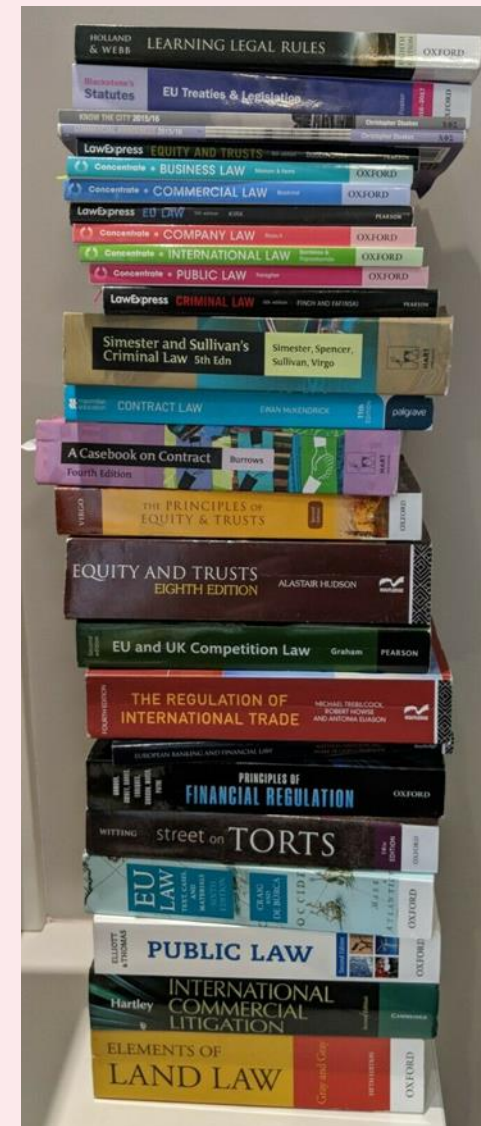
- individually researched
- sustained / unified
- piece of original writing
- equivalent to a sole-authored monograph



# 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 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?

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 2025 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**).
- **China Scholarship Council (CSC)-Kent PhD Scholarships**
- the next round of scholarships will be for PhDs in September 2025 entry
- More information: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships>

# Thank You.

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STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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