

AN INTRODUCTION TO POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT KENT LAW SCHOOL

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An international academic community of experts with real impact



LEADER IN INNOVATION

Birthplace and centre for **critical** and **interdisciplinary** scholarship including **socio-legal studies**, law and **humanities**, **critical legal studies** and **feminist theory**

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

IMPACT IN THE WIDER WORLD

(REF) 2021, 100% of our law research was classified as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' in terms of **impact and culture/environment**









101-125, **Top 125**



251-300

- (UK) The Times Good University Guide 2026 32
- (UK) Complete University Guide 2026 32

Meet the Directors at KLS





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Programmes offered



Programmes

- Masters (LLM by research)
 - 1 research method module
 - 1 dissertation
- Masters (Solicitors' practice LLM)
- Masters (LLM in Law or major/minor)
 - 6 taught law modules
 - 1 taught module on legal skills
 - 1 dissertation
- Postgraduate Diploma
 - 6 taught law modules
 - 1 taught module on legal skills
- Postgraduate Certificate in Law
 - 3 taught modules

Programme start

September

OR

- January (15 months from January to April following year)
 - for the LLM in law only
 - not the LLM by research nor the LLM Solicitors' practice

Mode of delivery

Full time (one year)

OR

Part time (two years for home students only)

LLM in (single subject specialisation/ pathway)



- Choice of 9 pathways
 - Choice made after registration and arrival at Kent

OR

LLM in Law

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



LLM in (major pathway WITH minor pathway)

- FLEXIBILITY OF SPECIALISATION
 - Single subject pathway (3 modules + dissertation from one specialisation + 3 modules from any specialisation)
 - E.g. 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)
 - E.g. LLM in Human Rights with Criminal Justice
 - E.g. LLM in International Commercial Law with Intellectual Property
 - Possibility to study 1 or 2 non law modules (depending on pathway)
 - LLM in law
 - Choose any 6 law modules
 - Possibility to study 1 non-law module

Term structure



- Term structure: 4 terms of 10 weeks
 - For September start:
 - 3 teaching terms (2 modules per term = 6 modules)
 - Autumn term: end of September December
 - Spring term: January March
 - Summer term: mid-April June
 - 1 term for writing the dissertation
 - Summer + term: July beginning of September
 - For January start, 15 months
 - 3 teaching terms: Spring, Summer and Autumn (2 modules per term = 6 modules)
 - 1 term for writing the dissertation: Spring of following year

Term structure for September 2025 entrants



| Autumn term | Spring term | Summer term | Summer + term |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6 October – 12 December 2025 | 12 January – 20 March 2026 | 13 April – 19 June 2026 | 6 July – 11 September 2026 |
| 2 x 20 credit modules | 2 x 20 credit modules | 2 x 20 credit modules | 1 x 40 credit module = dissertation |
| 1 x 20 credit module: LAV | | | |

Term structure for January 2026 entrants



| Spring term 2026 | Summer term | Summer + term | Autumn term | Spring term 2027 |
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| 12 January – 20 March 2026 | 13 April – 19 June 2026 | 6 July – 11 September 2026 | 6 October – 12 December 2025 | January – March 2027 |
| 2 x 20 credit modules | 2 x 20 credit modules | Vacation | 2 x 20 credit modules | 1 x 40 credit module = dissertation |
| 1 x 20 credit module: Research Skills | Legal Writing and | | Term 3 of LWRS | |

Why study at KLS



- Critical Law School
 - Leader in critical and interdisciplinary scholarship including socio-legal studies, law and humanities, critical legal studies and feminist theory
 - Research led teaching
 - Taught by experts
- 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



Thipvibha Janruang (Graduated 2024)



"Kent's inspiring teaching style encouraged me to think independently and with confidence. Studying in the beautiful city of Canterbury, with excellent resources and guidance, made my journey truly unforgettable."







Partner, Wipapohn Law Office Legal Specialist of Senate, Thai Parliament

"Pursuing LL.M. in Criminal Justice at Kent Law School was not just learned but lived, where my wisdom was challenged and well-being was cared for."



Banchop Chanklin (Graduated 2024)



Inquiry Officer, Crime Suppression Division, Royal Thai Police

"Studying at Kent broadened my legal thinking and strengthened my analytical skills; qualities that help me handle complex investigations with fairness and precision."



Generous scholarship provision



Kent Law School – LLM Global Welcome Scholarship

Kent Law School – Thailand second LLM <u>Scholarship</u>

Questions?





Thank You.