

UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

**POSTGRADUATE LAW
AT SOUTHAMPTON**

LAW AT SOUTHAMPTON

From enhancing your career opportunities to adding value and depth to your CV or simply developing your passion and knowledge within a specific area of Law – every student has a different reason for wanting to further their study in Law.

A postgraduate degree from Southampton Law School opens up a world of opportunities, not just within the legal profession, but in many industries across the world, from business and technology to government.

Our range of rigorous and exciting, research-led LLM programmes draw on the strengths of the Law School's academic staff who are active at the cutting-edge of international and national legal reform and development, in areas such as maritime and commercial law, intellectual property and information technology law and insurance regulation.

- LLM
- LLM Corporate and Commercial Law
- LLM Insurance Law
- LLM International Law
- LLM International Business Law
- LLM Maritime Law
- LLM Information Technology and Commerce

View our programmes

www.southampton.ac.uk/lawpg

Southampton Law School's vibrant postgraduate community welcomes students from all corners of the globe onto our LLM programmes, developing the skills and experience to set you on the road to a successful career.

As well as developing intellectual and professional expertise, you will also acquire a wide range of key transferable skills, essential in any professional career. These include:

- research and writing
- analysis and critical evaluation
- building coherent, evidence-based arguments
- written and verbal communication
- teamwork and leadership



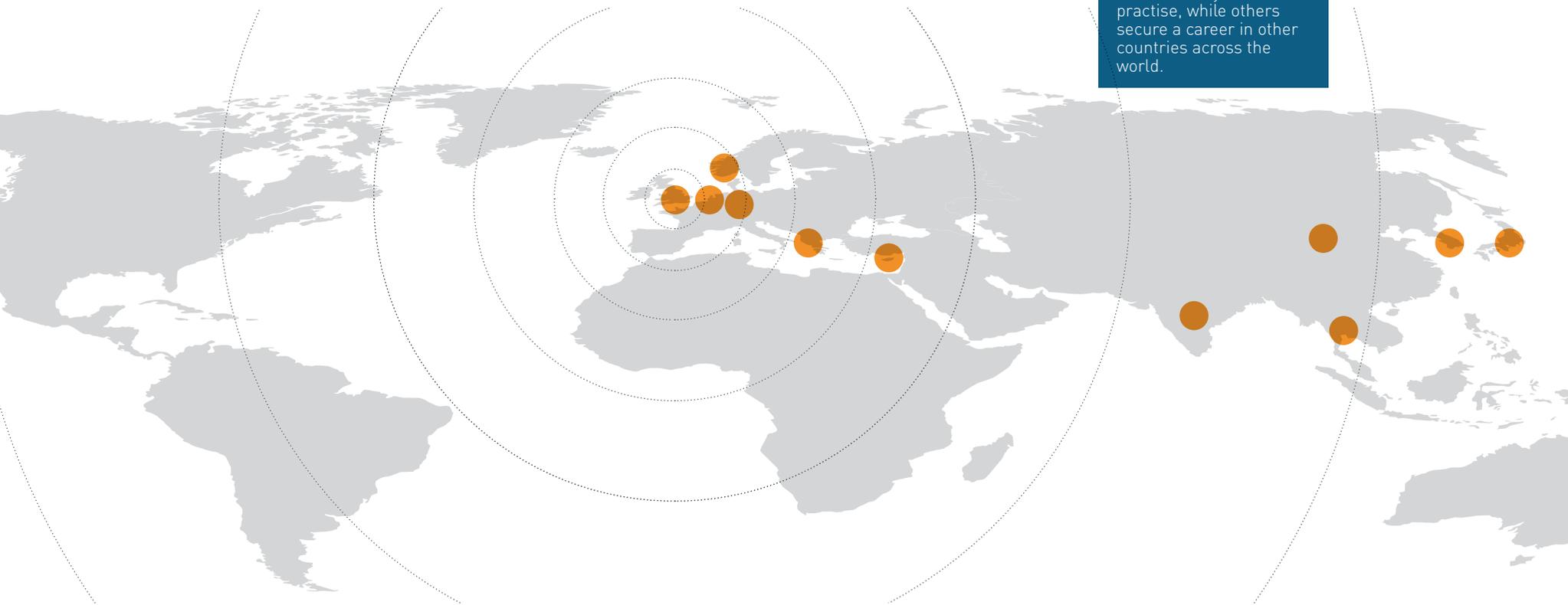
For those who want to further investigate some of the key legal issues of the day, we offer our alumni and other students the opportunity to continue their academic law research by studying a PhD, alongside one of our leading research groups, which include

- Private and Commercial Law
- Institute of Maritime Law
- Institute for Law and the Web
- Insurance Law Research Group
- Centre for Law Policy and Society
- Health Ethics and Law
- Stefan Cross Centre for Women Equality and Law

SOUTHAMPTON LAW SCHOOL - A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

At Southampton Law School we are proud of our truly diverse community encompassing undergraduate students, postgraduate students, alumni, academics and industry partners from around the globe.

Our alumni are highly sought after by employers and many hold prestigious international positions. Some return to their home country to practise, while others secure a career in other countries across the world.



Our Southampton alumni are working as Lawyers, Lawyer Advocates, Legal Counsels, Associates, Professional Support Lawyers, Trainee Lawyers, Legal Executives and Paralegals at law firms including:

- **South Korea:** Yoon & Co, Choi & Kim, Lee & Ko
- **China:** Sloma, Hengfu
- **Greece:** Amoiridis Law Services, Polina Rakka & Kontantinos, Varnavas & Co, Scorinis Law Offices
- **The Netherlands:** Smallegange, van Dam & van der Stelt Attorneys at Law AKD Prinsen van Wijmen
- **Norway:** Statoil ASA, Kvale & Co Law Firm, Wiersholm, Mellbye & Bech, Vogt & Wiig Advokatfirma, Gram Hambro & Garman
- **UK:** Freshfield Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Hill Dickinson, Holman Fenwick Willan, Hogan Lovells, Ince & Co, Reed Smith, Rustem Guardian LLP, Waltons & Morse LL
- **Others:** Sanno (Japan), Brewen (Germany), PTT Group (Thailand), Ellias & Co (Cyprus), Niteen Pradham & Co (India)

And as Claims Executives, Assistant Claims Managers, Junior Claims Handlers, and Property Managers at the following companies:

- **China:** Far Eastern International Leasing Co. Ltd.
- **Norway:** Kuehne & Nagel, Westfal-Larsen
- **India:** ABS Marine Services Pvt Ltd
- **UK:** American Steamship Owners Mutual P&I Association, ACM Shipping, Tindall Riley



Alumni co-ordinator and Associate Professor, Informa Research Fellow in Maritime and Commercial Law, Dr Johanna Hjalmarsson said:

“Many of our activities involve alumni – as judges in moots, supervisors in law clinics, through internships or prizes, at careers events and as guest speakers. We really value their contributions – they are passing down their wisdom to help students get their first step onto the sometimes challenging law career ladder.”

Southampton Law School holds a range of alumni events to enable former students to forge closer networks and discuss ways they can continue their association with the Law School. There is also an annual Alumni Reception, which most recently was held at the Supreme Court in London.



YOUR NEXT STEP

Having completed your studies, you may decide to go straight into practice. There are various routes to enable you to qualify and work in the UK legal professions, including as a solicitor or barrister.

SOLICITOR

Qualifying as a solicitor currently requires completing a Legal Practice Course (LPC) followed by a two-year Training Contract. Depending on your previous experience and qualifications, you may have to complete a conversion course known as a Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) before undertaking the LPC.

The GDL and LPC are due to be replaced by the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) that will introduce a more flexible approach to work-based experience. The earliest date the SQE will be introduced is 2020.

www.prospects.ac.uk/solicitor_training.htm

If you are a qualified lawyer in your home jurisdiction you may be eligible for the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme (QLTS). www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/qlts.page

Occasionally, overseas qualified lawyers practice in the UK without requalifying. You should contact the person responsible for the 'experienced hire/lateral recruitment' in the Human Resources department in the firms in which you are interested.

BARRISTER

The steps typically taken to become a barrister involve three main stages of training:

Academic Stage - an undergraduate degree in law (LLB), or in any other subject followed by the Graduate Diploma in Law. International students can obtain information on the transferability of foreign academic qualifications can email the Bar Standards Board at contactus@barstandardsboard.org.uk

Vocational Stage - the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), which involves one year of full-time study or two years' part-time study.

Pupillage: one year spent as a pupil in barristers' chambers or in another organisation approved by the Bar Standards Board as a Pupillage Training Organisation.

www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/barrister

If you are a qualified lawyer regulated in a jurisdiction outside England and Wales and have practised for a minimum of three years, you may be able to transfer to the Bar in England and Wales (further information available online).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

You can also consider other career opportunities in the specialist field of law relevant to your LLM programme. Protection and Indemnity clubs also recruit for claims handlers and claims executives.

“We have a number of Southampton alumni who are building successful careers at Linklaters. From these experiences we’ve come to expect Southampton graduates to be both academically and commercially prepared for a career in law. We also expect them to have a real enthusiasm for continuous learning and development.”

Linklaters

“At Allen & Overy we actively seek to recruit students with exceptional academics, a commitment to law, strong communication skills and an international perspective – which is why we welcome applications from LLM students. Our preference is for LLM students to join an Allen & Overy office in the jurisdiction where they are qualified or qualifying into.”

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ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY

At Southampton Law School, we are committed to helping you maximise your chances of pursuing a successful career.

Our own Law School Careers and Employability Team offer you support to improve your academic, personal, legal and career skills. This service, combined with our strong links with the legal profession, will give you invaluable insights into the profession and how to build a career.

www.southampton.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/careers.page

OTHER SUPPORT INCLUDES:

Wednesday Seminar Series – running for more than 20 years, the weekly seminars are delivered by expert law practitioners who share their experiences and general knowledge, to provide law students with an insight into the maritime, commercial and insurance sectors. The speakers also include brokers, claims handlers and other professionals from outside of the legal sector.

Law Fair – this prestigious annual event attracts more than 50 organisations and provides opportunities for networking with potential employers.
www.southampton.ac.uk/lawcareersfair

The Law School online jobs portal – all Law students are automatically enrolled on the portal that contains details of job vacancies, vacation schemes and training contracts and students are invited to make applications under their own initiative or with support.

University Careers and Employability Service – this service helps you to explore, develop and shape your future. It offers a drop-in service, workshops, careers events and a wealth of online resources.
www.southampton.ac.uk/careers

Southampton Law Societies – our Law Societies hold a range of events including open days at city and regional firms, networking, presentations, mooted competitions, workshops, and trips to The Inns of Court, the Royal Courts of Justice, the Supreme Court and more.
www.southampton.ac.uk/law/societies

Prizes and awards – students can compete for a range of awards, many of which are offered by leading law firms, barristers' chambers, legal publishers, organisations and individuals. Prizes include generous monetary awards or placements with the sponsors.
www.southampton.ac.uk/law/prizes

“As an award for my performance on the taught aspects of the LLM, I had the chance to spend some time in Quadrant Chambers. There I met with leading practitioners, gained an insight of the commercial shipping practice and attended a trial. It was an amazing experience, since it was an opportunity to see for myself the application of the subjects I had studied. In Chambers, I undertook legal research in relation to open cases and addressed legal arguments in support of these cases. In a nutshell, I familiarized myself with the approach that barristers follow regarding a case.”

Antonis Vakondias
Quadrant Prizewinner

Southampton LLM Challenge

The LLM challenge is designed to enhance teamwork and presentation skills. Our LLM students are tasked with debating topical legal issues such as the legal regulation of cryptocurrencies or the issue of using mediation for the resolution of legal disputes. Each team uses their research skills to develop a briefing document and then to present their argument persuasively and coherently. The winning team receives a £1,000 prize.





AN OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCE

“Despite my interest in the subject, I did not know much about the shipping industry, so I attended as many ‘Wednesday seminars’ as I could. Following my attendance at one of these seminars I was offered the chance to spend one week at the Lloyd’s Register office in London. I enjoyed the amount of resources available to develop topics I was interested in, and the professors made every module an intellectual challenge.”

Pierre-Louis Merer
LLM Maritime Law, 2017, Winner of the Gard Prize



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