

A law degree doesn't  
just qualify you to  
work as solicitor.

It's a springboard to a  
wide range of careers.

*get involved*



### Studying at the University of Stirling

Stirling is a place where everyone is treated with respect and where ability, not background, is valued. You typically need four good Highers or an HNC to go into Year 1. The grades required can change, so you should check our website before applying.

Our BA Law can be studied with a range of other subjects including Criminology, Languages and Politics. Find out more about our Law degrees:

- BA Law [stir.ac.uk/4i](http://stir.ac.uk/4i)
- LLB Law [stir.ac.uk/4j](http://stir.ac.uk/4j)

Students with an HND in Legal Services might be able to go directly into Year 2 of the BA Law, depending upon the grades they get in their HND. It is not possible to go into Year 2 of the LLB.

Students study a range of different areas within their degree, and can go on to research these further after they graduate. Our research also contributes to government policy development and the law-making process. Areas include Environmental Law, Entertainment and Sports Law, Prejudice, Discrimination and the Law (including 'Hate' offences) and Family and Child Law.

# Realise your Potential

with a career in

# Law



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## Careers in Law

Law graduates leave university with a respected degree and a wide range of transferable skills that employers in the public, private and voluntary sectors value are keen to recruit. These skills include the ability to:

- Research, analyse and evaluate complex information
- Reason and critically evaluate
- Form and challenge arguments
- Think laterally and problem-solve
- Write concisely
- Speak persuasively and with confidence
- Have a keen eye for detail

In addition to following a career in Law, graduates work in both the public and private sectors in areas such as: public relations, human rights, criminal justice, business and finance, and sport management. Roles include Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Public Affairs Consultant and International Aid Workers.

## Graduate Training

Many students don't know what they want from a career when they start their degree, but use their time at university to explore their options.

Some graduates with either a BA in Law or a degree in another subject decide they want to become a lawyer after graduation or late-on in their studies. Rather than studying another four-year degree, they opt for a shorter graduate conversion course.

The Accelerated Graduate LLB is a two-year degree accredited by both the Law Society of Scotland and Faculty of Advocates. Combined with further training, the Accelerated Graduate LLB provides an entry route into the legal profession in Scotland. Once completed, you can apply for entry to the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice course, which is the next stage in the process of qualifying as a solicitor in Scotland.

## What to Study

Did you know there are two types of Law degree? The one you choose depends on what you want to do when you graduate.

### 1. LLB Law

If you are interested in becoming a solicitor, you'll need to study the LLB Law degree. This is a specialist degree that covers all aspects of law and enables you to represent someone in court. Most courses in Scotland are tailored to the Law Society of Scotland's requirements to qualify as a solicitor and represent someone in court.

Taking this course is your first step to becoming a solicitor. Once you graduate with a LLB Law degree, you'll need to further your studies with a Diploma in Professional Legal Practice. This is the next step towards qualification as a solicitor in Scotland.

### 2. Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Law

This degree gives you the chance to study a range of subjects that highlight the importance of law in all areas of society. For example, our BA in Business Law enables you to develop a thorough understanding of the

way law and regulation shape and influence the business world. Similarly, the BA in Law helps you to understand how law interacts with society.

You can take a law degree with a whole range of different subjects that can help if you are interested in more than one area or want to work a particular branch of law. For example:

- Business – A BA in Business Law enables you to develop a thorough understanding of the way law and regulation shape and influence the business world
- European or international work – Combine your degree with a language, International Relations or Politics
- Human rights law or the police – Combine your degree with Criminology or Sociology to gain an understanding of the reasons why people become criminals and/or victims of crime
- Media law – Combine your degree with Film and Media or Journalism Studies

## How do you get a place at university?

There are many different ways to get into university. No matter who you are or what you are studying, there will always be a route available.

**School qualifications:** Usually you need four or more good Highers. The grades required differ depending on the course and university you choose. To be sure, always check the entry requirements at each university you want to apply to.

**College qualifications:** The most common qualifications are Higher National Certificates (HNC) or Higher National Diplomas (HND).

Often an HNC/HND is enough to develop a career in law without the need for a degree. Students who complete an HNC or HND in Legal Services often go on to work in the legal profession in roles like legal secretaries or paralegals, or into other sectors such as business, finance and the police.

HNC/HNDs can also be used to get into a degree course at university, usually to start a degree in Year 1, but some universities will offer HN students the opportunity to advance directly into Year 2 or sometimes even Year 3 of a degree course. Direct entry into a BA in Law is usually possible, and sometimes an LLB. Not all universities offer this, so you should check with each university you would like to apply to.

