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Information Booklet for Applicants for commencement in September 2026 of:

The Bar Course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies

The Solicitor Course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies

It is your responsibility to read this booklet carefully before completing your application form. After completing and submitting the form, keep this booklet for reference. This booklet is available on the following website –

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Booklet, which is available online at the [website](#) of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS) explains the application and admissions process for the Bar and Solicitor course at IPLS.

If you have any problems, or there is anything you do not understand, please contact IPLS.

IPLS offers two courses, with 150 places for those wishing to qualify as solicitors in Northern Ireland and 20 places for those wishing to qualify as barristers in Northern Ireland.

Before deciding which branch of the profession you wish to join you should do as much as you can to find out about the work of solicitors and barristers. Speak to as many members of the profession as you can about the nature of their work and your choice of career. Only a small proportion of a lawyer's time is spent in court. Behind the scenes there are long hours of research in the library, reading and re-reading decisions and papers, and drafting documents. A summer job in a solicitor's office is a good way of gaining a feel for the work. Visit the courts. Most are open to the public. Try to understand the distinctions between the two branches of the profession for although they work closely with each other they fulfil different functions. Put briefly, solicitors work from their offices meeting clients directly and advising them. They have rights of appearance in court but generally the work is more office based. Some solicitors are not involved in any court work. Most barristers work from the Bar library located beside the Royal Courts of Justice in Belfast which they share with all the other barristers. Cases are referred to barristers by solicitors, not usually directly by the public. Barristers are generally more closely associated with court work and with researching opinions on legal problems.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The Lord Kerr Bar Scholarship

This Scholarship is given in memory of Baron Kerr of Tonaghmore (1948-2020), Law alumnus of Queen's University Belfast (1969), former Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

As a lasting legacy to Lord Kerr's commitment to both, and to his vision of a more diverse Bar, this Scholarship will be awarded annually to a Bar Trainee, to fund their fees for the Bar Trainee programme at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS).

The Bar Scholarship

This Scholarship is given by the Bar of Northern Ireland as part of the Engagement Programme to widen access to the Bar. This Scholarship will be awarded annually to a Bar Trainee, to fund their fees for the Bar Trainee programme at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS).

Further details about these Scholarships can be obtained from the IPLS website.

The Law Society of Northern Ireland Centenary Bursary Scheme

The Scheme has been developed to mark the Centenary of the Law Society of Northern Ireland. This Centenary Bursary Scheme will provide financial assistance to an aspiring entrant to the solicitors' profession in Northern Ireland. The objective is to address one of the key barriers to the solicitors' profession faced by those from less advantaged backgrounds.

This award will cover payment of fees at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies for the one-year Diploma in Professional Legal Studies course for **one** trainee.

No additional funding is available to assist with any living expenses such as accommodation, childcare, transport; nor for any other costs which may be incurred in undertaking the two year trainee programme.

For more information please contact traineeinfo@lawsoc-ni.org

2. QUALIFYING AS A BARRISTER

The Training Programme – Outline

Currently, Bar trainees attend the course at IPLS full-time for one year from the beginning of September to the end of June (including judge-shadowing periods).

The Bar course commences on Tuesday, 1st September 2026.

Bar trainees may be offered the possibility of taking the course over a two-year period. More information about this is available from IPLS.

Admission as a Student of the Inn of Court

Bar trainees must be admitted as students of the Inn of Court before commencing their course of study. The last date for application to be admitted to the Inn is **24th August 2026**. You cannot be admitted until you have been offered a place at the Institute and IPLS will advise the Inn of Court following First and Second Round letters. You will not be allowed to start the course until the Institute has received proof of your admission. The registration fee for the Inn of Court was **£250** in 24/25.

Paid Employment of Bar trainees

Students of the Inn of Court of N Ireland are not permitted to undertake paid employment without the prior permission of the Education Committee of the Inn of Court. Requests for such permission should be addressed to the Under-Treasurer (see p24).

The Bar of Northern Ireland

The Bar of Northern Ireland is a strong, thriving profession of over 600 self-employed barristers in independent practice, operating from the Bar Library in Belfast. The Bar's value and strength lies in a firm commitment to justice, constant pursuit of excellence and unashamed dedication to independence.

The Barrister Skill Set

A career at the Bar demands a comprehensive skill set encompassing academic excellence, legal acumen, and effective communication abilities. Aspiring barristers need to showcase a range of skills to navigate the challenges of the legal profession successfully.

Responsibility and integrity are non-negotiable, ensuring that barristers uphold the rule of law and maintain the trust of their clients and the legal community.

The core of a barrister's role is advocacy – the ability to represent clients persuasively in court. Effective oral communication, quick thinking, and the capacity to respond adeptly to the dynamics of a courtroom are essential skills.

Drive and stamina to navigate long hours, tight deadlines, and a resilient and determined mindset are all key to thriving in the challenging field.

Legal issues are often multifaceted and dynamic. Barristers need strong problem-solving skills, coupled with a flexible approach to adapt strategies as cases evolve. Mastery of legal principles, case law, and the ability to conduct thorough research are paramount for building compelling legal arguments.

Barristers must possess a keen understanding of not only legal principles but also the commercial context in which their clients operate. This awareness ensures that legal advice aligns with broader business objectives, making barristers invaluable strategic partners.

Clear and articulate written communication is a cornerstone of legal practice. Barristers excel in drafting legal documents, opinions, and submissions, conveying complex legal concepts in a concise and comprehensible manner. The ability to express ideas and arguments persuasively is a hallmark of effective advocacy. Barristers adapt their communication style to suit diverse audiences, from clients to judges.

In an increasingly digital age, barristers must be proficient in utilising technology for legal research, document preparation, and case management. Competence in legal tech enhances efficiency and productivity making managing multiple cases, deadlines and interactions straightforward.

Managing multiple cases, deadlines, and interactions necessitates excellent organisational skills. Precision is paramount in the legal profession. Effective communication extends beyond the courtroom. Barristers need strong interpersonal skills to communicate with clients, colleagues, judges, and a diverse array of individuals. Building rapport and navigating different personalities are crucial for success.

Life at the Bar demands self-motivation and self-discipline. Barristers often work independently, requiring a proactive approach to casework and continuous professional development.

Barristers are expected to conform to high standards of ethics and professional conduct. Access to training, experience, continual professional development, research technology and modern facilities within the Bar Library enhances the expertise of individual barristers and ensures the highest quality of service to clients and the court.

The pathway to practice at the Bar

Becoming a barrister is a competitive process and the number of aspiring barristers exceeds the number of training places. The career can be varied and rewarding, as well as demanding and intellectually challenging.

To qualify as a barrister in Northern Ireland you must undertake three components of training: academic, vocational and work based learning known as Pupillage.

Academic Requirements

To meet the academic requirements an applicant for the Bar must hold a recognised law degree (minimum 2:1). Entry to the profession is merit based. Applicants must secure a place on the Bar course at IPLS based on their performance in the annual Admissions Test and enrol as a Student of the Inn of Court.

Vocational Training

The IPLS course provides the vocational training for Students of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland. The IPLS programme teaches the specialist skills, knowledge, attitudes and competence required to become a barrister.

The Bar is committed to attracting talented individuals irrespective of their background. Through outreach events, scholarships and professional support including mentoring the Bar works closely with IPLS to support Students of the Inn of Court to fulfil their potential.

An extensive range of prizes and scholarships is available to Students of the Inn. Based on academic performance at IPLS these awards are designed to support newly called barristers as they undertake their Pupillage.

Pupillage

Students of the Inn are called to the Bar each September. Call is followed by the mandatory work-based learning component, known as Pupillage. Pupillage is a learning opportunity not a job and is divided into two parts.

Unlike other jurisdictions Pupil barristers in Northern Ireland are not paid. The Bar of Northern Ireland provides a subsidy scheme to all eligible new practitioners to defray costs in the early years of practice. Entitlement to subsidised access to membership of the Bar Library is determined by your level of earnings before becoming a barrister.

The first part of Pupillage is the non-practising six, during which pupils shadow their Pupil Master who is an experienced barrister. Pupils accompany their Master to court, consultations and negotiations as well as reading their papers. Pupils are expected to research legal issues and practice drafting. Mandatory training in advocacy, ethics and practice management must also be completed. The training is designed to hone knowledge and skills for the second six when pupils are issued a practising certificate and can supply legal services and exercise rights of audience.

The nature of your work during your second six and beyond is impossible to predict. All new practitioners will undertake a variety of cases. Criminal work may involve a lot of advocacy work in court whereas a commercial case may require less time in court and more time providing advice. Do not assume that you will get the same type of work as your Pupil Master who, as an experienced practitioner, will have developed an area of expertise.

Income for self-employed barristers in the early stages of their career is sometimes extremely low and there may be a considerable delay between doing the work and receiving payment. Deductions for costs such as Bar Library fees, tax, insurance and travel must also be taken into account. You must also cover your own tax and pension arrangements. Permission can be sought to keep a part time job while starting to

establish your practice at the Bar. The typical fixed costs you will encounter during your first year of practice are set out below:

Pupillage Fixed Costs 2024/25

Call Fee	£250.00
Professional Attire	£750.00
Year 1 Subscription	£412.00 +VAT
Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII)	£84.00
Data Controller Registration with ICO	£52.00

From your first day at IPLS you will start to build your professional and personal support networks as a barrister. Your Bar class, Bar Tutors, Pupil Master, KC Mentor, and the specialist associations that you join will all contribute to your experience of the collegiality of the Bar.

Collegiality is one of the great features of life at the Bar. The collegiate nature of the Bar offers the ideal environment in which to hone the knowledge and skills required to establish your practice as a barrister. Membership of the Bar Library gives access to a host of resources, practice supports, guidance and opportunities for personal and professional development at every stage of your career.

Further information about the Bar can be obtained from the Education & Training Officer Gillian McGaughey (Gillian.mcgaughey@barofni.org)

3. QUALIFYING AS A SOLICITOR

The Training Programme – Outline

Solicitor trainees complete a two-year traineeship made up as follows:

1. **First Monday in September to end of December** - pre-course period of in-office training;
2. **January to December**- attending the Solicitor course full-time at IPLS (although returning to Master's office during vacation periods).
3. **January to August** - post-course in-office training

The Law Society of Northern Ireland ("the Society") is the professional body for the solicitors' profession in Northern Ireland. Under the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Society acts as the regulatory authority governing the education, accounts, discipline and professional conduct of solicitors in order to maintain the independence, ethical standards, professional competence and quality of services offered to the public.

On completion of the two-year traineeship each trainee solicitor will be invited to apply for admission to the Roll of Solicitors by the Society. Upon admission a trainee solicitor is now a newly qualified solicitor and should they wish to practice reserved work as a solicitor in this jurisdiction, a Practising Certificate (PC) is required. Each newly qualified solicitor is restricted for three full PCs. This means that although they are fully qualified they are not permitted to engage in practice on their own account, whether in partnership or otherwise, and shall act as a solicitor only under the supervision of another solicitor who has held a PC for the previous three years.

Finding a Master and Registration with the Society

Solicitor applicants **must** be registered with the Society by **24th August 2026**.

To register with the Society each prospective trainee solicitor must have a training contract (Indentures of Apprenticeship) in place with a Master. Finding a Master is often difficult and in recent years has become the critical factor for those wishing to obtain a place on the Solicitor's course. Although the closing date for registration is not until 24th August 2026 you should not wait until the summer before beginning to look for a Master. Neither should you wait until you have been offered a place on the Solicitors course.

The Society encourages all prospective trainee solicitors to apply for registration with them as soon as a training contract has been secured and the necessary paperwork completed. This is referred to as conditional registration. It costs nothing, so you should register immediately once you have a Master. If you are not offered a place on

the Solicitors course, your conditional registration will lapse automatically. The Society promotes training opportunities via their website, email updater and social channels. However, the onus is clearly on you to find a Master and to convince that solicitor (or firm) that you will be an asset to their practice.

There is a fee to register with the Society. You do not need to pay this fee at this time. The Society will write to all registered trainee solicitors after the deadline inviting them to pay the fee online.

Obtaining a Master is generally organised by direct contact with a prospective Master. You should supply them with a detailed curriculum vitae. Traineeship positions may be advertised on a firm or organisation's website, undergraduate notice boards or by the Society. You should regularly check the Society website and their social channels, such as X and LinkedIn, for any new opportunities.

Your traineeship will begin on the first Monday in September.

If you are on a waitlist you may be offered a place on a Solicitors course after 24th August 2026. **You will only be able to take this place up if you registered with the Society by 24th August 2026.**

Where an applicant who has been offered a place on the Solicitors course has failed to register with the Society on time, the applicant's offer of a place lapses and the place is offered on to an applicant from the waitlist. **Please beware, this deadline is absolute!!! Miss it and you cannot take up your place.**

The registration fee with the Society for 2025/6 is £187.50. This is a one-time fee. Instructions on how to make this payment will be supplied by the Society after the deadline.

Application for registration with the Society is conducted entirely online. Please do NOT deliver hard-copy papers to the Society's offices as they will be returned to you and may delay your application being registered.

When the Society's online application process opens, they will email you directly with a link. You should include their email address registration@lawsoc-ni.org to your safe senders list to avoid missing any communications.

4. SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Closing Date for Submission of Application Forms

Applications will be submitted on-line via the IPLS website. The deadline for submission is **midday on Monday, 17th November 2025**.

Applications will open at midday on Monday, 1st September 2025.

For applications and payment submitted by midday on Wednesday, 1st October 2025 – the fee is **£250**.

For applications and payment submitted after midday on 1st October 2025 to midday on 17th November 2025 – the fee is **£350**.

Please note in order for an application to be submitted, the payment must also be received. If you submit your application before midday on 1st October 2025 but do not make payment until a later date, you will consequently be charged the full fee of £350.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Refunds

In the event that, having applied for the test, you do not sit it, you may apply for a refund of the test fee. **Please note however that any application for a refund must be made by 16th December 2025 and will be subject to a non-refundable deposit of £50.** However, applicants who sit the Admissions Test and then withdraw will not receive a refund.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Queen's University Belfast ("we", "us" and "our") is committed to protecting your personal data. Details of the ways in which Queen's University processes personal data can be obtained directly from the University web pages (see <http://www.qub.ac.uk/dataprot/>).

Entry Conditions and Requirements for Admission

All applicants must:

1. Hold a recognised degree in law. A list of recognised law degrees is set out in Appendix 4.

Please note the section at the beginning of that document, showing the requirements for a recognised law degree. It is important that you read this section carefully.

In particular candidates should note the requirements relating to part time degrees, core subjects and the compensation (or condonation) of core subjects.

Any applicant who is studying for (or has obtained) a degree not included in Appendix 4, or who has not met all the requirements for a recognised law degree, should contact the Institute immediately and **at the latest by 17th November for advice**. Not all law degrees which are recognised in England and Wales are recognised in Northern Ireland.

INTENDING BAR STUDENTS: please note that you must hold a degree of NOT LESS THAN SECOND-CLASS HONOURS STANDARD, UPPER DIVISION (2.1).

All applicants will be required to supply evidence that they have fulfilled all the requirements for a recognised law degree. If you have already graduated you should submit a full transcript when you submit your application form, or as soon as possible thereafter. If you expect to graduate in the summer you should submit a full transcript as soon as possible and no later than **24th August 2026**.

2. Sit and pass a competitive admissions test.

This is held once each year, just before Christmas. The Admissions Test will be held on **Wednesday, 17th December 2025**. Applicants who have been unsuccessful and who are re-applying for admission must re-sit the Admissions Test. For information about the Admissions Test (see p.13).

Applicants with a Disability or Medical Condition

The Institute is committed to developing an inclusive environment for all students and welcome applications from persons with a disability. We encourage you to disclose any disability or medical condition to ensure that appropriate support is arranged for you at the Admissions Test. The support could include altering examination arrangements (scribe/separate room/additional time), accommodation adaptations or improving physical access (this is not an exclusive list).

You will be asked about this issue in the application form **and it is important that you provide medical or other supporting evidence to IPLS as soon as possible after you have submitted your application form and NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2025**. This supporting evidence will be shared confidentially with Accessibility Learning Support of Queen's University for advice and in order to identify the appropriate support which can be offered at the Admissions Test. You will then be informed of the arrangements that we intend to make. Candidates will not be permitted to appeal the recommendation of Accessibility Learning Support.

If you do not provide the necessary evidence by Friday, 21st November 2025, it may not be possible for us to make appropriate arrangements for you. Students of Queen's University are reminded that any existing arrangements for university examinations **do not necessarily** cover the Admissions Test.

Applicants unable to sit the Admissions Test

If you are unable to sit the Test on Wednesday 17th December 2025 you must contact the Admissions Officer at IPLS before 17th November 2025 so that the Admissions Test Committee can consider your case. Alternative arrangements may be made in a very limited number of circumstances, e.g. applicants attending courses abroad which are still ongoing on the date of the examination.

Sudden Illness or Accident Occurring after 17th November 2025 but prior to the Admissions Test

If you suffer from an illness or an accident which might require you to have special facilities at the Admissions Test you should contact the IPLS Admissions Officer as soon as possible. However if you fail to sit the test due to illness or any other reason your application will be rejected.

Selection Timetable

1 September 2025	Online applications open via the IPLS website.
1 October 2025	Deadline for early application fee.
17 November 2025	Deadline for submission of applications.
21 November 2025	Deadline for submission of medical evidence.
Late November 2025	Details of Admissions Test venue will be sent to you at the term-time address given on your application form. If you have not received this by early December you should contact the Admissions Officer immediately.
17 December 2025	Admissions Test.
16 February 2026	Changes of options received after this date will not be considered until July (see p.19).
March 2026	A first-round results letter (see p.20) will be emailed to you.
29 May 2026	Date for return of all outstanding documentation listed in first-round results letters.
Early July 2026 – 24 August 2026 for applicants on waitlists	If you are in a position to be offered a place or waitlisted, after the majority of degree results are available a second-round letter (see p.19) will be emailed to you.
4 August 2026	Special core subject examination in Evidence for those who have not taken it during their law degree (see p.23).
24 August 2026	Closing date for applications to be admitted as a student of the Inn of Court (see p.7).
24 August 2026	Closing date for submission of applications to register with the Society (see p.9-10).
	Please beware – this deadline is absolute. Miss this and you WILL lose your place!
	If you have not registered on time you will lose a place on a Solicitors course.

5. SITTING THE ADMISSIONS TEST

Date of Test:	Wednesday, 17th December 2025
Full details will be notified to applicants at the end of November	
Venue	Queen's University Belfast

Description of Admissions Test

The Test in December 2025 will take the following format:

<u>THE FIRST PAPER</u> <u>will take place in the morning</u>	<u>THE SECOND PAPER</u> <u>will take place in the afternoon</u>
You will be provided with a hard copy text of the long scenario. You will also be provided with a series of statements. Candidates will be asked to indicate in the answer booklets which of the statements is correct. Where an incorrect answer is given marks will be deducted.	It will contain a numeracy and grammar element. The grammar element will be in the form of a piece of prose. It will contain a number of grammatical mistakes and candidates will be asked to identify those mistakes. The numeracy element will consist of a number of scenario based questions. Candidates will be asked to select the correct answer in the answer booklet.

Candidates are warned that it is possible to receive a mark of zero for a paper.

Full timings will be given to you at the end of November.

1. The basis of the Admissions Test as set out in the Bromley Report on Legal Education in Northern Ireland is as follows:

“We recommend that the questions set should be such as to test a student’s ability to apply their knowledge of law in a practical way. This should reveal: -

- (a) capacity to elicit relevant facts from a mass of information;
- (b) ability to handle available material;
- (c) ability to express himself clearly;
- (d) common sense;
- (e) numeracy.”

2. **Expansion of skills tested**

The skills to be sought in the Admissions Test since 1998 have been redefined:

- (a) **Problem resolution** - which includes:

- (i) attention to detail
- (ii) the capacity to analyse and elicit facts
- (iii) the capacity to identify problems
- (iv) the ability to identify goals
- (v) the ability to apply the law in the context of the problem
- (vi) research ability
- (vii) the ability to follow accurately clear instructions
- (viii) the ability to make sound deductions
- (ix) numeracy

This skill base is essential as it forms the foundations for the work of a lawyer.

- (b) **Communication skills** - which includes

- (i) written communication
- (ii) ability to be clear and concise and logical

- (c) **Organisation skills** - to be able to organise own time effectively and prioritise tasks.

3. Simple calculators may be brought into the examination room. You are strongly advised to bring one with you.
4. **The Admissions Test has a pass mark of 40%. This will mean that those applicants who fail to attain this mark will not be admitted to IPLS regardless of their degree classification and, in the case of solicitor applicants, whether they have obtained apprenticeships.** Those who pass the Test will be ranked in order of merit based on Test mark and degree weighting.

Three years previous papers are available on the IPLS website: -

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofProfessionalLegalStudies/Admissions/>

6. SELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Numbers

The Institute of Professional Legal Studies currently admits one hundred and fifty solicitor trainees and twenty Bar trainees each year.

Criteria

Pressure for the places is intense and entry is therefore highly competitive. The academic calibre of applicants is generally extremely high, making the task of selection very onerous. The criteria employed are rigorous, objective, and apply to all applicants.

Repeat Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply for admission in any subsequent year.

Deferrals

The offer of a place is valid for the year for which it is made. Successful applicants cannot normally opt to take up a place the following year. The Council of Legal Education will only allow deferral in the most exceptional cases. Applicants offered a place for 2026 who do not wish to take it up until 2027 must generally withdraw and re-apply next year, sitting the Admissions Test again and competing on the same basis as other applicants for that year. Success in one year will not guarantee success in another year.

Weighting of Marks between Admissions Test and Law Degree

In the case of those who have passed the Admissions Test, their test mark in the Admissions Test is added to a second mark, representing a weighting for the applicant's law degree - the better the class of degree the higher the weighting. An order of merit is then drawn up based on the aggregated marks. Places are awarded in order of merit. The committee which oversees and checks the drawing up of the order of merit does so in total ignorance of the names of applicants. Applicants are referred to by examination number only.

Admissions Test Weighting

The Test is marked out of 1000 (TM). The final mark (FM) for each applicant is calculated according to the following formula—

TM + Weighting

Class of degree	TM Weighting
First class honours	TM + 300 = FM
Upper second class honours	TM + 225 = FM
Lower second class honours	TM + 150 = FM
Third class honours	TM + 75 = FM
Pass or general degree	TM + 0 = FM

Drawing up of Orders of Merit

Applicants whose degree results are not available will be given an FM based upon their Test Mark and a weighting based on a “target” degree classification. This “target” degree classification will be based upon their academic forecast.

The FMs are placed in descending order and two orders of merit are established:

- one for the Bar course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies
- one for the Solicitors course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies

Selection Committees

The Selection Committees of the Council of Legal Education, on which are representatives of both branches of the profession, have discretion to call any candidate for interview before making a final decision on their application.

Bar Course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies

1. Places are offered to the top 15 applicants in the Bar order of merit.
2. Generally, five places are reserved until all the degree results are known. This is because first-round offers of places are based on degree forecasts given by academic referees. Some applicants may achieve higher degrees than forecast.
3. Applicants in the next positions (to a figure deemed reasonable by the Selection Committee) are waitlisted.
4. The remaining applicants are not waitlisted and are notified that their application has not been placed on the active waitlist.
5. In the event of the waitlist being exhausted, some of these inactive applications may be reactivated. If so, the waitlist will be extended in strict line with the order of merit and the applicants concerned notified.

Solicitors Course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies

1. Places are offered to the top 145 applicants in the Institute Solicitors order of merit.
2. Generally, five places are reserved until all the degree results are known. This is because first-round offers of places are based on degree forecasts given by academic referees. Some applicants may achieve higher degrees than forecast.
3. Applicants in the next positions (to a figure deemed reasonable by the Selection Committee) are waitlisted.

Options and Change of Options

You may apply for two options or for one option. If applying for more than one option you must indicate your order of preference on your application form. You may alter your application, (a) by changing the order of your options, or (b) by changing the number of options applied for. **Any change must be notified to the Institute admissions team in writing or by email.** Every attempt will be made to facilitate such changes but **there is no guarantee that applicants will be able to change after the offers of places have been made.** Any change of options received by the Institute after the orders of merit have been established (**16th February 2026**) will not be taken into consideration until the beginning of July when degree results start to be published.

Putting a course as your second option will not prejudice your chance of entry to that course or institution if there is no place available for you on your first option course.

There is no provision for transfer between Bar and solicitors courses after commencement of a course or during the apprenticeship/pupillage. Transfer between the two branches of the profession is not possible until after qualification.

References

You will be asked to provide the names, postal and email addresses for two referees, one of whom must be an academic referee. The academic referee must be able to comment on your undergraduate studies. The non-academic referee should have known you for over a year and cannot be a relative.

If you expect to graduate in the summer of 2026, the Institute will write to your academic referee in January asking them to give a forecast of your likely degree classification.

If you are offered a place it will be conditional on receipt of two satisfactory references (one academic and one non-academic).

Referees' Addresses

As the Institute will be writing to your referees it is **VITAL** that you provide the full postal and email addresses for each referee.

7. RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS – FIRST ROUND

Method of Notification

All applicants will be notified by email of the marks you were awarded in the Admissions Test. Please note that as marks are deducted for incorrect answers you may receive a mark of “0”. This email will be sent to you in March 2026.

Applicants who have Already Graduated

Applicants who have already graduated will be told one of the following:

- (a) You are being offered a place on the Bar/Solicitors course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies;
- (b) You are being waitlisted for a place on the Bar/Solicitors course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies/; or
- (c) You are below the current level of the active waitlist for the Bar course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies.

Applicants who Expect to Graduate in Summer 2026

Applicants who expect to graduate in summer 2026 will be given a “target” degree based upon their academic forecast and told what their position is with regards to their course options based upon that forecast.

8. RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS – SECOND ROUND

Second Round Letters

Second round letters will be emailed in early July 2026 and throughout the summer.

These will be similar to the first-round letters sent to applicants who have already graduated.

Failure to Complete Degree by 24th August 2026

If you fail part of your final degree examinations in 2025/26, are subject to re-sit examinations in summer 2026, and will not have a law degree by the closing date for application for admission as a student of the Inn of Court or registration with the Society, you will not meet the entry requirements for your professional body and you will not be offered a place on any of the courses.

The conditional offer of a place on any course will not normally be held open beyond the closing date for application for admission as a student of the Inn of Court or registration with the Society. Exceptions will only be made where an applicant was prevented from sitting the final degree examinations by illness or similar reason. Evidence will be required from your University that this was accepted by the Board of Examiners.

If you have a difficulty with final examinations, you should contact the Institute admissions team immediately on becoming aware of this difficulty.

Applicants Appealing their Final Degree Result

If you intend to appeal to your university for the degree awarded to you to be changed, you should inform the Institute admissions team immediately on starting the appeal procedure as it may affect the offer of a place to you.

Waitlists

No adjustments are made to the waitlists until July 2026, when most of the degree results will be available. As applicants fail to reach their target degree or successful applicants withdraw, places are offered to waitlisted applicants in strict order of merit. This process can continue until after the closing date for registration with the Society or application for admission as a student of the Inn of Court. The amount of movement varies considerably from year to year. It is impossible to predict how far the waitlists will move in summer 2026.

9. CONDITIONS TO WHICH AN OFFER OF A PLACE IS SUBJECT

Conditions to which all offers will be subject

All offers of places will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Confirmation from the relevant university of graduation at the required degree classification.
2. Receipt of confirmation from your university that you have met all the entry requirements listed in Appendix 4 (usually in the form of a transcript, see p.26). Undergraduate applicants should contact their University in order to obtain an official transcript. The deadline for receipt of all transcripts is 24 August 2026.
3. Receipt of two satisfactory references.
4. Receipt of the Declaration of Cautions and Criminal Convictions.
5. Admission as a student of the Inn of Court or registration with the Society.

Registration with Professional Bodies

Solicitor applicants

Solicitor applicants must obtain a Master and submit their application to register with the Society by 24th August 2026. Registration is conditional upon obtaining a place on the Solicitors course. In some years applicants who have been offered places on the Solicitors course lose them because they fail to register on time.

Bar applicants

Applicants for the Bar course must apply for admission as students of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland by 24th August 2026. Bar applicants may not normally apply for admission before they have been offered a place at the Institute.

Declaration of Cautions and Criminal Convictions

Please note that as well as making a declaration about your criminal record to the Institute when making your application, you will also be required to declare any criminal record, including “spent” convictions and cautions, and whether or not you are subject to any ongoing criminal investigation or pending criminal proceedings to your professional body. You will also be required to declare any other matter that could adversely affect your reputation as a student or as a solicitor or barrister and this may affect your acceptance by that body. All applicants to be offered a place on a course or waitlisted for a course will be sent a declaration form with their first-round results letters. This form must be returned by **29th May 2026**. The Institute admissions team will inform the Society and/or Inn of Court (as appropriate) of the contents of your declaration.

Special Core Subject examination in Evidence

If you began your law degree after 1st September 1996 you are required to have studied Evidence and European Law. As some universities do not teach Evidence a special examination is provided. This examination will take place on Tuesday, 4th August 2026 and has a pass mark of 40%. The fee for this examination is £100. You must inform the Institute in writing before 10th July 2026 if you intend to sit this examination. The examination fee of £100 will be due at this time. Payment can be made online. The syllabus and past papers for this examination are available from the Institute free of charge.

Candidates may also have the option of taking an Evidence examination at degree level at another University if that University runs a recognised law degree and agrees to permit this. The examination must have been successfully passed before the closing date for registration or enrolment with the professional body, 24 August 2026, and a transcript provided as evidence of this.

APPENDIX 1

CONTACT PERSONS AND USEFUL ADDRESSES

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Under Treasurer of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland

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Contact person:

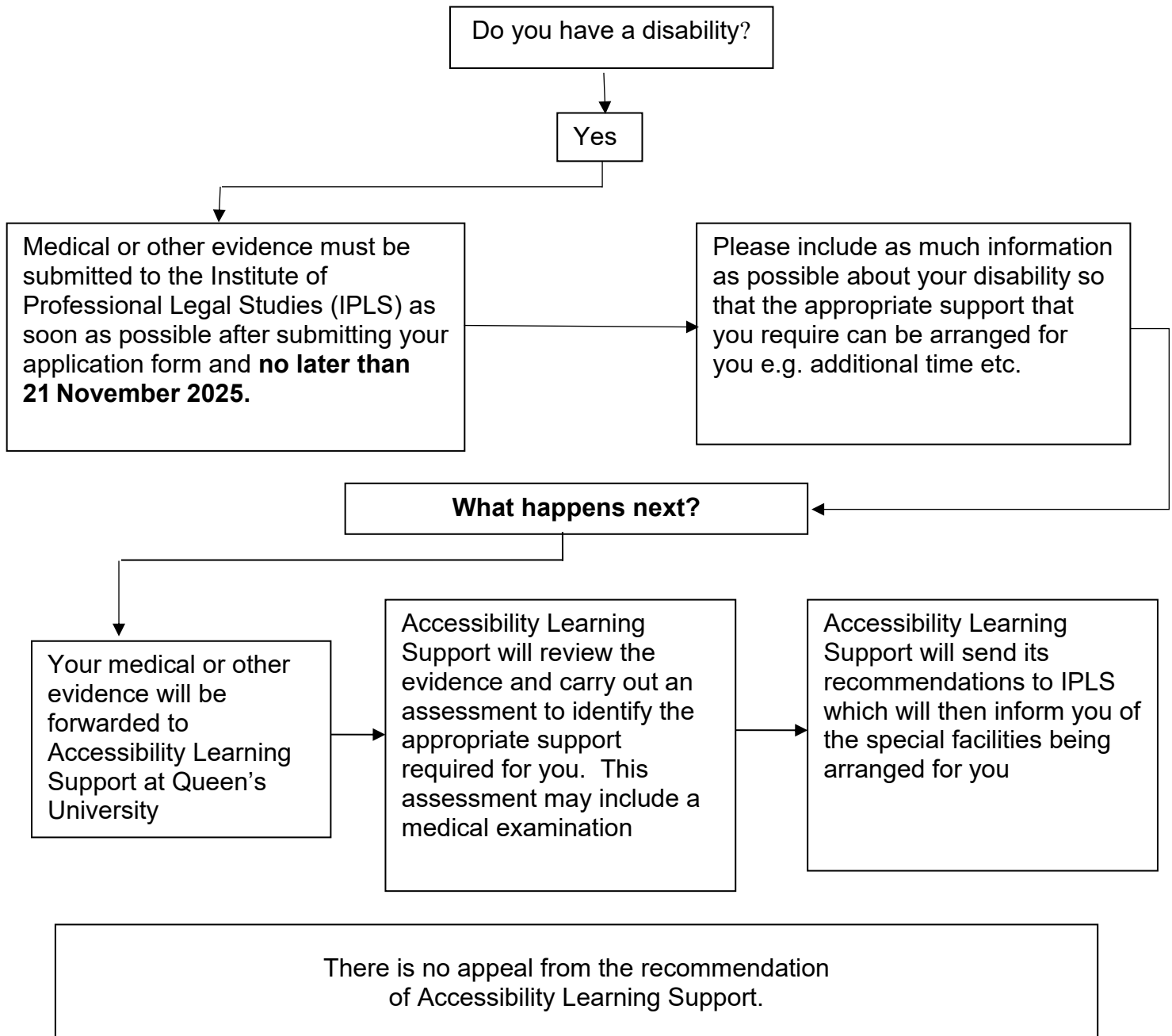
Mr Darren Patterson,
Head of Professional Development

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APPENDIX 2

FLOWCHART FOR APPLICANTS WITH A DISABILITY



APPENDIX 3

REGULATIONS FOR PART-TIME ATTENDANCE AT THE BAR COURSE

- (a) Bar students normally take the course in one academic year, commencing in September and finishing in June.
- (b) A number of Bar students, not exceeding six in any one academic year, may be permitted to take the course over a period of two academic years ("part-time students").
- (c) The Director of the Institute shall have absolute discretion in deciding which modules a part-time student takes during the first academic year ("Year One") of the student's course of study at the Institute.

Part-time students will also be required to complete the full-time periods of work experience described on p.7 of the *Information Booklet for Applicants for commencement in September 2026*.

The six part-time students will be selected in line with the order of merit for the Bar course.

This option applies only to attendance at the course for intending barristers and not to the course for intending solicitors.

APPENDIX 4

RECOGNISED LAW DEGREES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADMISSION TO THE INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL STUDIES OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

The degrees appearing on this list are recognised law degrees for the purposes of admission to the Institute of Professional Legal Studies of Queen's University Belfast and qualification for the legal profession in Northern Ireland subject to meeting the following requirements:

- (a)(i) that for candidates commencing their law degree after 1 September 2003 a full-time degree should normally be completed within one year of the normal period for completion of a particular programme and
- (ii) that a part-time degree should normally be completed within two years of the normal period for completion of a particular programme.
- (iii) that for candidates commencing their law degree after 1 September 2009 an external or distance learning degree should normally be completed within six years
- (iv) that for candidates commencing their law degree after 1 September 2009 a "graduate entry" external or distance learning degree should normally be completed in a minimum of two years.

A degree falling outside the periods prescribed at (a) above will only exceptionally be recognised by the Council of Legal Education (NI). Exceptional cases should be referred to the Council of Legal Education, with full supporting evidence, to be considered on their merits.

- (b) that the following subjects (the "core subjects") should be included at degree level:
 - (i) Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Contract, Tort, Land Law, Equity, Evidence* and European Law.
 - (ii) Candidates who commenced their law degrees before 1 September 1996 may substitute Company Law* in the place of European Law.
 - (iii) For candidates who commenced their law degrees after September 2001 a maximum of two core subjects may be taken outside of the law degree.
- (c) that credit for none of the core subjects listed at (b) above has been obtained through APEL (accreditation for prior experiential learning).
- (d) The compensation (or condonation) of core subjects is not permitted. Candidates who began their law degrees after September 2006 and whose transcripts show that they have not achieved the relevant pass mark in a core subject will be required to take and pass an examination of degree standard in that subject (e.g. take and pass a module offered as part of a recognised law degree); in accordance with (b) (iii) above a maximum of two core subjects may be taken outside the law degree.

- (e) that for candidates who began their law degrees after September 2006 the maximum number of attempts at a core subject examination permitted should normally be three.

Candidates who have had more than three attempts at a core subject examination will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances should be referred to the Council of Legal Education, with full supporting evidence, to be considered on their merits.

- (f) that, in a joint degree, 160 out of 360 credits or equivalent (for three-year degrees) or 160 out of 480 credits of the degree or equivalent (for four-year degrees) must be law subjects.

* The Institute holds a special examination each year for trainees who have not studied Evidence as undergraduates. Details may be obtained from the Institute.

** Subjects covered within vocational programmes will not be accepted as meeting the requirement for a core subject to be covered at degree level.

N.B. Candidates' attention is drawn to the fact that whilst a degree may be recognised for the purposes of admission, if it does not carry a normal degree classification (i.e. first class honours, upper second class honours, lower second class honours, third class honours) it may attract a weighting of "0". However, in the case of senior status or graduate entry degrees, if a candidate can provide a transcript (confirmed by the degree-awarding institution) showing the marks achieved for each subject, the Institute of Professional Legal Studies will assess an equivalent degree classification for the purposes of the selection procedure.

Please note that degrees in Scots Law are not recognised.

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University of Aberdeen	• Bachelor of Laws with English Law • Degree of Bachelor of Laws with English Law and European Legal Studies • Two Year Degree of Bachelor of Laws with English Law for Graduates
Aberystwyth (University College of Wales)	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law & European Languages • BA – Law with Economics [formerly BSc (Econ) – Law & Economics] • BA – Law with Politics [formerly BSc (Econ) – Law & Political Science] • BA – Law with Accounting & Finance [formerly BSc (Econ) – Law & Accounting & Finance] • BA – Law with Business Studies [formerly BSc (Econ) – Law & Business Studies] • BA – Law • BA – Law with European Languages • BA Law with Welsh • BA Law with Marketing • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
Anglia Ruskin University [formerly Anglia Polytechnic University]	• LLB – Law • BA – Combined Honours
East Anglia University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with German Law & Language • LLB – Law with French Law & Language • LLB – Law with European Legal System • LLB (Hons) in Law with American Law
Aston University (Birmingham)	• BSc – Managerial & Admin Studies (Legal Studies)
Bangor University	• LLB Law • LLB with Accounting and Finance • LLB with Business Studies • LLB with Social Policy • LLB Law with English • LLB Law with French • LLB Law with German • LLB Law with Italian • LLB Law with Spanish • LLB Law with Welsh

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Queen's University Belfast	• LLB – Law • LLB Senior Status • LLB – Law & Accounting • LLB – Law with Politics • LLB – Common & Civil Law with French • LLB – Common & Civil Law with Hispanic Studies • MLaw [formerly MLegSc and BLegSc.] – Law (senior status, may be taken part-time) • Juris Doctor • Masters in Law (part-time) from September 2021 • Master Jurisprudence (Taught) • Master Jurisprudence (Research)
Birmingham University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French • LLB – Law with Business Studies • LLB – Law with Criminology • LLB for Graduates (2-yr programme) [formerly LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)] • LLB – Law with Politics [no longer offered] • LLB – Law & European Law [no longer offered]
Birmingham City University [formerly University of Central England in Birmingham]	• LLB (Hons) – Law [including language options] • LLB – Law with Politics (Hons) (Minor) • LLB – Law with American Legal Studies • LLB – Law with Criminology • LLB – Law with Legal Practice (Hons) • <i>LLB (Hons) – Law Part-time</i> • LLB – Law with Psychology (Hons) (Minor) [last intake 2001] • LLB – Law with Sociology (Hons) (Minor) [last intake 2001]
Birmingham Law School	• LLB International Law & Globalisation • LLB International Law & Globalisation (Year Abroad)
University of Bolton	• LLB (Hons) • LLB (Hons) with Foundation Year
Bournemouth University	• LLB – Business Law (Sandwich) • LLB – Law
BPP University	• LLB (Hons) Law • LLB (Hons) Distance Learning • LLB (Hons) International Commercial Law • GDL • I-GDL • Postgraduate Diploma in Law

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University of Bradford	• LLB (Hons)
University of Bristol	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law & French • LLB – Law & German • LLB – European Legal Studies • BSc – Chemistry & Law • MA – Legal Studies (2-yr senior status) • LLB – Law and Spanish •
Brunel University (University of West London)	• LLB – Law* • LLB – Business & Finance Law* • BSc – Economics & Law* • BSc – Government & Law* [last intake 1997] • BSc – Sociology & Law*[last intake 1995] *incl sandwich
Buckingham University	• LLB – Law* • LLB – European Studies* • LLB – Politics & Law* • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • LLB – Law, Biology & Environment* [last graduates 1997] * 2 years duration
Cambridge University	• BA – Law Tripos [includes Cambridge-Paris II Double Maîtrise and Erasmus Scheme] • BA – Law Tripos (2-yr senior status)
Cardiff (University of Wales)	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law & French • LLB – Law & German • LLB – Law & Italian • LLB – Law & Japanese • LLB – Law & Spanish • LLB – Law & Sociology • LLB – Law & Politics • LLB – Law and Criminology • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
University of Chester	• LLB – Law • LLB with Business • LLB with Criminology • LLB with Politics

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University College Cork	• BCL – Law • BCL – Law & French/German • BCL – Law & Irish • BCL – International • BCL – Clinical • LLB – Law * *If candidates have a law degree which is not a Recognised Law Degree, and then take the LLB at University College Cork, subject to satisfying the other requirements for a recognised law degree, they will be eligible to apply for admission. However, one of the requirements is that credit for none of the core subjects has been obtained through APEL (accreditation for prior experiential learning).
Coventry University	• LLB – Business Law • LLB – European Law • LLB – Legal Studies • LLB – Criminal Justice • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
University of Cumbria	• LLB (Hons) – Law – 3 years full time, 4 years full time and 5 years part-time
De Montfort University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French • LLB – Law with German • BA – Combined Studies • BSc – Combined Studies • LLB (Hons) Law • BA (Hons) Law • LLB (Hons) Welfare Law • LLB (Hons) Criminal Justice • <i>LLB – Part-time</i>
University of Derby	• LLB (Hons) – Law • LLB (Hons) – Law with European Studies • LLB (Hons) – Law with a Modern Language • LLB (Hons) – Law with Criminology • LLB (Hons) (Business Law) • LLB (Hons) (International Law) • LLB (Hons) (Social and Public Law) • <i>LLB (Hons) – Part-time</i>
Dublin City University	• BCL (Law and Society) <i>Applicants will be required to take and pass the special core subject examination in Evidence at IPLS</i> • BA in Economics, Politics and Law

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Trinity College Dublin	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law and German • LLB – Law and French • LLB - Law & Business • LLB - Law & Political Science
University College Dublin	• BCL – Law • BCL – Law with Economics • BCL – Law with French Law • BCL – Law with History • BCL – Law with Philosophy • BCL – Law with Politics • BCL/Maîtrise • Bachelor of Business & Law [formerly BBLS – Business & Legal Studies] • Masters in Common Law (MCL)
University College Dublin Sutherland School of Law	• BCL Law and Chinese Studies • BCL Law with Social Justice
University of Dundee	• LLB – Law* • LLB – Law* & Languages [formerly LLB – Law* (with Erasmus Exchange)] • LLB – Law and Accounting* • LLB – Law * - accelerated studies • LLB – Dual Qualifying Degree • LL.B (Hons) English Law • LL.B (Hons) English Law • LL.B (Hons) English Law with Energy Law • LL.B (Hons) English Law with European or International • LL.B (Hons) English Law with Languages • LL.B (Hons) Scots & English Law (Dual Qualifying) *must have taken English Law options
Durham University	• LLB – Law • BA – Law & Economics • BA – Law & Politics • BA – Law & Sociology • LLB – European Legal Studies
Edge Hill University	• LLB (Hons) Law • LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Essex University	• LLB – Law • LLB – English & European Law • LLB – English & French Law • LLB – Law & Philosophy • LLB – Law & Politics • LLB – Law & Human Rights
Exeter University	• LLB – Law • LLB – European Law • LLB with European Study • BA (Law) – Law & Society • BA (Law) – Chemistry & Law • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
National University of Ireland (NUI Galway) [formerly University College Galway]	• LLB – Law • BCL – Law • BA/LLB Combination • Law (BCL) and Human Rights • Law and Business • Law & Taxation • Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Glasgow	• LLB (Common Law) • Accelerated LLB (Common Law) • LLB (Common Law) and Business and Management • LLB (Common Law) and Economic and Social History • LLB (Common Law) and English Literature • LLB (Common Law) and History • LLB (Common Law) and Philosophy • LLB (Common Law) and Politics • LLB (Common Law) Honours • LLB (Common Law) Ordinary • LLB (Common Law) with French Language • LLB (Common Law) with German Language • LLB (Common Law) with Italian Language • LLB (Common Law) with Spanish Language • Common Law with French Legal Studies • Common Law with German Legal Studies • Common Law with Italian Legal Studies • Common Law with Spanish Legal Studies
University of Gloucestershire	• LLB Accounting and Law
University of South Wales [formerly University of Glamorgan]	• LLB – Law • <i>LLB – Part-time</i>

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University of Greenwich (London)	• LLB – Law • BA – Law
University of Hertfordshire	• LLB – Law (not the accelerated programme) • BSc – Combined Studies • BA – Social Science • BA – Business Studies (Law Major) • <i>LLB – Part-time</i>
University of Huddersfield	• LLB – Law • LLB – Business Law • BA – Law & Accountancy • LLB (Hons) – European Legal Studies • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
Hull University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French • LLB – Law with German • LLB – Law (European Legal Studies) • LLB – Law with Philosophy • LLB – Law with Philosophy (European Legal Studies) • LLB – Law with Politics [formerly LLB – Law & Politics] • LLB – Law with Politics (European Legal Studies) [formerly LLB - Law & Politics (European Legal Studies)] • LLB (Hons) with Criminology • LLB (Hons) Commercial Law • LLB (Hons) Commercial Law (European Legal Studies) • LLB (Hons) International Law • LLB (Hons) International Law (European Legal Studies) • LLB (including Foundation English Language) • LLB (Hons) Law with Business • LLB Senior Status • LLB (Hons) Law with Spanish Law and Language • LLB Collaborative Programme with INTI College Malaysia • MJur Master of Jurisprudence✦ • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • <i>LLB (Hons) Commercial Law (Part-Time)</i> • <i>LLB (Hons) International Law (Part-Time)</i> • <i>MJur Master of Jurisprudence (Part-Time) ✦</i> • LLB – Law & Sociology [last intake 2004] • LLB – Law & Sociology (European Legal Studies) [last intake 2004]
Keele University	• BA – Law & another subject (<i>all degrees at Keele University are Joint Honours – where a degree is designated as Law this will constitute a recognised law degree subject to the requirements set out on page 1 of this list</i>)

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Kent University (Canterbury)	• LLB – Law • LLB – English & French Law • LLB – English & German Law • LLB – English & Italian Law • LLB – English & Spanish Law • LLB – European Legal Studies • BA – Joint Honours • BA – Combined Studies [no longer offered]
Kingston University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French • LLB – Law with German • LLB – Law with French/German/ Spanish Studies • LLB – Law with European Studies • LLB – Law with Business • <i>BA – Part-time (Combined Studies)</i> • BA – Accounting & Law [last awarded 2001] • But not BA Law
Lancaster University	• LLB – Law • LLB – European Legal Studies • LLB – International Studies • LLB – Law & Criminology [In order to meet the requirement for 160 credits out of 360 credits to be law subjects, candidates must within the degree study <u>all</u> the core subjects except Evidence.]
University of Central Lancashire	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law & French • LLB – Law & German • BA – Law (Combined Honours) • BSc – Law (Combined Honours) • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • Graduate Diploma in Law
University of Law	• LLB (Hons) – Law • Graduate Diploma in Law • i – GDL • Postgraduate Diploma in Law • MA Law (SQE1) • MA Law Conversion
Leeds Beckett University [formerly Leeds Metropolitan University]	• LLB – Law • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • BA – Law with Information Technology (full-time and part-time) [the route to this degree which commences with the HND in Law with Information Technology is not recognised]

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Leeds University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law (Graduate programme) • LLB – English Law with a European Law • LLB – Law & Chinese Studies • LLB – Law & Japanese Studies • LLB – Law & French Studies • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status) [last intake 1994] • LLM – Law (2-yr senior status) [last intake 1994] • LLM – Law (Graduate programme)
Leicester University	• LLB Law • LLB – Law with French • LLB – Law with European Studies • LLB – Law - International • BA – Law & Economics • LLB Law with Criminology • LLB Law with a Modern Language LLB Law with a Year Abroad • LLB Law with Politics • LLB/Maitrise in English and French Law • LLB Senior Status Applicants taking the LLB Law with Criminology, the LLB/Maitrise in English and French Law and the LLB Senior Status degrees will be required to take Evidence at the University of Leicester or sit the Evidence examination held at the Institute in August each year.
University of Limerick	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law and European Studies • BA – Law and Accounting • LLB graduate entry • <i>LLB part-time – evening programme</i> Law Plus
University of Lincoln [formerly Humberside & Lincolnshire]	LLB (formerly BA) – Law & another subject (all LLB (formerly BA) Law degrees at the University of Lincoln are Law Major and are recognised law degrees subject to the requirements set out on page 1 of this list)

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University of Liverpool	• LLB – Law • LLB – English and French Laws [formerly LLB – Law & French] • LLB – English and German Laws [formerly LLB – Law & German] • Law LLB Honours • Law with Business Studies LLB Honours • Law with Accounting & Finance LLB Honours • Law with Criminology LLB Honours • Law with French LLB Honours • Law with Italian LLB Honours • Law with Spanish LLB Honours • Law with German LLB Honours • Law with Philosophy LLB Honours • Law with History LLB Honours • Law with a Modern Language LLB Honours • Law with a Year Abroad LLB Honours • Law with Criminology with a Year Abroad LLB Honours • Law with Philosophy with a Year Abroad LLB Honours • Law with Politics LLB Honours • Law with Politics with a Year in China in Year 4 LLB Honours • Law with Criminology with a Year in China in Year 4 LLB Honours
Liverpool John Moores University	• LLB – Law • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • LLB (Hons) Law and Criminal Justice • Graduate Diploma in Law/LLMQL
Liverpool Hope University	• LLB (Hons) Law Applicants will be required to take and pass the special core subject examination in Evidence which is held at the Institute in August each year.
University of London [formerly University of London External Degree and University of London International Programmes]	• <i>LLB – Law</i> • <i>BSc – Management with Law</i> • LLB – Law (graduate entry), previously <i>LLB – Law (senior status)</i>

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University of East London	• LLB – Law • LLB [formerly BA] – Law (Major) • BA – Legal Studies (single honours)* [last intake 2003] • BA (Hons) – Legal Studies (major pathway)* [last intake 2003] • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • <i>LLB by Distance Learning with ICS</i> * But not • BA (Hons) Legal Studies (Joint pathway) or • BA (Hons) Legal Studies (minor pathway)
Birkbeck College London	• <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • LLB – (3-yr senior status)
City University (London)	• LLB – Law • LLB – Business Law • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status) • Graduate Diploma in Law
King's College London	• LLB – Law • LLB – English & French Law • LLB – Law with German Law • LLB – Law with European Studies
London School of Economics & Political Science	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French • LLB – Law & Anthropology • LLB – Law & Government • LLB – Law with German [no longer offered]
School of Oriental & African Studies London	• LLB – Law • BA – Law & Another Discipline • BA – Law & a Language
Queen Mary & Westfield College London	• LLB – Law • LLB – English & European Law • LLB – Law with German Language • BA – Law & Economics • BA – Law & Politics • BA – Law & German • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
University of Roehampton, London	• LLB Law • LLB Law and Criminology

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University College London	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with Advanced Studies • LLB – Law with French Law • LLB – Law with German Law • LLB – Law with Italian Law • BA – Law & History • BEng – Civil Engineering Technology & Law
London Metropolitan University [formerly London Guildhall and University of North London]	• LLB – Law * • LLB – Business Law * • LLB – Social Justice * <i>*includes part-time option</i> • LLB – Law [originally from London Guildhall University – no longer offered] • LLB – Business Law [originally from London Guildhall University – no longer offered] • BA – Legal Studies [originally from London Guildhall University – no longer offered] • BA – Law & Another Discipline [originally from London Guildhall University – no longer offered] • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> [originally from London Guildhall University – no longer offered] • LLB – Law [originally from University of North London – no longer offered] • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> [originally from University of North London – no longer offered]
Manchester Metropolitan University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • <i>LLB – Part-time Distance Learning [last intake 1991]</i> • Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE)
The University of Manchester [formerly Manchester University]	• LLB – Law • LLB – English & French Law • BA – Accounting & Law • BA – Law with Politics • BA – Government & Law [last intake 2000] • LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology • LLB Law with Criminology • LLB Law with Criminology with International Studies • LLB (Hons) Law with Politics • LLB (Hons) Law with Politics with International Study • LLB (Hons) Law with International Study

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Maynooth University [formerly National University of Ireland Maynooth]	• Bachelor of Laws – LLB • Bachelor of Civil Law – BCL • Bachelor of Business Law – BBL • Master of Legal Science – Professional • BCL Law & Criminology • BCL (Law and Business) • BCL (Law and Arts) • BCL (Law and Accounting)
Middlesex University	• LLB – Law • BA – Law (Major)
Newcastle University [formerly Newcastle-upon-Tyne University]	• LLB – Law • BA – Accounting & Law • BA – Law with French • BA – Law with German [no longer offered] • Bachelor of Laws (Hons) European Legal Studies • Global Legal Studies
Northumbria University [formerly University of Northumbria at Newcastle]	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with Environment • LLB – Law with Business • LLB – Law with International Business • Masters in law (Exempting) • M Law Exempting (Bar Professional Training Course) • <i>LLB – French & English Law</i> [no longer offered] • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> [no longer offered] • <i>LLB – Part-time Distance Learning</i> [no longer offered] • <i>LLB – Integrating Legal Practice Course and Bar Vocational Course [LPC and BVC elements not recognised for admission]</i> [no longer offered]
University of Nottingham	• LLB/BA – Law • LLB/BA – Law & Politics • LLB/BA – Law with American Law • LLB/BA – Law with European Law • BA – Law with American Law & Politics • BA – Law with European Law & Politics • LLB/BA – Law with Chinese Law • BA – Law with Chinese Law and Politics • LLB/BA – Law with South-East Asian Law • BA – Law with South-East Asian Law & Politics • LLB/BA – Law with Australian Law • BA – Law with Australian Law & Politics • BA – Law with French and French Law • BA – Law with French • BA – Law with Spanish and Spanish Law • BA – Law with Spanish • BA – Law with German and German Law • BA – Law with German • LLB/BA – Law with New Zealand Law • LLB/BA – Law with Canadian Law

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Nottingham Trent University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law (sandwich) • LLB – Magisterial Law • LLB – Law (Europe) • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • <i>LLB – Part-time Distance Learning</i>
Open University	• Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB) • Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB) (graduate entry) • Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB) (R81) • Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB) (R82)
Oxford University	• BA – Jurisprudence • BA – Jurisprudence (English Law with German Law) • BA – Jurisprudence (English Law with French Law) • BA – Jurisprudence (English Law with Italian Law) • BA – Jurisprudence (English Law with European Law) • BA – Jurisprudence (2-yr senior status) • BA – Jurisprudence (3-yr senior status – includes 1 yr abroad)
Oxford Brookes University	• LLB – Law • BA – Law & Another
Reading University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with French Law • LLB – Law with Legal Studies in Europe
University of Salford	• LLB (Hons) Law • LLB (Hons) with Criminology • LLB (Hons) Law with Finance
Sheffield University	• BA – Law • BA – Law & Criminology • BA – Law with French • BA – Law with German • BA – Law with Spanish • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status) • LLB Law • LLB Law with Spanish Law • LLB Law and Criminology • LLB Law and Criminology (with a Year Abroad) • LLB Law (with German Law) LLB Law European and International • BA Criminology and Law • LLB Law (with French Law) • LLB Law (with a Year Abroad) • LLB Law (with Chinese Law)

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Sheffield Hallam University	• LLB – Law • BA (Hons) – Law and Criminology • BA (Hons) – Law and Business • BA (Hons) – Law and Psychology • LLB (Hons)/Maîtrise en Droit – Law (Europe) • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
Southampton University	• LLB – Law • BSc – Politics & Law • LLB - Criminology • BSc – Accounting & Law [last graduation 2003]
Staffordshire University	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with Accounting Studies [formerly LLB – Law & Accounting] • LLB (Hons) Advice Work • LLB (Hons) Criminology • LLB (Hons) Business Law • LLB – Law with Another [formerly BA – Law & Another] • <i>LLB – Law Part-time</i> • LLB – Law & Language [no longer offered] • BA – Modern Studies [no longer offered]
University of Strathclyde	• LLM in English Law • LLB (Honours) (Scots and English Law) • LLB (Graduate Entry) (Scots and English Law) • LLB (Hons) English Law • LLB (Hons) (Clinical) Scots and English Law / LLB (Clinical) Scots and English Law • Any students who will not have taken the Evidence elective at Strathclyde University will be required to take and pass the special core subject examination in Evidence which is held at the Institute in August each year
University of Sunderland	• LLB (Single Hons)
Surrey University	• BSc – French & Law • BSc – German & Law • BSc – Russian & Law • BSc – Linguistics & International Studies [last intake 1992]

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Sussex University	• LLB – Law • LLB – European Commercial Law • LLB/BA – Law with French • LLB/BA – Law with German • LLB/BA – Law with Italian • LLB/BA – Law with Spanish • LLB/BA – Law with Russian • BA – Law with North American Studies • LLB Graduate Entry • LLB Law with a Year Abroad • LLB Law (with a professional placement year) • LLB Law with International Relations • LLB Law with Politics • LLB Law with Business • LLB Law with Business and a Year Abroad • LLB Law with Proficiency in French and a Year Abroad • LLB Law with Proficiency in Italian and a Year Abroad • LLB Law with Proficiency in Spanish and a Year Abroad • LLB Law with American Studies • LLB Law with Media • LLB Law with Criminology • LLB Law with a Language • LLB Law with a Language (with a study abroad year) • BA – Law & Economics [no longer offered] • BA – Law with History [no longer offered]
Swansea University [formerly University of Wales (Swansea)]	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law with Business Studies, Language & Politics • LLB Joint Honours Law and American Studies
University of Teesside	• LLB – Law • <i>LLB – Part-time</i>

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
Ulster University	<u>Full-time</u> • LLB (Hons) Law, Jordanstown and Magee • LLB (Hons) Law with Accounting • LLB (Hons) Law with American Studies • LLB (Hons) Law with Human Resource Management • LLB (Hons) Law with Irish • LLB (Hons) Law with Marketing • LLB (Hons) Law with Sociology • LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology • LLB (Hons) Law with Politics • BSc (Hons) Accounting and Law, Jordanstown • LLB Law Degree Apprenticeship • Graduate Entry Law • Postgraduate Diploma in Law • LLB Law Degree Apprenticeship <u>Part-time</u> • LLB (Hons) Law, Jordanstown and Magee • LLB (Hons) Law with Accounting • LLB (Hons) Law with American Studies • LLB (Hons) Law with Human Resource Management • LLB (Hons) Law with Irish • LLB (Hons) Law with Marketing • LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology • LLB (Hons) Law with Politics • LLB - Law with Languages at Magee Campus • LLB (Hons) – Law with minor combination (includes part-time option) • LLB/BSc – Law & Government at Jordanstown Campus [formerly LLB/BA – Government & Law] • LLB/BSc – Law & Economics at Jordanstown Campus [formerly LLB/BA – Law & Economics] • LLB/BSc – Law & Business Studies at Magee Campus [formerly LLB/BA – Law & Business Studies] • LLB/BSc – Law & Politics at Magee Campus [formerly LLB/BA – Law & Politics] • BSc Government & Law at Jordanstown Campus – Part-time [<i>formerly BA – Government & Law</i>]
Warwick University	• LLB – Law • LLB – European Law • BA – Law & Sociology • BA – Law & Business • BA Law with Humanities 3 years • BA Law with Humanities 4 years • BA Law with Social Sciences 3 years • BA Law with Social Sciences 4 years
Waterford Institute of Technology	• BA (Hons) in Legal Studies with Business • Bachelor of Laws LLB <i>Applicants will be required to take and pass the special core subject examination in Evidence which is held at IPLS</i>

UNIVERSITY	TITLE OF DEGREE
University of the West of England in Bristol	• LLB (Hons) - Law • LLB (Hons) – Law with French • LLB (Hons) – Law with German • LLB (Hons) – Law with Spanish • LLB (Hons) – Law with English as a Foreign Language • LLB (Hons) – Commercial Law • LLB (Hons) – European & International Law • LLB Law with Business • LLB Law with Psychology • LLB Law with Criminology • LLB (Hons) – European Law & Languages [last intake 2000] • LLB (Hons) – Law & Comparative European Legal Studies [last intake 1999] • <i>LLB – Part-time [last intake 2000]</i>
University of Westminster (London)	• LLB – Law • LLB – European Legal Studies • LLB – Law with French Law • LLB – Law with Spanish Law • <i>LLB – Part-time</i> • BA – Law & Languages [no longer offered]
University of Wolverhampton	• LLB – Law • BA – Law (Major) • <i>LLB – Part-time or Part-time Distance Learning</i> • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status) • <i>LLB – Part-time or Part-time Distance Learning (senior status)</i>
University of Worcester	• LLB Law • LLB Law with Criminology • LLB Law with Forensic Psychology
University of York	• LLB (Hons) Law

COLLEGES	TITLE OF DEGREE
Dublin: Dublin Business School [formerly Portobello College]	• LLB – Law • LLB – Law (2-yr senior status)
Dublin: Griffith College	• BA (Hons) Business & Law • LLB (Hons)

COLLEGES	TITLE OF DEGREE
ATU Donegal (Atlantic Technological University) [Letterkenny Institute of Technology]	• Bachelor of Legal Studies with Taxation • Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (<i>previously Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Law</i>) • Bachelor of Arts in Law and Criminal Justice • Bachelor of Arts in Law with Language Bachelor of Arts in Law • BA (Honours) in Corporate Law
University College of Northampton (Northampton Business School)	• LLB – Law (formerly BA – Law) • BA (Combined Honours) – Law Major
Southampton Solent University [formerly Southampton Institute]	• LLB – Law • LLB (Hons) with Business Management [formerly LLB – Law with Business] • LLB – Law with Criminology • LLB (Hons) with Marketing Management [formerly LLB – Law with Marketing] • LLB (Hons) with Human Resources Management [formerly LLB – Law with Human Resources Management] • LLB (Hons) with Environmental Management [formerly LLB – Law with Environmental Studies] • LLB (Hons) with Information Management • LLB (Hons) with European Studies • LLB (Hons) with Practice Management • LLB (Hons) with Criminology • <i>LLB (Hons) part-time</i> • <i>LLB – part-time – evening programme</i> • BA – Business & Law [last graduation 2002]
Swansea Institute of Higher Education (awarded by University of Wales)	• LLB – Law