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**Nottingham**



# School of Law

## Postgraduate Programmes





Invest in your future





## An invitation

The University of Nottingham's School of Law combines an excellent reputation in research with top quality teaching. The development of the taught masters programmes over the years complements the School's impressive postgraduate research degrees programme. Internationally renowned researchers offer stimulating and dynamic programmes of intellectual, social and practical significance.

Law is an important area of research within the University, but our research strengths go right across all five of our Faculties. We are proud of our ranking as one of the top research-led universities in the United Kingdom, our international reputation and our recognition as the "UK University of the Year 2006".

The University understands the close and important relationship between high-quality research and teaching, especially at postgraduate level. Teaching undertaken by academic staff who are enthused and informed by the latest developments and advances in their subject will inevitably be all the more stimulating and relevant for you, the student.

Our postgraduate programmes attract widespread international interest. Indeed, the majority of our postgraduate law students come from outside the United Kingdom. We now have students from over 100 countries and all five continents. Nottingham is a cosmopolitan and diverse place to study and we regard this as an intrinsic part of the student experience.

The University of Nottingham offers you the quality of teaching, study, sporting and recreational provision to guarantee you an enjoyable and fulfilling time here and to lay a foundation for your future success.

Sir Colin Campbell  
Vice Chancellor  
The University of Nottingham

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# School of Law

The School of Law at the University of Nottingham, is consistently ranked amongst the leading law schools in the United Kingdom and is considered to be a leading centre of legal research and teaching in the world. Rated as 'Internationally Outstanding' (Grade 5A, on a scale of 1–5\*) for research and as 'Excellent' for teaching, the School offers the opportunity to specialise in your chosen area of law in a stimulating and challenging environment.

Postgraduate students are central to our learning community and make a rich contribution to the academic life and culture of the School. Our taught masters programmes are designed exclusively for postgraduate students and are characterised by a commitment to seminars and other small group sessions. We believe that active engagement in exploring and exchanging ideas is fundamental to your intellectual development. You will work with talented peers from diverse academic, professional and cultural backgrounds and interact closely with academic staff.

**“Another pleasing feature was that seminars had a small number more fulfilling and unique experience”**

## Not just seminars...

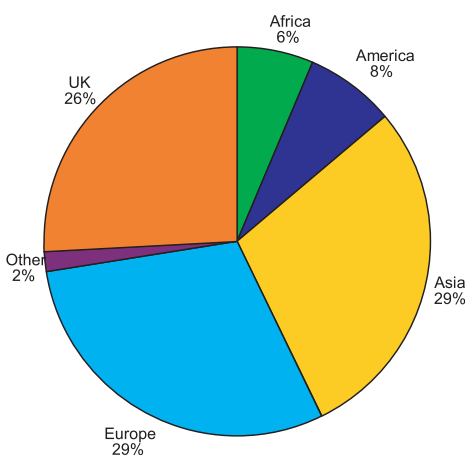
Outside your formal classes, opportunities for postgraduate students in the School of Law include:

- International Law Association Regional Seminar Series
- School of Law Annual Seminar Series
- JC Smith Visiting Senior Fellowship
- Human Rights Law Centre Student Conferences
- Visiting scholars programme
- High-profile guest lecturers
- Annual Paragon Human Rights Law Lecture
- Criminal Justice Discussion Group
- Human Rights Film Series
- Social events
- Participation in selected law courses in Europe
- Human Rights Law Centre internships
- Field trips
- Exclusive skills programme which offers practical advice on all aspects of studying in the School of Law
- Dissertation workshops
- Research assistantships
- Annual Public Procurement Group Research Student Conferences
- Annual Research Presentation Day

## A truly international school

A postgraduate student community of around 200 students from over 40 countries is complemented by an international faculty of over 40 full-time academic staff drawn from 16 countries, all of whom are research-active.

## Typical class-profile



er of participants, which made for a

## Research centres

A number of internationally recognised centres enhance the research culture of the School:

**The Human Rights Law Centre** is committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and the establishment and strengthening of the rule of law worldwide. It cooperates with students, professionals, governments, civil society and international organisations and has implemented programmes in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

**The Public Procurement Research Group** is a major global research centre which provides a focus for supporting research and teaching on public procurement within the School of Law, as well as promoting understanding of this subject on a wider basis by organising conferences and workshops. It also provides training for lawyers and government officials from all over the world.

**The Centre for Environmental Law** provides a nucleus for a range of initiatives reflecting expertise in environmental issues throughout the world, including publications and conferences.

**The Treaty Centre** conducts research into the law of treaties and the practice of treaty-making. Its principal activity to date has been the compilation of *Multilateral Treaties: Index and Current Status*, a comprehensive and pioneering research source for information on around 1,000 of the more significant multilateral conventions.

# “UK University of the Year”

The University of Nottingham is a world-renowned centre of higher education, respected internationally for its award-winning research and teaching excellence. In awarding the University of Nottingham the prestigious Times Higher Awards “UK University of the Year 2006”, judges praised the institution’s pioneering campuses in China and Malaysia, and its outstanding performance in international Higher Education in 2006.

**Judges praise “spectacular achievement”**



“...the most popular destination for overseas students”

The Times



The University of Nottingham is a dynamic, 21st-century educational institution, founded on a tradition of academic excellence spanning more than a century. Nottingham continues to rise in world rankings. The University is currently ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide and rising faster than any other institution in the leading international higher education rankings.

The University of Nottingham has firmly established itself as a truly global university, which encourages world class scholarship and delivers world changing, including Nobel Prizewinning, research. This international reputation for excellence attracts distinguished researchers to its staff. The strength of their work lies in their commitment to go beyond traditional boundaries, carrying out research across a vast range of disciplines.

This interdisciplinary approach has led to innovative and groundbreaking research, with recognition of our work reflected in the UK's latest independent Research Assessment Exercise. The independent assessment awarded 26 departments, including the School of Law, the highest ratings of 5 and 5\* for work of international standing.

Nottingham's taught programmes are very much part of the research context, with students enjoying the benefits of working with internationally renowned research scholars – ensuring the latest developments are integrated into our excellent Law postgraduate programmes.



Above: Nottingham Jubilee Campus

Middle: Malaysia Semenyih Campus

Below: China Ningbo Campus

“...now considered a prime alternative to Oxford and Cambridge”

The Guardian

## A stunning campus

Nottingham's campuses provide the ideal setting for studying and enjoying being part of the student community. The campuses integrate beautiful parkland and countryside with impressive traditional and modern architecture. The campus environment provides students with a sense of safety and security and as one student puts it, "feels like a vast pair of arms that envelops you, giving you a glorious sense of freedom and making you feel protected". (The Times)

**"...glorious sense of freedom  
...you feel protected"**





## “Excellent campus and approachable professors”



As one of the largest and most attractive campuses in the UK, University Park, home to the School of Law, features contemporary teaching facilities, a conference and exhibition centre, and an award-winning library. The University of Nottingham has a wide range of social, cultural and recreational facilities which include a sports hall, swimming pool, restaurants, bars and a £5-million arts centre, offering a varied programme of concerts and exhibitions for students and the wider community. The hub of student life is the newly refurbished Portland Building, housing the Students’ Union, the International Students’ Bureau, and numerous shops, banks, bars and restaurants.

There is also a support network comprising a full range of pastoral care and medical services, which are conveniently located on and around our campuses. Our Students’ Union provides a wealth of support, entertainment, clubs and societies, and opportunities to get involved in student life and the community.



“...the campus is stunning. What more can I say!”

# University facilities

## Accommodation

Choosing where to live is an important consideration. The University's Accommodation Office do all they can to help you find a place that is just right.

A wide range of purpose-built, self-catered accommodation is conveniently located on or close to the University Park Campus.

Accommodation options suit all lifestyles and budgets. So, whether you opt for a comfortable room in a shared flat or choose a contemporary self-contained en-suite studio you can be confident that your accommodation will be affordable and well-equipped. The University also offers some accommodation for students with families.

Nottingham is one of the least expensive places for students to live with student rental property priced at around half that in London.

Full information about the University's Accommodation Office can be found at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/students/accomm](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/students/accomm)



Above: Melton Hall

Below: Raleigh Park

**If you are a new student on a postgraduate course starting in September, we guarantee to offer you a room in University-arranged accommodation for one year as long as you accept your offer and pay your deposit before 1 August.**



## Centre for English Language Education

The Centre for English Language Education, CELE, has been providing English language support for international students at the University of Nottingham since 1987.

CELE runs an 8-week course, designed in collaboration with the School of Law exclusively for international postgraduate students going on to study Masters degrees in the field of law. International students can also take advantage of the Centre's language support service for postgraduate students whilst studying at the University.

## Computing facilities

School of Law students have access to state of the art computing facilities, including the Baker & McKenzie Resource Room, a recently refurbished computer suite to which only School of Law students have access.

## Library

The Hallward Library houses the Law Collection of approximately 60,000 books, law reports series, journals, pamphlets and microfilms. Students have unlimited access to extensive collections of primary and secondary legal materials via a wide range of electronic sources. The library is open long hours every day of the week and students have access to a knowledgeable staff and a dedicated law librarian.



**“If you are looking for a School with all the modern facilities needed for studying ... Nottingham is the place to be.”**



## Graduate School

The Graduate School can be found in the University's landmark Trent Building. This School provides postgraduate students with their own dedicated centre, featuring space for studying and socialising, computer facilities and meeting and seminar rooms.

“Postgraduate students are central to the research mission of the world's leading universities. They represent the future generation, not just of academics, but also of key workers across the whole spectrum of activities that contribute to the world's growing knowledge economy. That's why we need to ensure that they enjoy the best resources and facilities possible whilst they are studying at the University.

“The reconfigured and relocated Graduate School with its social and study space for postgraduates and research staff, represents an important step in that direction.”

**Professor Paul Heywood**  
**Graduate School Director**

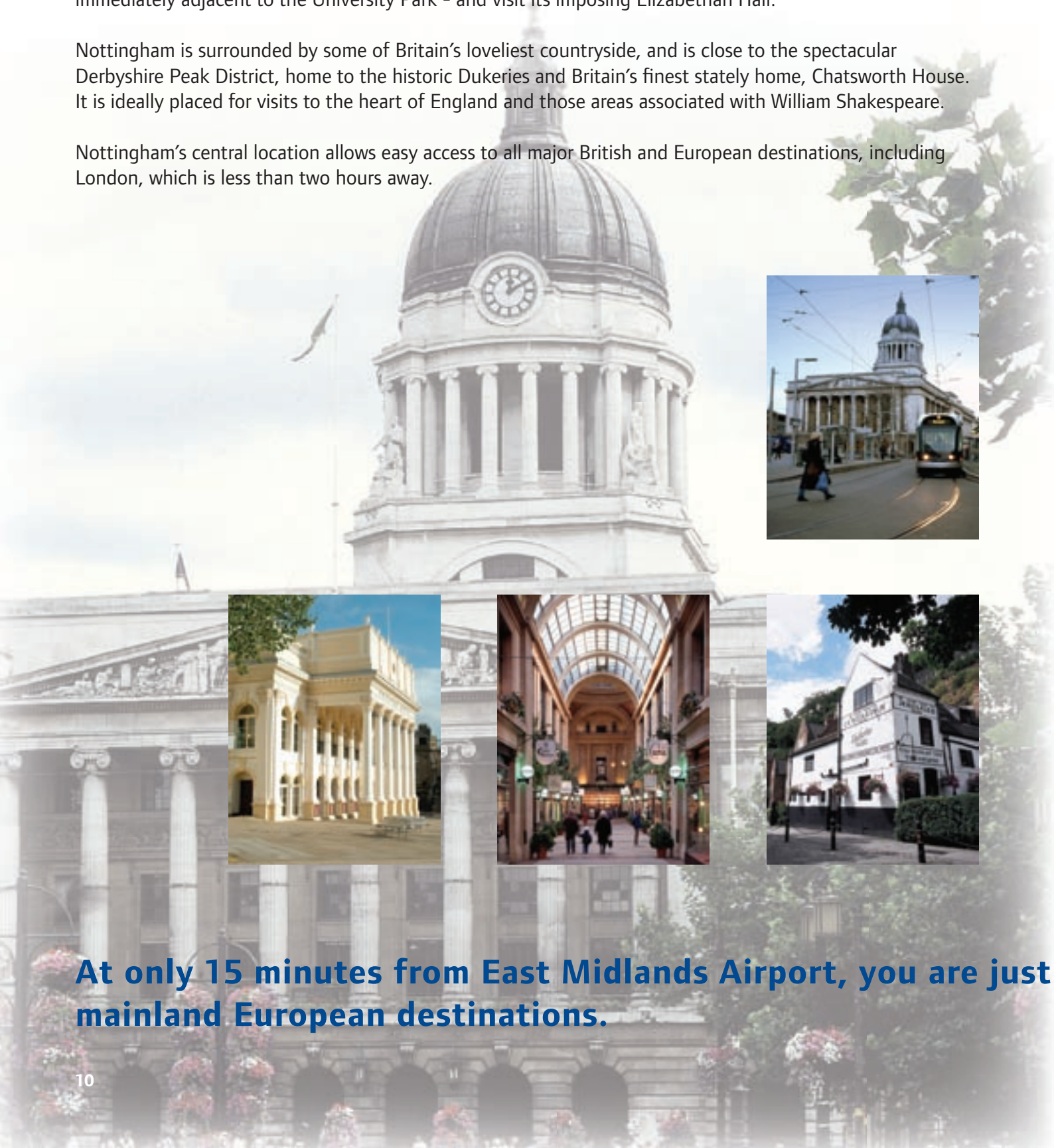
# Not all work...

Nottingham is a prosperous, student-friendly city situated in the heart of the UK. A thriving commercial centre, Nottingham offers a range of cultural and recreational facilities that combine historical legend with the style of a modern cosmopolitan city. Nottingham has been voted the best English shopping centre outside of London.

Nottingham, the legendary home of Robin Hood, is one of the oldest cities in the UK and has a rich history. You could explore the ancient caves beneath Nottingham Castle, or take a relaxing walk in Wollaton Park - immediately adjacent to the University Park - and visit its imposing Elizabethan Hall.

Nottingham is surrounded by some of Britain's loveliest countryside, and is close to the spectacular Derbyshire Peak District, home to the historic Dukeries and Britain's finest stately home, Chatsworth House. It is ideally placed for visits to the heart of England and those areas associated with William Shakespeare.

Nottingham's central location allows easy access to all major British and European destinations, including London, which is less than two hours away.



**At only 15 minutes from East Midlands Airport, you are just mainland European destinations.**

# More sports facilities per head than anywhere else in Europe.



## Sport

Nottingham is home to the Nottingham Tennis Centre, the National Ice Centre, the National Water Sports Centre, the historic Trent Bridge test cricket ground, and football at Nottingham Forest and Notts County. In fact, Nottingham has more sports facilities per head than anywhere else in Europe.

## Sport at the University

The University has a state-of-the-art Sports Centre and an indoor eight-lane swimming pool on the University Park campus, as well as exceptionally good facilities for all outdoor sports. The Sports Centre provides resources for badminton, basketball, football, archery, martial arts, table tennis, dance and circuit training, to name but a few. Facilities also include a climbing wall, a modern, well-lit fitness centre, floodlit artificial sports surface, tennis courts, a bowling green and a sports injury clinic. There are seven squash courts on campus and a well equipped boathouse by the River Trent. Nearby is the National Water Sports Centre, which has made Nottingham the centre of British rowing.



## Things to see and do in Nottingham

- Broadway Media Centre
- Nottingham Caves
- Goose Fair
- Galleries of Justice
- Lace Market
- National Ice Centre and Concert Arena
- National Water Sports Centre
- Nottingham Castle
- Nottingham Forest Football Club
- Notts County Football Club
- Nottingham Playhouse
- Nottingham Race Courses
- Nottingham Tennis Centre
- Nightlife
- Restaurants
- Royal Concert Hall
- Test and County Cricket at Trent Bridge
- The Trip to Jerusalem, England's oldest inn
- Wollaton Park and Hall

## Things to see and do in the Midlands

- Alton Towers Amusement Park
- Chatsworth House
- Clumber Park and the Dukeries
- DH Laurence Birthplace Museum
- Donnington Park Race Track
- Lincoln Castle and Cathedral
- National Space Centre
- Newstead Abbey and Park – ancestral home of Lord Byron
- Peak District
- Rutland Water
- Sherwood Forest
- Silverston Race Track
- Southwell Minster
- Stratford upon Avon – birthplace of Shakespeare

a couple of hours away from many



**Nicole Mohammed**

Trinidad and Tobago

**LLM Environmental Law**

*Foundation of International Environmental Law and Development*

I was a Legal Officer at the Environmental Management Authority of Trinidad and Tobago before deciding to take an LLM.

I chose Nottingham because it was ranked as one of the top universities in the UK and was one of the few that offered an environmental law course. I was very interested that it was a popular destination for international students as I wanted to meet people from different places and cultures. The beautiful campus was a big draw for me as I am a bit of a nature buff!

The course explored many of the international regimes which lie at the heart of the environmental laws enacted and currently being developed in my country and thus gave me an international perspective which enhanced the knowledge I had acquired as a result of my background.

What I learned on the LLM has been invaluable as it exposed me to extremely interesting and dynamic issues such as climate change and the international regime which is attempting to tackle it and has allowed me to take up an internship with FIELD, a dynamic international law chambers specialising in environmental issues.

## The taught postgraduate programmes

The Masters degrees offered within the School of Law have proved immensely popular and successful since their inception in 1987. A diverse range of rigorous and stimulating courses constantly evolve in response to major legal and world developments.

### Master of Laws (LLM)

The School of Law offers one of the widest choices of LLM programmes in Europe. In addition to the general LLM, you can study for a specialist degree in any of the following areas:

- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Law
- European Law
- Human Rights Law
- International Commercial Law
- International Criminal Justice and Armed Conflict
- International Law
- International Law and Development
- Maritime Law
- Public International Law

### MA Socio-legal and Criminological Research

This programme is aimed primarily at those wishing to enhance their legal research skills before embarking on a doctorate and is one of only two such Economic & Social Research Council recognised programmes in the UK.

### MSc Law and Environmental Science

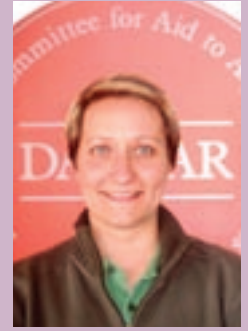
This interdisciplinary programme provides students with an opportunity to explore the interplay between scientific knowledge and the law.

Daria Davitti

Italy

**LLM Human Rights  
Law**

*UN Assistance Mission  
in Afghanistan*



## Teaching and assessment

The full-time programme is a 12-month course of full-time study.

Specifically designed for the Masters programmes, we offer a wide and diverse range of over 50 modules. You will find brief descriptions of each specialist LLM on the following pages and further details can be found on the School of Law website at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/law](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/law) The list of available courses and modules may change from time to time.

Students take the equivalent of four full-year modules during the taught element of the programme and then proceed to a researched dissertation.

To qualify for one of the specialist LLM degrees, the equivalent of three full year modules and the dissertation topic must come within the relevant specialism.

Teaching is normally by a weekly two-hour seminar in each module. Students are encouraged and expected to participate in seminars, which is a reflection of the interactive nature of the programme.

Assessment is by essay, examination or a combination of both.

Before starting the LLM I worked as paralegal in the Commercial Department of Eversheds LLP. However, when offered the opportunity to complete my studies to qualify as a commercial lawyer, I decided instead to come to Nottingham and specialize in International Human Rights Law.

I chose Nottingham because of its international reputation and excellence in International Law and Human Rights Law. The LLM course gave me the knowledge and preparation necessary for analyzing complex human rights situations, and gave me the confidence to work in difficult field operations.

In January 2006 I came to Afghanistan and started working as Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant/Gender Officer for DACAAR (Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees). Since November 2006 I have been working as a Human Rights Officer in the Central Regional Office of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

**“Coming from a university system where courses mostly take the form of lectures, I found the class discussions both challenging and stimulating. The fact that many students were overseas students also increased the interest of the debates.”**

## LLM Public International Law

Studying public international law at Nottingham in this challenging age of international politics provides those specialising in the subject with an excellent opportunity to appreciate how the law works and how it is applied in a range of different contexts.

This programme is designed to provide candidates with a sound knowledge of the law in the substantive fields of human rights, the environment and armed conflict, and introduces candidates to the complex array of problems and controversies which arise in these areas. Candidates gain an understanding of the contrasting differences and similarities between subdisciplines - from sources of law to interpretation, application, development and enforcement.

### Modules

Biodiversity and International Law  
European Law of Human Rights  
Governance of the EU  
International and Comparative Penal Law & Human Rights  
International Criminal Law: Institutions  
International Criminal Law: Substantive Law & Process  
International Human Rights Law I  
International Human Rights Law II  
International Humanitarian Law  
International Investment Law  
International Law of the Sea  
International Law of Transboundary Pollution  
International Law of Treaties  
International Law on the Use of Force  
International Refugee Law  
Law, Development & the International Community  
Law of International Organisations  
Mental Disability and International Human Rights  
Non-governmental Organisations (School of Politics)  
Principles of Public International Law  
Public Procurement in EC and International Trade Law  
Settlement of International Disputes  
The World Trading System

## LLM Human Rights Law

International human rights law is one of the most dynamic, exciting and valuable areas of law. We offer teaching on both its foundational aspects and a wide range of its specialisations whereby students gain considerable knowledge and understanding to equip them for further research and for professional practice. Candidates will keep abreast of current developments with respect to United Nations. Specific areas of substantive law (such as protection of refugees and minority rights) form an integral part of the human rights programme.

### Modules

Counter-terrorism and Human Rights  
European Law of Human Rights  
Foundations of International Criminal Justice  
Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights  
Imprisonment and Human Rights  
International and Comparative Penal Law and Human Rights  
International Criminal Law: Institutions  
International Criminal Law: Substantive Law and Process  
International Human Rights Field Operations: Law in Practice  
International Human Rights Law I  
International Human Rights Law II  
International Humanitarian Law  
International Refugee Law  
Law Development and the International Community  
Mental Disability and International Human Rights  
Principles of Public International Law  
Rights, Humans and Other Animals  
The Rights of the Child

## Baldeep Sokhi-Bulley

United Kingdom

### LLM Human Rights Law

*PhD student, University of Nottingham*

I was very impressed with the level of teaching and found the staff to be friendly and approachable. Seminars encouraged student participation and this was a great way to benefit from the opinions of a diverse group of students. This diversity of students was for me another positive feature; they came from all over the world, straight from undergraduate studies, were mid-career professionals working within government or NGOs in their own country. It was a privilege to be able to share in their experiences.



## LLM Criminal Justice

Postgraduate criminal justice teaching in the School of Law is distinguished by its strength in the international, comparative and philosophical dimensions of criminal justice. In addition to the core teaching programme, postgraduate students are invited to the Criminal Justice Discussion Group which hosts distinguished visiting speakers. Modern criminal justice processes are subject to historic political developments, seemingly irresistible economic forces, world-wide cultural transformations, and rapid social change. The LLM in Criminal Justice encourages students to develop the intellectual skills, knowledge and understanding necessary for meeting the new challenges of crime and justice in the twenty-first century.

### Modules

Counter-terrorism and Human Rights  
Fair Trials, Human Rights and Criminal Justice  
Foundations of International Criminal Justice  
Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights  
Imprisonment and Human Rights  
International and Comparative Penal Law & Human Rights  
International Criminal Law: Institutions  
International Criminal Law: Substantive Law and Process  
Protection of Human Rights in the UK

## LLM International Criminal Justice & Armed Conflict

This unique masters degree enables postgraduate students to study advanced options relating to the international dimensions of criminal justice and the law and practice of international armed conflict. Emphasis is placed on contemporary problems and issues in the emerging, interdisciplinary field of International Criminal Justice, with attention to the theoretical significance, as well as to the practical challenges, of achieving criminal justice in the international arena. The School of Law's Human Rights Law Centre has active research links with the International Criminal Court and many LLM graduates have subsequently undertaken internships with international criminal tribunals or related human rights NGOs.

### Modules

Counter-terrorism and Human Rights  
EU Defence Law  
Fair Trials, Human Rights and Criminal Justice  
Foundations of International Criminal Justice  
Imprisonment and Human Rights  
International and Comparative Penal Law and Human Rights  
International Criminal Law: Institutions  
International Criminal Law: Substantive Law and Process  
International Humanitarian Law  
International Law on the Use of Force  
International Refugee Law  
Law of International Organisations  
Principles of Public International Law  
Settlement of International Disputes

## Vincent Roobaert

Belgium

### LLM Criminal Justice and Armed Conflict

*Legal Coordination of French-speaking Amnesty International Belgium*

My experience at the University of Nottingham more than met my expectations. In particular, I enjoyed learning from recognised experts who succeeded in communicating their enthusiasm for, and expertise in their fields. Certain courses were co-chaired by two or three lecturers. This allowed students to look at various possible approaches to a given legal issue, which proved to be extremely interesting. Coming from a university system where courses mostly take the form of lectures, I found the class discussions both challenging and stimulating. The fact that many students were overseas students also increased the interest of the debates. This was especially useful with regard to International Criminal Justice courses as this field of law involves comparative analyses of various legal systems.

### LLM International Law & Development

The relationship between law and development has been a central concern of policy makers, lawyers and scholars throughout the last century. Since 1945 the international community and international organisations such as the World Bank, the IMF, and the WTO, have promoted economic development as an end in itself often turning to law to achieve this goal. In more recent years, while the language has changed to one of globalisation and good governance, the aim of development has remained central to the process. But what exactly does development mean and to what extent have the lives of billions of people improved?

#### Modules

Biodiversity and International Law  
EC Environmental Law and Policy  
General Themes and Principles of International Environmental Law  
International Human Rights Law I  
International Human Rights Law II  
International Investment Law  
International Law of the Sea  
International Law of Transboundary Pollution  
Law, Development and the International Community  
Law of International Organisations  
The World Trading System

### LLM Environmental Law

Many of the problems which environmental law confronts require concerted action either globally or within a region of the world. The international law of the environment and EC environmental law are the focus of the options available under this degree.

Options cover a wide range of issues of contemporary relevance, from the conservation of wetlands to liability for nuclear damage. The underlying purpose is to provide a solid grounding in the basic principles of EC and international environmental law as applied in a particular context, whether that be ensuring the cleanliness of a local bathing beach or preserving the rain forest.

#### Modules

Biodiversity and International Law  
EC Environmental Law and Policy  
General Themes and Principles of International Environmental Law  
International Investment Law  
International Law of the Sea  
International Law of Transboundary Pollution  
International Law of Treaties  
Law, Development and the International Community  
Maritime Law  
Principles of Public International Law  
Rights, Humans and Other Animals

### Lisa Loftus-Otway

United Kingdom

#### LLM Environmental Law

*Research Engineer/Scientist Associate  
Attorney-at-Law (Licensed in New York)*



Without the time management and self-discipline skills that Nottingham installed I would not have been able to pass the New York Bar while working full-time in a law practice as a paralegal and Compliance Manager. Nottingham taught me the importance of setting goals, developing plans and having the confidence to see projects through to finality. As a self supporting researcher, these skills are extremely important. I provide technical legal analysis on the research projects covering many diverse areas of law including contracts, constitutional, finance, tort, state, federal, international, transportation and environmental law.

## LLM Maritime Law

The LLM Maritime Law is a product of the strength of the School of Law in three complementary areas: shipping, environmental and Public International Law. A high proportion of international trade is conducted by sea, involving annually in excess of four billion tonnes of cargo. The sea is not, however, merely a medium for transport. It harbours vast resources under the sea bed and in its waters.

The LLM Maritime Law embraces both private and public law and addresses aspects of the private law of shipping. It also embraces important public international law issues that are addressed at regional and global levels.

## Modules

Commercial Conflict of Laws  
Law of International Carriage of Goods by Sea  
International Sale of Goods  
Law of International Trade Finance  
Law of Marine Insurance  
International Law of the Sea  
Maritime Law

Jean Wu



China

### LLM International Commercial Law

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Before coming to Nottingham to study for the LLM International Commercial Law I worked as an Account Executive in an foreign invested company in China

I chose Nottingham because the School of Law offers the modules which I see as most valuable for my career: marine insurance, international sales of goods, carriage of goods by sea. It also helped that a school mate of mine in China who went to Nottingham the year before thoroughly enjoyed the course and the life there. He also told me that living in Nottingham is affordable compared to other big cities and that the campus is beautiful and peaceful. Of course, I followed his recommendation and I am delighted that I did.

Nottingham was absolutely the right choice for me. The modules that I studied gave me knowledge of all aspects of international commercial law, which I use every day in my work. The method of teaching allowed me to improve not only my knowledge but my capacity to learn. I am now working for one of the world's top reinsurance companies as claims lawyer/compliance specialist. What I learned about international trade and marine insurance during my LLM ensured a smooth start in my new job. Meanwhile, the experience of studying in an internationalized campus made it easy for me to get along with colleagues from different countries. What I learned at Nottingham will benefit me my whole life.

## LLM International Commercial Law

The LLM International Commercial Law enables candidates to study a wide range of commercial law options of international relevance. It embraces a number of related areas of commercial law, examining transactional and regulatory law. The public and private law of international trade and shipping law are well represented.

Intellectual property law and cognate subjects are extensively considered. Further significant strands to the degree are provided by options relating to banking and finance law, the conflict of laws (sometimes called private international law), and the law of public procurement.

## Modules

Advanced Copyright and Design Law  
Banks, Consumers and Regulation  
Commercial Conflict of Laws  
European Community Competition Law  
European International Relations Law  
International Relations Law of the EU  
International and Comparative Copyright Law  
International and Comparative Patent Law  
International and Comparative Trademark Law  
International Copyright Law  
International Consumer Protection  
International Investment Law  
International Patent & Trademark Law  
International Sale of Goods  
Law, Development and the International Community  
Law of International Carriage of Goods by Sea  
Law of International Trade Finance  
Law of Marine Insurance  
International Law of the Sea  
Maritime Law  
Principles of Capital Market Regulation  
Public Procurement in EC and International Trade Law  
Public Procurement Law  
The World Trading System

## LLM European Law

One of the most exciting legal developments of the postwar era is the dynamic evolution of a European legal system that is something more ambitious than traditional international law, but not, technically speaking, the law of a sovereign state. Specialising in European law demands an appreciation of the basic pattern of the law of the European Union, combined with the study of increasingly important sectors of European community legal developments, such as competition policy, social policy, environmental policy and consumer policy. European Law also embraces aspects of private international law and appreciation of human rights law.

### Modules

Advanced Copyright and Design Law  
Commercial Conflict of Laws  
EC Environmental Law and Policy  
EU Defence Law  
European Community Competition Law  
European Law of Human Rights  
Governance of the EU  
International & Comparative Patent Law  
International & Comparative Copyright Law  
International & Comparative Trademark Law  
International Relations Law of the EU  
Public Procurement in EC and International Trade Law

“The programme is extremely rewarding. It gives the student the opportunity to focus on the areas of law which are of most interest to them.”

## LLM International Law

The LLM International Law embraces all options offered on the programme that involve law of an international character, whether public or private.

### Modules

Commercial Conflict of Laws  
EU Defence Law  
Foundations of International Criminal Justice  
International Consumer Protection  
International Relations Law of the EU  
International Sale of Goods  
Law of International Trade Finance  
Public Procurement Law  
All other modules listed under Public International Law

## Constanze Posselt

Germany

**LLM European Law**



I chose to study at the University of Nottingham because of its excellent international reputation as both one of the finest law schools in the United Kingdom and a centre of excellence in European Law. Apart from that, I appreciated the splendid choice of modules, in terms of their numbers and their harmonisation with each other. Even before I arrived, I experienced the kind and caring way the University deals with its students. I was impressed by the exceptional expertise of the teaching staff. In particular, I appreciated the considerable commitment and support the teachers carry towards their students. It should be added that the University offers first-class resources in the form of both its Law Library, including the European Documentation Centre and its electronic resources. Last but not least, I consider it an enormous benefit that I was able to study with, and make friends with, people from all over the world. In a nutshell, my year at the University of Nottingham was a precious experience for me.

### MSc Law and Environmental Science

The MSc Law and Environmental Science is offered jointly by the Schools of Law and Biosciences. The scientific element of the programme is designed to provide a background in biological and/or physical sciences, and also an understanding of relevant mathematical and computer science to facilitate a quantitative understanding of environmental issues.

Addressing these issues to ensure a clean and healthy environment for the enjoyment of future generations is one of the greatest challenges for environmental science and law.

### Modules

Air Pollution

Biodiversity and International Law

Communicating Environmental Science

EC Environmental Law and Policy

Environmental Information Technology

Environmental Measurement

Environmental Modelling

General Themes and Principles of

International Environmental Law

International Law of Transboundary Pollution

International Law of Treaties

International Trade and the Environment

Practical Environmental Measurement

Science, Technology and Business

Soil and Water Pollution and Reclamation

Soil and Water Science

### MA Socio-legal and Criminological Research

This course is specially designed for students intending to progress to research careers or research degrees in socio-legal studies or criminology. The programme is recognised by the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) for its "1+3" postgraduate studentships competition, and the School of Law currently has three quota places on the programme, over 2006-2008, allocated by the ESRC.

The MA provides interdisciplinary training through core modules in qualitative and quantitative research methods, philosophy of social sciences, and legal research methods, augmented by optional subjects (including relevant LLM modules) pertinent to a particular candidate's substantive research interests.

### Core Modules

Legal Research Methods

Research Management and Personal

Development Skills

Philosophy of Social Research

Quantitative Political Analysis

Designing Political Enquiry

### Options

Foundations of International Criminal Justice

International and Comparative Penal Law

and Human Rights

International Criminal Law: Institutions

International Criminal Law: Substantive Law and Process

International Human Rights Law I

International Human Rights Law II

Mental Disability and International Human Rights

Theory and Method of International Law

### Fabienne Emmerich

Germany

#### MA Socio-legal and Criminological Research

*PhD student, University of Nottingham*

I chose to come to Nottingham to study the MA in Socio-legal and Criminological Research because of the criminological focus of my research proposal. I wanted to do the MA as it gave me the opportunity to learn about empirical research skills in detail. As it turned out, I gained a lot more from the MA than I had expected. Not only did the programme allow me to place emphasis on research methods, it gave me the space to significantly expand and improve my research proposal. And because the degree is recognised by the ESRC, I was successful in obtaining an ESRC "+3 competition" award and had a headstart on the postgraduate research programme at Nottingham, in which I am now in my first year.



**Ademola Abass**

Nigeria

**PhD**

*Reader in Law,  
University of Reading*

Following my LLB in Nigeria and LLM from the University of Cambridge, I came to Nottingham to undertake my PhD entitled “A Centralised Collective Security System: The United Nations and Regional Organisations after the Cold War.”

I decided to come to Nottingham because of the considerable expertise of its staff in Public International Law, as well as the huge reputation of the School as a centre of excellence both in teaching and research. This course has been of huge benefit to me not merely in terms of my career development as an international lawyer, but also in terms of using international law to build particular expertise in peace and security.

I was fortunate to be awarded a scholarship for my studies and, in addition, I won other scholarships offered by the School that enabled me to attend several dedicated courses for master and doctoral students across Europe. These courses not only helped me to develop my understanding of international law as a subject, but also put me in touch with other international lawyers across the globe.

The research and intellectual culture at Nottingham, as well as the readiness and friendliness of staff and students alike, compete with the very best traditions anywhere. I feel very lucky to have studied in Nottingham and would recommend the School to anyone anytime.

## Research degrees

The School of Law strives to promote research excellence among all its scholars. It recognises that high-quality legal research may take many different forms. A wide variety of legal research methods are employed in the numerous research projects ongoing in the School.

The School of Law believes that postgraduate research students and academics are all engaged in the same scholarly endeavours and can learn a great deal from each other. Postgraduate research students are invited to play a full role in all the research activities of the School.

Whilst legal research is often an individual activity, many collaborative research activities, including co-authorship of publications, collaborations with visiting scholars, seminars, reading and discussion groups and distinguished visitors’ seminars, take place in the School. Postgraduate research students are encouraged to participate in all such activities.

The School of Law offers supervision for research degrees in most subject areas of the law, and also for interdisciplinary projects which have a legal aspect. The School currently has about 40 registered graduate research candidates, who come from all over the world.

Research candidates may study either for the Degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Those candidates wishing to study for a PhD are normally admitted first to the MPhil programme, and may then transfer to the PhD later if progress warrants this.

In line with the majority of law schools within the United Kingdom, the normal length of an MPhil thesis is about 60,000 words, and a doctoral thesis, about 100,000 words.

The School also offers the degree of Masters by Research (MRes). This flexible one-year full-time research degree offers the possibility to combine taught masters modules with a substantial piece of research.



**Despina Pachnou**

Greece

**PhD**

*Zepos & Yannopoulos*

## Research facilities

As well as benefiting from very extensive library holdings, research students in the School of Law enjoy a number of excellent facilities.

All research students currently registered in the School of Law have 24-hour access to a private study carrel, each with its own computer (wired for internet access) and lockable desk space. These carrels are located in the School of Law Research Student Rooms. The School of Law also has a generous fund to assist research students with expenses incurred in connection with their research work, such as field trips and attendance at conferences.

## Skills development

All research students undertake the School of Law's module, Legal Research Methods. This module considers the diverse spectrum of legal scholarship and methodologies. Students will refresh or enhance their legal research skills and receive training in a range of research methods and techniques. The School of Law also offers a wide range of courses on specific areas of law, and students are able to participate in the School's extensive undergraduate and postgraduate modules.

The School's annual Research Presentation Day affords students the opportunity not only to develop presentation skills that will be useful in their viva voce examinations, delivering conference papers and their future careers, but also to obtain feedback on their research work. The event is also useful for finding out more about the work that their colleagues are doing and provides an enjoyable social occasion.

In addition, the Graduate School provides a wide variety of training courses which students are encouraged to attend as appropriate. These cover general matters such as use of information technology for research and writing, time management, planning a thesis and preparing for the viva voce examination, as well as specialist topics such as use of statistics and qualitative research methods. Training on teaching methods is available as many research students are involved in teaching.

I read for a PhD in public procurement law at the University of Nottingham under the supervision of Professor Sue Arrowsmith, an international authority in this field.

Before starting the PhD, I had obtained an LLM at the College of Europe, Bruges, then completed my training as a lawyer, qualifying to the Athens Bar. I worked as an intern for the European Commission.

I chose to study at the University of Nottingham because of the reputation of its Law Department and I was delighted to be offered a scholarship by the School. The PhD offered me sound knowledge of public procurement, a highly technical field of law.

I am currently a practising lawyer in one of the top law firms of Greece and use the technical knowledge acquired through the PhD to advise clients on public procurement matters.



**Florian Neumayr**

Austria

**LLM International  
Commercial Law**

*bpv Hugel  
Rechtsanwalte OEG*

I came to Nottingham to undertake the LLM International Commercial Law after an internship at the Commercial Court of Vienna.

I chose Nottingham because the University was very highly ranked with the British Council and the application procedure allowed for late applications. I decided only at a rather late stage to do an LLM prior to qualifying as a lawyer.

The course offered me a specialisation in Public Procurement Law, which is still one of my main areas of practice. Moreover, it offered me a great insight into common law. Coming from a civil law legal background, this helped me a lot to broaden my legal view and way of thinking.

The opportunity to meet fellow students from practically all over the world also needs mentioning. Equipped with the knowledge and social skills from Nottingham, I was able to do a PhD in Procurement Law and to become an attorney-at-law with one of the leading law firms in Vienna.

# How do I apply?

## LLM and MA programmes

Normally, you will possess (or be predicted to obtain) a degree in law or a related discipline (such as International Relations) of a first or good second class honours standard or the overseas equivalent. Allowance may be made for special qualifications, experience and background, and students with other academic backgrounds will be considered.

## MSc programme

Applicants for the MSc must hold a degree in law or a related discipline or a degree in physical, environmental or biological science, normally of a first or good second class honours standard or equivalent. Candidates without a first degree in science will be required to hold at least one A-level science qualification or its equivalent, preferably in physics or chemistry. A-level mathematics will also be an advantage. Allowance may be made for special qualifications, experience and background.

## Research degrees programme

Applicants to the Research Degrees Programme will normally be expected to have (or be predicted to obtain) a Masters degree in law or a related subject of a good standard. Detailed information and guidance on the application process for the Research Degrees Programme can be found on the School of Law website at

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/research/re\\_apply.php](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/research/re_apply.php)



## English language requirements

If your first language is not English and you do not have a degree from a UK institution, you will have to show evidence of your competence in English. We will normally require one of the following:

**Either** an IELTS score of at least 7.0 with a minimum score of 6.5 in each element

**Or** any one of the following TOEFL scores:

*Paper*

600 with 5.0 in the Test of Written English

*Computer*

250 with 5.0 in the Test of Written English

*IBT*

100 with no less than 21 in any element

## Fees

Information regarding fees for all postgraduate law courses can be found at

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees>

## Online application procedure

The online application is the quickest and easiest way of applying to the University of Nottingham and gives you ongoing information about the progress of your application.

The system enables you to fill out a standard application form online and submit this to the University immediately. A major benefit is that your application is not delayed in the post, and you can be assured that it has arrived safely, as we send you an automatic acknowledgement of receipt of your application.

Once you have submitted your application, you can view its progress by using the online tracking system. The Postgraduate Applications portal also gives you extra information about Nottingham and the University. You can access the portal via:

<http://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk>

Of course, you can still apply on the hard copy application form enclosed in this brochure.

The School of Law does not charge an application fee.

## Scholarships and funding

### Taught Masters Programme

The School has the following bursaries available:

**Tuition fee bursaries for overseas candidates** are available on a competitive basis and awarded on academic merit.

**Tuition fee bursaries for home/EU candidates** are available on a competitive basis and awarded on academic merit.

To apply for these bursaries, you must mark clearly on your application form that you wish to be considered for a School bursary.

### Environmental Law Centre

**Scholarships** are available to those students who wish to study for the LLM Environmental Law or MSc Law and Environmental Science. These Scholarships are awarded on academic merit and all candidates who apply for either of these programmes will be considered.

Decisions on the award of scholarships are taken after the closing date for applications to the programme and applicants will be notified at the end of June if they have been successful.

### Research degrees programme

The School has a number of tuition and maintenance scholarships available to outstanding research students. For full details, please see

[http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/research/rd\\_funding.php](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/research/rd_funding.php)

# Academic staff and th

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*Professor of Public Procurement Law*

Public Procurement, World Trade Organisation

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Constitutional and Administrative Law, Tort, English Legal System, Civil Liberties, Evidence, Local Government Law

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Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Justice

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Property Law, Equity and Estoppel, Tax Law

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