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When Uzma Khan started out on the LLB course, she settled into her studies very quickly because everyone in the Staffordshire University Law School was so helpful and friendly.

Uzma found the student counselling service invaluable when she first moved to Stoke-on-Trent to take up her place at university and she was glad to have a friendly face to turn to for help and advice.

She enthused: “As a person with no legal background, I enjoyed my first year immensely because I found my study modules so fascinating. I studied Criminal Law and the English Legal System and I found all of my tutors to be such learned, interesting people that I couldn’t fail to be inspired.

My ambition is to represent people in court after I qualify and I think Staffordshire Law School is a great place to study because the lecture halls are very comfortable and convenient.

“It’s very easy to go back and forth to the library to find the resources you need and I like the fact that the building is quite small and cosy. You feel comfortable studying in there even late at night when you are revising for exams.”
why choose us?

Right at the heart of the Midlands, Staffordshire University Law School in Stoke-on-Trent is not just a great place to study, it’s a brilliant place to give you a headstart on the road to a successful career.

We give you more...

- More opportunities to enter your chosen career – a high proportion of our graduates land graduate level jobs...
- More than 95% of our graduates are earning or go into further study within six months of graduating...
- More real world skills – with study environments designed to mirror the workplace; tutors with considerable industry expertise; accreditation from professional bodies; industry-leading equipment and facilities; strong links with local, national and international businesses...
- More happy and contented students – 96% of our Law students are among the most satisfied in the sector according to the National Student Survey
- More affordable courses and living costs compared to most other universities...
- More choice – an amazing student environment where you can join a club or society; become a volunteer; study abroad; be part of the fun at our award winning Students’ Union, enjoy the thrills and spills of top local theme parks and premiership action at Stoke City’s Britannia Stadium.
why choose our law school?

Our aim is to make you an industry must-have, so we have strong links with major practices in Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Birmingham, Manchester and Cheshire to make sure you learn from the very best.

Studying at our Law School will give you a great headstart when it comes to catching the eye of potential employers.

Here, you’ll be taught by experienced professionals including qualified solicitors and barristers, and experience the type of work you’ll be expected to carry out in a law firm.

This is a place to learn cutting-edge skills in a life-like environment. You’ll have the opportunity to develop advocacy skills in an authentic courtroom setting as well as access to a dedicated law library which is why you’ll enter solicitors’ offices and barristers’ chambers already equipped to meet the challenges you’ll face.

Learning in our Law School is up-to-the-minute, relevant, and very flexible. You can gain a qualifying law degree in a number of ways to suit your qualifications, interests and circumstances.

Our Law School has a great reputation for helping you to develop specialist interests while obtaining your law degree – with options ranging from Sports Law to Criminology.

We’re recognised as one of the best Law Schools in the country – gaining top marks from the Solicitors Regulation Authority for the provision of legal education.

We provide:

- A wide range of degree programmes including single and combined honours LLB awards which are recognised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board – your first step towards qualification as a solicitor or barrister
- Financial support, incentives and bursaries
- A personal tutor for every student to give you one-to-one help on personal and academic issues
- A student organised Law Society, annual mooting competitions and national client interviewing and negotiating competitions.

Employability

Employability and skills for life are at the centre of everything we do. Careers advice is tailored to your own specific needs so you make informed choices about which career path to follow. We see our job as giving you the best possible chance of securing relevant graduate employment. We understand that not all of our students want to pursue the traditional route of becoming either a solicitor or barrister. In fact many of our graduates successfully follow alternative routes into teaching, research, the Probation, Prison and Police Services or even personnel departments of large companies.
For father-of-two Darren Pearce, studying law started out as a hobby. He took an A level at his local college and enjoyed it so much he decided to really stretch himself and take things further.

Working at Stoke-on-Trent City Council as the Manager of the Corporate Procurement Team, Darren was drawn to Staffordshire University Law School because of its close proximity to his office. He explained: "Having to fit my studies around a full-time job meant that I needed to study in the evenings and the Stoke campus of Staffordshire University was very convenient, as well as having a reputation as a centre of excellence for law.

"It's taken me four years of part-time study but I gained a 2:1 in my LLB and I am now proud to call myself a graduate. I've always wanted a degree and this will increase my prospects in what is an increasingly competitive world."

"Following my success, I have been offered a place on a postgraduate course to study Procurement Law and Policy and hope to build on my past achievements. I've enjoyed the challenge of gaining my first degree and have had good support from my employer to help with funding. I can recommend the experience to any mature student and I am proof that it is never too late to learn."
course structure

Our Law degree is a flexible qualification to open up excellent career opportunities.

At our Law School you won't just learn about law; you will develop important workplace skills in communication, research, drafting and problem-solving.

The course is very flexible and our Law School is one of few institutions offering both daytime and evening study which gives you many different options to study for a qualifying law degree – designed to fit around your needs.

You can complete a degree in just two years on the fast-track programme, which, when combined with our Legal Practice Course (LPC) gives you the fastest route to qualify as a solicitor. You can also take the traditional three-year full-time course or take four years and study part-time either by day or evening.

There's also a four-year Law degree with Foundation Year if you need extra support in meeting the entry requirements. The most popular study route is the three-year course, then, after graduating you can continue your studies on our top-rated LPC or our LLM programme.

In Years 1 and 2 of your Law degree, you will cover all the core modules including a detailed study of the Law of Contract, Public Law, Criminal Law, Tort, Land Law, European Law and Equities and Trusts.

In Year 3, you can choose a number of different options including focusing on specialist areas such as Sports Law, Employment Law, Family Law or Environmental Law. Great opportunities are open to you too. As a single honours student you can spend the first teaching block of your final year at a partner institution in Europe. There's even a grant available from the European Commission towards the cost of travelling abroad.

The following awards are offered within the Staffordshire University Law School undergraduate programme:

**Full-time study:**

- Single Honours
  (Three years. Full-time day delivery at Stoke or at APIIT Sri Lanka)
- Fast-track Single Hocours
  (Two years. Full-time day delivery at Stoke)
- Named Honours routes:
  (All three years. Full-time day delivery at Stoke)
  - LLB(Hons) Business Law
  - LLB(Hons) Criminology

**Part-time study:**

- Single Honours
  (Four years. Part-time day or evening delivery at Stoke or block teaching at Worcester College of Technology)
module information

All law degree programmes are broken down into modules to allow both flexible and specialised study.

You gain credits by successfully completing each module. For the Single Honours degree, 270 of the 360 credits you need must be in law modules. The other 90 credits can be in law or any other subject options available at the University.

To equip you with the best variety of skills that future employers will value, we assess modules in a number of different ways including coursework, assignments, exams and oral presentations.

On the Law programme you will study the English Legal System (ELS) and Legal Skills (Enhancing Career and Personal Success). These subjects will give you an essential knowledge of the English Legal System, equip you with the study skills you need to succeed on the course and give your career prospects a boost.

To achieve the Qualifying Law Degree (QLD), essential to becoming a solicitor or barrister, you must pass the Foundations of Legal Knowledge (FLKs).

These are:

- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Contract
- Criminal Law
- Equity and Trusts
- European Union Law
- Land Law
- Tort.

In addition, you can study a wide range of optional modules including:

- Contract of Employment
- Discrimination in Employment
- Family Law
- Sports Law
- Environmental Law
- Human Rights Law
- Information Technology Law
- Commercial Law
- Company Law.

For full details of course structure visit www.staffs.ac.uk/law
Amy Garside feels that all her hard work has paid off after her law degree helped her land her dream job in Human Resources.

Amy, from Staffordshire, completed the LLB(Hons) Law degree in 2009 after enjoying the subject at A level and managed to work part-time while she was studying. She said: “It was really hard work fitting it all in but it was a very interesting course and ultimately, very rewarding.”

During her final year of study, Amy applied for two different jobs, one with the NHS and the other with a local firm of solicitors. She was offered both positions and opted for the NHS post, where she will join the Graduate Management Training Scheme, based at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire.

Now Amy is being sponsored to do a Postgraduate Diploma in HR Management by the NHS and she hopes to become a senior manager and eventually, an HR Director, within the health service. She revealed: “I chose the NHS job because I felt it would be a varied and interesting position that would offer me lots of challenges and opportunities.

“I’m really excited about beginning this career path and can recommend the law degree at Staffordshire University because the staff are always very supportive. Although I’ve gone slightly off the law path, I hope I serve as proof that you can get a job once you’ve graduated if you try hard enough and all your hard work will pay off once you have a degree under your belt.”
teaching style

What sets our law courses apart from other universities is that you’re taught by experienced staff, some of whom are qualified solicitors and barristers.

That means you have the great advantage of real world understanding and learn exactly what employers expect from you.

Our teaching materials are all highly relevant because they have been designed by these same experienced staff with very strong links to local and national practices, the Police, Magistrates Courts, Judiciary and CPS.

Personal Tutoring

Of course, we understand that everyone has different learning styles, so we give you the individual attention you need to achieve your full potential. And you get lots of face-to-face teaching sessions and meetings with peer groups.

Throughout your course, you will be offered one-to-one assistance when it comes to work and training contract applications. We can help with CVs, carry out mock interviews and we have very strong links with local practices as well as firms in Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Manchester, Birmingham and Cheshire which could help you on your way to your first post.

Careers Support

This is a key component of the Law School’s success. Our programme of workshops offering careers advice has always proved popular with students and they’re designed to help you at the front of the queue for employment success.

To provide you with the necessary skills, each academic year we offer a range of lectures and interactive workshops supported by one-to-one careers advice and practice interviews. Topics offered include: Creative Job Hunting, Enhancing your CV, and What are employers looking for in recruitment?

We aim to provide as much support and experience as we can and regularly arrange for representatives from legal firms to deliver lectures on CV drafting and covering letters.

Our careers packs also contain a wealth of information on careers issues, including how to find vacancies and how to make applications as well as numerous website addresses.

Experienced careers tutors are available to discuss issues without having to book appointments.
our facilities

With state-of-the-art facilities, our Law School is simply a first-rate place to study.

Housed in our own modern, well-equipped building, the Staffordshire University Law School incorporates our Law Library with legally qualified librarians to give expert advice. There is a mock courtroom with video facilities where you can develop your advocacy skills, Legal Practice rooms, as well as rooms set aside for group learning, workshops and tutorials with our friendly staff.

Extensive support including IT training will help you make the most of your study here. We have the latest high tech equipment for loan, including digital and video cameras and everyone has access to learning resources including books, journals and newspapers in hardcopy or electronically at university and from home.

Designed with you in mind, university library facilities, in addition to advice and support at help desks, over the phone or via the web, are all available 24/7.

On a practical note, you’ll find our accommodation great value from modern halls of residence to comfortable student houses.

If you choose to live in our university-owned halls you get free personal possessions insurance and we have specially adapted accommodation if you have special needs.

Our student digs are safe, secure and welcoming and they are highly affordable too with the average private rent in Stoke still only around £48 per week.

Our recreational facilities are impressive too. We support more than 45 affiliated clubs offering competition in the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) as well as local leagues.

No Students’ Union would be complete without somewhere to relax during the day and party into the night and we have two excellent venues on the Stoke campus which have hosted major acts.

In fact, our Union is one of the best in the country and has won numerous awards.

If you need a hand looking for part-time work or advice on the right career after graduation, we have a friendly team of experts on hand. Our strong links with employers locally and nationally also allow us to publish hundreds of job vacancies every year.
Negotiating multi-million pound transfer deals in the Football Premiership and advising top international sports men and women is all in a day's work for past Staffordshire University Law School graduate Gary Mellor.

Gary, who left school at 18 to start work as a Trainee Legal Executive then returned to learning through the Law School's evening classes, is now a partner in Stoke-on-Trent law firm Beswicks and as an avid sports fan, found his niche in life when he founded the Beswicks sports team.

Sport is now big business. As a result there is a growing market for the provision of legal services to those involved in the sports sector. As a passionate Stoke City fan, Gary has advised Andy Wilkinson, Salif Diao and Carl Dickenson on their Premier League contracts.

A member of the British Association for Sport and Law, Gary's a keen cricket fan too and proud to provide legal advice to Mushtaq Ahmed, the England Coach who helped England regain the Ashes. Gary said: “My specialism in sport started when, as a litigator, I was approached by footballers and cricketers to look at their contracts.

"Now it's great to be working in an area of such personal interest. No two days are the same and Beswicks have advised several stars of the sports world including Jamie Staff, the Olympic gold medal cyclist, on his commercial activities and represented up and coming athletes such as the sprinters, Alex and Ashlee Nelson, who are hoping to represent our country in the 2012 Olympics.

"It's a long time since I studied at Staffordshire University but, as a company, Beswicks have employed some excellent graduates from the Law School there and they always arrive here well versed and ready to start work immediately.

"Graduates of Staffordshire University Law School are highly employable.”
entry criteria and admissions

All applicants are individually assessed. If it's your first degree and you're under the age of 21, the minimum you need is at least two A levels or one Advanced VCE, BTEC, National or Higher National Diploma.

A typical offer will be 280 UCAS points and prospective students should contact the Customer Contact Centre for specific requirements.

t: 01782 294400 or e: enquiries@staffs.co.uk

Applicants over 21 have no specified entry requirements but admissions tutors will need evidence of your ability to study at a higher level.

Similarly, there are no formal entry requirements for the part-time undergraduate law awards, but applicants must attend one of the law open evenings.

How to Apply
All full-time Law award applications need to be made via UCAS quoting your choice of award code details.

UCAS
PO Box 28
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 3LZ
www.ucas.com

To apply for part-time courses, or for further information, please contact:
Enquiries Centre
Staffordshire University
t: 01782 294400
e: enquiries@staffs.ac.uk
glossary of terms

Here’s an explanation of some of the legal terms you might come across in this brochure and when reading up about careers in law.

- **Advocate**: A barrister or solicitor representing a party in a hearing before a Court.
- **BPTC**: Bar Professional Training Course - the new name for the BVC (Bar Vocational Course) - compulsory postgraduate qualification for barristers.
- **GDL**: Graduate Diploma in Law, also known as CPE (Common Professional Examination).
- **BSB**: Bar Standards Board.
- **CPS**: Crown Prosecution Service.
- **GLS**: Government Legal Service.
- **LLB**: Legum Baccalaureus (Bachelor of Laws degree).
- **LLM**: Masters in Law.
- **LPC**: Legal Practice Course - compulsory postgraduate qualification for solicitors.
- **Paralegal**: A practical legal expert not qualified as a lawyer.
- **QLD**: Qualifying Law Degree (essential to becoming a solicitor or barrister).
- **SRA**: Solicitors Regulation Authority.
Study at Staffs and we’ll help you to develop the skills and qualities necessary for success in the 21st Century.

By working together, we’ll aim to equip you to become ‘The Staffordshire Graduate’ – an individual with the knowledge, personal attributes and expertise that employers look for, and the ability to stand out in the job market.

With a thorough understanding of your chosen field, you’ll be a reflective, critical learner with a truly global perspective. Work-ready and highly employable, you’ll also fully understand the importance of being enterprising and entrepreneurial – essential skills whether you go into employment or start your own business.