

## **University of Sheffield and University of Law Partnership – FAQs**

We understand that you may have questions about how the partnership between the University of Sheffield and University of Law (ULaw) will work. The information below provides answers to a number of frequently asked questions which applicants to the LPC and GDL programmes may have, but if you need further information please contact us at [law-admissions@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:law-admissions@sheffield.ac.uk) and once you start your applicant journey with ULaw you can contact them on [admissions@law.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@law.ac.uk) or on 01483 216000.

If you are a returning student who has already begun their programme of study **on the University of Sheffield's LPC or GDL**, please contact [law-seo@sheffield](mailto:law-seo@sheffield.ac.uk) for further information.

### **When does my course start?**

The start dates for new students beginning their programmes of study are Monday 14 September for the LPC and Monday 28 September for the GDL.

### **I will begin the LPC or GDL in September, which parts of my studies will ULaw be responsible for?**

Under the partnership, ULaw will be responsible for:

- Your enrolment as a student on the LPC or GDL
- Providing your course materials
- Your teaching and assessments
- Your awarding qualifications (but excluding awards for the SQE)

### **I am an international applicant. How will I be affected by the partnership?**

ULaw will contact you with information about your options as an international applicant. If you have any queries at this stage please contact ULaw on [admissions@law.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@law.ac.uk) or on 01483 216000.

### **Who will teach me?**

You will be taught by ULaw's academic team, all of whom are qualified solicitors or barristers, and who collectively cover a wealth of legal specialisms. Your timetable, with confirmation of your subject tutors, will be issued to you ahead of the start of term.

The LPC course is run by Programme Lead, Feona Carmichael, who has been with ULaw over 30 years. Feona's practice specialism is property.

The GDL course is run by Programme Lead, Niall Carlin. Niall joined ULaw in 2016 and prior to this practised as a criminal Barrister. Niall has a particular interest in Human Rights and has in an ambassador for the Death Row Charity, Amicus.

### **Where will I be taught?**

You will be taught by ULaw staff through a blend of face-to-face teaching in small groups in Sheffield, where social distancing can be maintained, supported by digital delivery. The University of Sheffield campus will be open for the 2020-21 academic year with health and safety measures in place. Where

possible and subject to guidance on social distancing, teaching will be primarily delivered in Bartolome House, home of the School of Law, but teaching locations may vary depending on class sizes. Examination rooms, oral skills facilities, meeting rooms for personal tutor meetings and student study space will also be provided, where safe to do so, on the University of Sheffield campus.

### **What are the course fees?**

The course fees are as follows:

MA Legal Practice (full time) – Home/EU students £12,500 per year, Overseas students £18,500 per year

MA Legal Practice (part time) - Home/EU students £6,250 per year, Overseas students £9,250 per year

PGDip Graduate Diploma in Law – Home/EU students £9,500 per year, Overseas students £18,500 per year

### **Will my student loan be affected?**

If you applied for your student loan online, you will need to update the details of your loan to show that you will be taught by ULaw. Guidance as to how to do this is available [online](#).

### **Can I apply for a scholarship?**

Yes. ULaw offer a number of scholarships and bursaries available to help their students to achieve their career ambitions, including up to 10 Campus Dean's Awards specifically for students in Sheffield. With a fund of over £2 million available, the scholarships offered for the LPC and GDL range from financial contributions to full course fee payments and are awarded based on merit, need or a combination of the two. If you accept an offer to study the LPC or GDL with ULaw in Sheffield, you will be eligible to apply for these scholarships. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is 1 August 2020 and information about each scholarship and the eligibility criteria can be found on the [ULaw scholarships page](#).

### **How do I apply for a scholarship?**

The application process is quick and straightforward. The email that you will shortly receive from ULaw includes links to an online questionnaire and assessment to complete as part of the scholarship application process. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is 1 August 2020 and information about each scholarship and the eligibility criteria can be found on the [ULaw scholarships page](#). ULaw are offering up to 10 Campus Dean's Awards specifically for Sheffield, in addition to their other scholarships and bursaries.

There is no need to prepare anything in advance for your scholarship application. You will be asked some questions about your background within the questionnaire and the assessment comprises 20 multiple choice questions which you have 30 minutes to answer. You do not require any existing knowledge for the assessment. If you normally require additional time for assessments or exams, please contact ULaw about this to make arrangements.

### **Will I have access to the library?**

You will have access to the University of Sheffield's libraries and, through your programme of study, will be able to access online resources, such as Westlaw, Lexis, Hein Online and e-Books.

### **What IT support will be available for students?**

Students will have access to a help desk for the ULaw VLE.

In addition, the University of Sheffield will provide students with the following to support you while studying on campus:

- Network, wifi and internet access
- Access to the University of Sheffield intranet
- Access to IT suites and general use PCs
- Access to printing
- Assistance from the University of Sheffield IT helpdesk

### **Which student services can I use?**

ULaw will be responsible for pastoral care during your studies and will manage student records, any absences reports and arrange any alternative sessions which are required. ULaw will manage any support requests and the ULaw Disability Support Service will support provisions for students with dyslexia, disability and other support needs.

You can also access ULaw's careers advisory services via Skype and Jing, and ULaw can provide students with pro bono experience.

In addition, you will also be eligible for associate University of Sheffield student membership and will receive a University of Sheffield student card. Students can access the University of Sheffield information desks (SSID), but not Student Support Services.

Students can access the University of Sheffield's Accommodation Services and Halls of Residence but please note that accommodation on campus is not guaranteed.

Students can also access the University of Sheffield's student interest groups; Chaplaincy services and prayer rooms; Student Services help desk and career and employability advisory service.

### **Can I use the University of Sheffield Students' Union?**

Yes. You will be eligible for membership of the University of Sheffield Students' Union.

### **Will I be able to access the University of Sheffield sports facilities?**

Yes. You will be eligible for membership of any sports groups and can access student sport facilities subject to any fees which also apply to University of Sheffield students.