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Southampton Law School is ranked in the top 20 English Law schools*.

We are proud to offer legal education of the highest quality, powered by world-class research and unrivalled links with the legal profession.

We challenge and inspire our students to give their best, and our goal is to educate the next generation of lawyers to be smart, independent thinkers, open-minded and able to contribute to a better society, from within the legal profession and beyond.

Our vibrant community includes a strong network of partnerships and collaborations with legal professionals, law firms and organisations outside of the University, that can help set our students on the path to future career success.

We look forward to introducing you to the many opportunities you can experience as a student at Southampton Law School.

Professor Brenda Hannigan
Head of Southampton Law School

*QS World University Subject Rankings, 2017

EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE START

Clyde & Co Team Building Event

From the first semester of their first year, Southampton Law students are exposed to renowned international law firms, preparing them for applying for their first job.

The ice breaker for incoming law students is the Team Building event, sponsored by prestigious international law firm Clyde & Co.

The event sees students facing several challenges to test their problem solving, planning and teamwork skills, and gain legal research and presentation skills. They will also become familiar with the essential legal concepts that form the basis for their modules.

It is the first time students will meet in their tutorial groups. They will also meet the second year student who will be their Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS) mentor for any academic or extracurricular issues they may have throughout the year. This will include guidance on researching a specific issue given to each tutorial group at the end of the Team Building session for completion of the Clyde Challenge a few weeks later.

The culmination of the challenge will be the group presentation of their work to an academic, before attending a reception that is a great opportunity to understand more about law practice at a global firm such as Clyde & Co, as well as to network with other students, academics and legal professionals.

To find out more visit
www.southampton.ac.uk/law/teambuilding

Mooting

Mooting gives students the opportunity to gain valuable experience which can be vital to them in their future career.

A moot is an imaginary court case where participants present oral arguments in a formal setting before a judge.

All first year Law students at Southampton will take part in a moot in their second semester as an essential part of the compulsory Legal Skills module.

This gives them the opportunity to present legal issues and problems against opposing counsel and before a judge. Some students will get the chance to put forward their argument in Southampton's purpose-built moot room.

Students can develop communication and negotiation skills, and gain practical experience in developing and delivering a clear and effective legal argument early in their degree.

The University's Mooting Society further improves students' understanding about how to argue fictional cases by taking part in moot events and competitions. Many of Southampton's students go on to take part in regional, national and international competitions, and regularly bring home top awards and prizes.

For further information visit
www.southampton.ac.uk/mooting

“Having a good team going into the school year is of the utmost importance in navigating the study of law. The Team Building event is a great way for first years to get to know the school and their peers before the hard work of studying law begins.”

Muhammad Hasif Bin Abdul Aziz
LLB (Hons) Law

MENTORING, OUTREACH AND PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

At Southampton Law School we believe in offering our students so much more than an education in Law. We are proud to provide a wide range of different opportunities to enhance our students' experiences and graduate with a wealth of skills ready to play their role in the legal profession and beyond.

Mentoring Scheme

Studying at University can be very different to anything students have experienced before. At Southampton Law School we help our students settle into this new way of life by pairing them with a second year mentor.

The Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS) scheme assigns each tutorial group with a second year mentor who has recently gone through the same challenges.

The PASS mentors meet their tutorial group at the Clyde & Co Team Building event, where they get the chance to share their first year experiences and facilitate feedback discussion about the team building activities.

Being a PASS mentor is a great opportunity to practise presentation and public speaking skills and enables students to become self-reliant independent learners capable of managing their own workload.

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Student Helpers

At Southampton Law School we want our students to leave with more than their degree, we want to ensure they gain as many all-round skills as they can to help them in their future career.

We offer our students the chance to become a student helper and gain a range of valuable experience.

The many opportunities available include participating in work experience and improving their CVs, demonstrating their public-speaking skills to future employers, and generating income throughout their studies.

They can also improve their communication skills, as well as forge connections with academics and current and future students.

Student helpers can work at a range of events that are hosted by the Law School throughout the year including:

Open Days – student helpers welcome prospective students to the University, answer general questions, share their own experiences, and answer specific questions as part of a Q&A session.

Visit Days – student helpers give tours of the campus and halls of residence, tell visitors what it is like to study law at University, attend a lunch for offer holders and Law School academics, and potentially participate in a demonstration moot and a presentation on studying Law at Southampton.



“PASS mentoring was an excellent and rewarding opportunity to use my experience and time to support students through the challenges they faced. I enjoyed sharing the skills and knowledge I gained throughout my time at university to help others have a positive and successful first year.”

Lauren Merrett
LLB(Hons) Law

Get involved in pro bono work

The Latin phrase ‘pro bono’ or ‘pro bono publico’ means ‘for the public good’ and gives students the opportunity to volunteer and gain vital case experience while providing services and helping support those in need.

At Southampton we offer our students the chance to take part in a range of pro bono activities and acquire a variety of skills.

Law Clinics

Final year students get the chance to work on a voluntary basis with local specialist lawyers to provide legal advice to other University of Southampton students on issues such as housing and employment rights.

Students will work closely with a lawyer to resolve issues such as complex landlord-tenant or employer-employee disputes. This can help them develop skills in client interviewing, case management, communication, team work and time management.

The Housing Law Clinic has had success against repeat offending landlords in the courts leading to an improvement in the accommodation for students in the local area.

Final year students are sent an email at the beginning of the academic year inviting them to apply.

For further information email housingclinic@southampton.ac.uk.

“Students who are seriously considering a career at the Bar should definitely take part in BarLink as it will give them a practical insight into the field of advocacy and understand in more depth the career path to becoming a barrister.”

Rabab Zulfukar
Year 3 Law Student, 2017



BarLink

Southampton’s BarLink programme enables students to shadow a barrister on a number of occasions over several months to learn more about the legal profession.

Highly motivated students seriously intending to go to the Bar are matched with local barristers specialising in civil, criminal, employment, family or housing law.

It is a fantastic opportunity for students to show their initiative while gaining professional exposure and invaluable experience

Second and third year students are sent an email at the beginning of the academic year inviting them to apply for a place on the programme.

For further information email Jan Steele on J.Steele@southampton.ac.uk

Streetlaw

Streetlaw participants deliver an interactive presentation in small teams to local school and college students on areas of law such as police powers, cyber bullying, human rights and drugs.

The programme offers students an excellent opportunity to develop key transferable skills such as team work, research, communication, negotiation and presentation. It enhances students’ academic studies and enables them to implement their learning in practice by engaging with the community.

Each team has a tutor and meets for one hour a week for four weeks with the presentation taking place in the fifth week. Law students use their time and expertise to benefit the local community, while the audience gains a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities and are more likely to know when to seek help.



Small Business Clinic

Southampton’s Small Business Clinic (SBC) is organised and run by staff and students at Southampton Law School and Southampton Business School. It is actively supported by a local chartered accountant with a rich national and international experience who offers FREE initial advice on a range of issues, including all aspects of general, legal and tax compliance matters relating to running a business in the UK.


SBC aims to stimulate an entrepreneurial mindset amongst the University population and offers assistance to staff and students particularly individuals who have a business idea and have started, or plan to start, a new business.

To find out more visit <http://sotonsmallbusinessclinic.wordpress.com/>

“The presentation yesterday was amazing, the students were wonderful and the feedback was very positive indeed.”

Linda Arnold

Teacher of Law and Criminology,
Itchen College, Southampton

 Find out more
[www.southampton.ac.uk/
law/probono](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/law/probono)

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY



Southampton Law students benefit from a bespoke careers and employability service that provides a series of opportunities to maximise their chances of pursuing a successful career.

The Law School's Careers and Employability Team is committed to offering Law students a programme of support that will improve their academic, personal, legal and career skills.

Their innovative range of events and activities include networking with potential employers, to acting as ambassadors for major City law firms.

Law Fair

The annual Southampton Law Fair is one of the most important career events for law students.

This prestigious event attracts more than 50 organisations, including global, regional and Magic Circle law firms, postgraduate training providers, the Government Legal Service, the Bar Council and the Inns of Court.

It is an ideal opportunity for students to find out more about prospective careers, vacation placements, work experience and training contracts, and can also improve confidence in communication and networking.

A small group of final year students assist with the planning of the Fair, liaising with firms and organisations before the event.



“We attend the Law Fair every year and are always impressed with the calibre of students we get to engage with. The Law Fair is a great opportunity for students to start forming networks and find out what it’s really like to work at a particular firm.”

Siobhan Clarke

Graduate Recruitment and Development Officer,
Blake Morgan LLP

Southampton Law School Careers and Employability Blackboard Site

All Southampton Law School students are automatically enrolled on to the Careers and Employability Blackboard site. This is the primary source of communication on issues relating to careers and employability.

Details of vacation schemes, job vacancies, training contracts, part-time jobs, Open Days, visits, competitions and pro bono initiatives are all regularly posted on the site to ensure that law students are fully aware of all the opportunities open to them.

Careers and Employability Skills Programmes

Southampton Law School's Careers and Employability Skills Programmes have recently been revamped to ensure they continue to enable law undergraduates to acquire the skills and attributes they need to pursue successful careers in the legal profession and beyond.

They offer excellent opportunities for students to receive advice and guidance from speakers from law and other professions, many of whom are alumni who hold senior jobs in global organisations, or recent graduates at the start of their career.

The Programmes are primarily aimed at second year students but final year, LLM and LLB Accelerated Graduate students are also invited to attend.

- **Careers Programme** - a week-long series of presentations and workshops that expand students' awareness and understanding of the employment market and the range of roles open to law graduates. The Programme is delivered by practitioners from the legal, law-related and other professions including the Government Legal Service, Human Rights barristers, Legal Counsel from the Bank of England, Magic Circle law firms, and a Trade Mark Attorney. Students also get the opportunity to visit local courts and tribunals to gain an insight into court room procedures.
- **Employability Skills Programme** - timetabled sessions delivered by legal and business practitioners that focus on the key transferable skills required by all graduates. Semester One topics include academic writing, presentation and time management skills, while Semester Two looks at the skills such as psychometric testing and interviewing that are required to get a job.

www.southampton.ac.uk/law/employability

 **Find out more**
www.southampton.ac.uk/law/careers

Marshalling

Marshalling schemes supported by Southampton alumni Lord Justice Fulford and Dame Jennifer Roberts give Southampton students an unrivalled opportunity to gain first-hand insights into the work of leading judges.

Successful applicants benefit from the chance to spend time with barristers and judges, to attend court cases, to discuss cases with judges, and to attend ceremonial events such as the swearing in of the Lord Chancellor.

These initiatives demonstrate the strong network of alumni that Southampton Law School maintains, and the opportunities that this provides for students.

For more information visit
www.southampton.ac.uk/law/marshalling

“I would encourage any student with an interest in advocacy, criminal law or the behind-the-scenes workings of the justice system to apply for this scheme. The consistently engaging and interesting standard of the proceedings in court and conversations outside, were above any I had experienced in marshalling or mini-pupillages. I am thankful to Lord Justice Fulford (and his exceptional clerk) and the Law School for providing this invaluable week.”

Estian Deyzel

Lord Justice Fulford Marshalling Scheme



Ambassadorial Roles

Every year employers including major City law firms, educational institutions and legal research service providers appoint campus representatives from the Law School.

These ambassadorial roles are a fantastic opportunity for second and final year students to gain important employability skills and a greater insight into a prospective employer.

The role demands excellent interpersonal, presentation, public speaking, time management and project management skills.

Campus Ambassadors design and run promotions, and host organisation-specific talks and presentations.

Ambassadors work closely with the firm's graduate recruitment team and can learn skills and qualities that are highly valued by the organisation. They are paid for their work and often secure interviews for vacation schemes or training contracts.

Ambassadors are generally in their second or third year, but firms welcome applications in the second semester from first year students.

Campus Ambassador vacancies are advertised on the relevant employer's website throughout the spring and summer, and are also advertised on the Southampton Law School Careers and Employability Blackboard site.

Applications Masterclass

The top performing Southampton Year One Law students will be invited to take part in an applications masterclass prior to commencing their second year of study.


They will receive personal advice and guidance on applications and interview techniques, and will get the opportunity to meet lawyers and recruiters from top global and regional law firms and barristers' chambers.

The masterclass will ensure participants are well placed to make strong applications when opportunities are advertised early in the second year.

All students get the opportunity to participate in application presentations and workshops that will give them the skills to successfully apply for jobs and vacation schemes.

University of Southampton's Careers and Employability Service

Southampton Law School's bespoke careers and employability service is backed up by the central University of Southampton Careers and Employability Service that helps thousands of students every year to explore, develop and shape their future.

 **Find out more**
www.southampton.ac.uk/careers

EXPERIENCING A WIDER LEGAL WORLD

Studying Abroad

Studying abroad is an excellent way for students to broaden their horizons while gaining experience at a world class university. They can enhance their academic and professional knowledge, develop their language skills, and improve their cultural awareness and global citizenship skills.

Southampton Law School currently has links with universities across the globe including:

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| - Austria | - Greece | - Norway |
| - Belgium | - Hong Kong | - Singapore |
| - Canada | - India | - Spain |
| - China | - Italy | - Sweden |
| - France | - Malta | - Switzerland |

While some exchange partners teach entirely in English, others require students to be proficient in their native language. Studying law in a different language is especially useful to potential future employers, as employees who can advise on legal issues in different languages are extremely valuable.

To study abroad, students must be enrolled in either LLB (Hons) European Legal Studies (M125) or LLB (Hons) International Legal Studies (M130), both of which are four-year courses. However, as the first year of study is the same across all law courses, students who decide they would like to spend a year studying abroad can transfer from another law course to either of these courses after their first year.

Students are contacted by email at the beginning of their second year, and invited to apply to study abroad during the third year. They are able to submit a number of ranked choices for their host institutions and final decisions are made based on the number of available places at a particular university, in combination with students' first year grades.

For further information contact Professor Yvonne Baatz on ymb@southampton.ac.uk or visit www.southampton.ac.uk/law/exchanges

“Studying at the University of Ottawa, in Canada, was one of the highlights of my degree, and it helped me secure my training contract at a London law firm. The experience enabled me to become more independent and gave me greater opportunities to expand my CV.”

Emily Balment

LLB (Hons) International
Legal Studies

Year in Employment

Students can gain valuable experience and enhance their career prospects by spending a Year in Employment between their second and third years. It helps develop their transferable skills and they will graduate with a Year in Employment on their degree transcript.

“I spent my Year in Employment working in procurement at Nationwide Building Society. It provided me with an invaluable opportunity to see how a large organisation works in practice, giving me the commercial awareness and ability to contextualise what I learnt in the lecture theatre against what happens in practice in the commercial sector.”

Harry Roffey

LLB (Hons) Law

STUDENT SOCIETIES

Our range of law societies offer a valuable insight into the world of law with each society catering for a particular interest or career path.

They pride themselves on providing a welcoming and inclusive experience to all students, and we encourage our students to get involved as much as possible.

A joint lifetime membership offers students access to all the societies' events while they are studying at Southampton.

Our societies also work together to provide major social events such as the Autumn Mixer in September, the Christmas Ball and the Summer Boat Ball, where there is the chance to make friends with students from all year groups.

The Law Society

A student-led society that provides a diverse and exciting schedule of events supporting members' ambitions of achieving a career in law.

The Society prides itself on its strong ties with local and City law firms, and its primary goal is to guide students, both from the Law School or from different faculties, in their pursuit of a successful career in law.

They work closely with the Inns of Court Society, offering a dual membership that allows students to experience the vast array of events and opportunities available to help them thrive in all disciplines of the law.

Activities include open days at City and regional firms, networking events with legal professionals and recruiters, dinner and drinks with lawyers, and an annual trip to the European Parliament in Brussels. The Society also runs a successful negotiation competition where competitors can gain valuable transferable skills.

The Law Society is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet other students in both academic and social settings.

For more information

Email: Lawsoc@soton.ac.uk

Website: www.sotonlawsoc.co.uk

Facebook: [Soton Lawsoc](https://www.facebook.com/SotonLawsoc)

Twitter: [@Sotonlawsoc](https://twitter.com/Sotonlawsoc)

Instagram: [Sotonlawsoc](https://www.instagram.com/Sotonlawsoc)



President of the Supreme Court Lord Neuberger visits Southampton Law School.

The Inns of Court Society

This Inns of Court Society prepares students for a career as a barrister by offering members the opportunity to attend talks, networking events and dinners with practising barristers and judges, as well as the chance to improve their advocacy skills through mooting.

The Society prides itself on its strong ties with the Bar, both locally and in London, and barristers often attend Society events and deliver presentations on life at the Bar. In the past, members have been fortunate enough to meet QCs, District and Court Judges and Justices of the Supreme Court.

With the journey to the Bar growing increasingly more competitive, the Society aims to help its members stand out from the crowd by hosting flagship events and immersing them in the culture of the Bar. Events include:

- **Trips to the Inns of Court in London** - the opportunity to attend visit days and dinners at Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn, Middle and Inner Temple. This provides a valuable opportunity to network with barristers and judges to find out what differentiates the Inns.
- **The Annual Inns of Court Inter-Varsity National Moot** - hosted by the University of Southampton, this national moot allows Southampton students to pitch themselves against other universities and students on the Bar Professional Training Course in mock appeal cases. The competition is judged by external barristers, solicitors and high profile judges, and is an excellent opportunity for aspiring barristers to experience the exhilaration of presenting arguments to panels of legal professionals.
- **Speed Mooting** - run in Semester One, these short and simplified moots provide the best preparation for students to practice their advocacy skills and familiarise themselves with the court etiquette and public speaking aspects of mooting. They provide an invaluable opportunity for students who haven't mooted before or who want to prepare for moot competition.
- **Cross-examination Competition** - students are coached in the art of cross-examining witnesses by a barrister before being given the chance to exercise their new skills with volunteer witnesses. The best cross-examiner wins a one day mini-pupillage.
- **Workshops** - a range of workshops are chaired by professionals and cover topics such as advocacy development, CV writing and alternative advocacy-based careers.

For more information email inns@soton.ac.uk

Lawyers Without Borders

This society is the student branch of the international non-profit, charitable organisation Lawyers Without Borders which seeks to integrate skilled pro bono lawyers into rule of law programming designed to improve the integrity of the legal process around the world.

The University of Southampton branch was formed to promote and further this work through research projects that facilitate the charity's work in specific areas. Members engage with a project that is most closely aligned with their interests, and spend as much time as they want working on it.

Fundraising is also an important part of Lawyers Without Borders and the Southampton branch is given annual goals by the charity's head office which they have consistently surpassed. These projects help students with their research skills and the target-focused fundraising improves members' commercial awareness.

Lawyers Without Borders hosts an annual human rights debate, which gives debaters a more in-depth understanding of a complex legal issue, provides an opportunity to improve communication skills, and improves their ability to construct and present a coherent and persuasive legal argument.

The society is also invited to an event at Jones Day, an international firm of solicitors in London, where they attend a human rights presentation given by solicitors and get the opportunity to network with staff from the firm.

Opportunities for international work are also on the horizon with plans to establish student divisions in Kenya linked to student societies in the UK.

For further information about Lawyers Without Borders email lwobssd@southampton.ac.uk

 **Find out more**
[www.southampton.ac.uk/
law/societies](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/law/societies)



The Mooting Society

The Mooting Society simulates court proceedings in which participants argue fictional cases using real statutes and case law.

Students prepare a summary of their arguments which they then present before a moot judge who evaluates the strength of their arguments and presentation style and provides feedback on their performance.

Mooting prepares students for the realities of legal practice by offering them an insight into professional legal etiquette and enhancing their ability to work under pressure as part of a cohesive team. They can develop their legal skills in research and legal argument, and hone their presentation and public speaking ability. Many graduates say that mooting was one of the highlights of their time at Southampton, bringing their books and cases to life.

The Mooting Society gives students the opportunity to take part in regional, national and international mooting competitions. Some of Southampton's most enthusiastic mooters have recently represented the University in India and Singapore.

The Society is open to students in all years. For more information email mootsoc@soton.ac.uk

The Canadian Law Society

The Canadian Law Society was established to meet the growing popularity for Canadians coming to study at the University of Southampton. For many, this can be a challenging and adverse time and the Society provides current and future Canadian students with the foundation to succeed abroad.

They aim to create a unified identity for current and future Canadian law students at Southampton, and offer them the opportunity to develop their academic and professional skillsets through events such as the annual Canadian Mooting Competition.

The Society helps connect current students with employment opportunities in Canada and internationally, and helps them develop relationships with internationally-based firms in England and Canada. Current students can also gain valuable insight into postgraduate life through a Skype interview with a Canadian University of Southampton graduate.

It also prepares students for the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) process upon graduation. Information sessions and interviews with members of the NCA are held annually to prepare students for the transition back to Canada.

Social events give students the opportunity to network and develop relationships that can make their stay in Southampton more enjoyable.

Overall, the Society strives to create a positive and more enjoyable experience for Canadian students at Southampton.

 **Find out more**
www.southampton.ac.uk/law/societies



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