LLM Cyberlaw: Information Technology, Law and Society
Welcome to the School of Law

These are exciting times for the study of Law at the University of Leeds. We have a brand new Law School Building that expresses our modern outlook and showcases the professionalism and excellence of our staff. We remain, though, committed to our traditional values of a quality student experience informed by our research, which is recognised internationally as being excellent.

With a century of history combined with a modern global outlook, Leeds is the ideal place to deepen and broaden your knowledge of important aspects of law that influence the world and domestic society, and to develop the analytical and critical reasoning skills so important in the globalised and dynamic world of work.

As a postgraduate student you will engage directly with leading experts. You will be part of a postgraduate community of students from all parts of the world and enjoy excellent facilities and be welcomed by a supportive and professional attitude to research, learning and living.

The School of Law offers a professional and friendly environment in which to develop your career ambitions. The City of Leeds provides an exciting background for your postgraduate studies with its vibrant business and legal communities and sporting, cultural and entertainment opportunities and easy access to all parts of the region and the wider United Kingdom.

The outstanding international reputation of the University of Leeds and the relevance of the course to my career motivated me to apply. I was fortunate enough to be sponsored by my employers to complete the course, as they saw the value in its relevance to strategic thinking around information governance. When these factors combined with the genuine passion the Cyberlaw staff displayed for the subject and for encouraging original ideas generation and development, Leeds quickly emerged as an obvious choice.

CHRISTINA MUNNS
Why study Cyberlaw at Leeds?

The concept of cyberspace is changing the way that we interact and do business. Its spontaneity and trans-border qualities cut across traditional patterns of legal regulation. In short, cyberspace is potentially a legal nightmare. However, the reality of that nightmare is quite different and this is where the study of ‘Cyberlaw’ becomes important.

Our Cyberlaw programme is one of the longest established courses in Europe and still the only course with substantive focus on the technology, law and policy of the information society. The programme is taught by a number of academics who are leaders in their fields. These include the leading authority on E-commerce law, internet policy, culture and technology, cybercrime and forensic process, intellectually property and access to knowledge, human rights, genetics, biotechnology.

The curriculum offers a range of modules that provide a sound understanding of various aspects of the rapidly developing information society e.g. cyberlaw, cybercrime, international e-commerce law, intellectual property in the digital environment and intellectual property management.

We encourage all our students to participate in vigorous in-class discussion and provide abundant opportunities for thoughtful discourse and research outside of the classroom. You will develop the capacity to think, communicate and practice as international legal experts, and have the confidence to practice anywhere in the world.

Part of a vibrant research community

The content of the LLM Cyberlaw programme is informed by the work of the CyberLaw Research Unit, which develops, co-ordinates and pursues research and study into the impacts of information technologies upon legal systems, legal professions and legal science.

The unit is formally part of the Centre for International Governance, with the core activity of the group falling into four categories:

- Research into Cyberlaw, including our innovative Court21 project
- Learning and teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- The supervision of research postgraduate students
- Networking and dissemination of our work
The programme

Compulsory modules

CyberLaw: Law and the Regulations of the Information Society explores developments in information technology, and gives you the opportunity to explore the main substantive law issues that constitute cyberlaw.

You will critically examine the emerging trends that signify the formation of the information society and also its relationship with law, technology and public policy. The module will extensively analyse the many legal and regulatory challenges that the information society generates, particularly with regard to privacy, the creation of products, and the media. Particular focus is put upon the question of whether these challenges can be resolved by law or some other means, for example, technology, education or simple market forces.

Cybercrimes: Computers and Crime in the Information Age explores the key issues that relate to cybercrime and the governance of cyberspace. It will identify the main areas of harmful activity that concern us, before moving on to outline the pluralist/multi-tiered policing/governance model that has developed. You will also explore the fight for control over the environment of cyberspace and the way that it is shaping the cybercrime debates.

International E-Commerce Law critically examines a selection of issues relevant to the development of e-commerce. It will provide in-depth analysis and examination of electronic contracts and consumer protection issues raised by e-commerce.

Research Methods is designed to equip students with the skills necessary to commence the dissertation. You will focus on the mechanics of the research process: how to formulate research questions, design research strategies and generally go about the process of ‘researching.’

Dissertation will enable you to develop your research and writing skills with reference to a topic in Cyber Law. Your dissertation will be up to 15,000 words and will enable you to develop specialist knowledge in an area of your choosing, deepen your understanding of a substantive aspect of the criminal justice system and demonstrate the understanding and skills you will have acquired during the taught part of the course.

KEY FACTS

Course Director: Dr Subhajit Basu
Duration: Full-time 12 months or part-time 24 months
Entry Requirements: An upper second honours degree in law, e-commerce, patents, or cyber-studies, or non-UK equivalent.

The programme has been designed to develop knowledge and skills in relation to the legal rules regulating Cyberlaw activity in the UK, Europe, and at a global level. It is equally accessible to lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

It will provide you with the ability to learn, understand, explore and acquire a critical understanding of the many issues that fall under the umbrella of the new area of socio-legal studies known as ‘Information and Technology Law’ or ‘Cyberlaw’. The programme’s substantive focus is on technology, law and policy of the information society.

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OPTIONAL MODULES
- Advanced Cybercrime
- Computers and Crime in the Information Age
- Comparative Legal Traditions and Globalisation
- Contemporary Issues in IP 1: Genetic Resources
- Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions
- Contemporary Issues in IP 2
- Health, Food and Biotechnology
- Intellectual Property in the Digital Environment
- The Internet and File Sharing
- International Criminal Justice
- International E-Commerce Law
- International Governance of Intellectual Property

Career prospects
Cyberlaw is one of the fastest growing areas of law. Graduates have a good record of employment in various aspects of the criminal justice system. It will give graduates the opportunity to pursue a career in legal practice, or the public service, or any career where success depends upon the ability to understand, analyse and respond to developments in Information Technology, Law and Society. Many graduates choose the path of academic research and therefore subsequently undertake a PhD.

Examples of some careers you may pursue with an LLM in Cyberlaw include:
- Solicitor specialising in IT and IP law
- Legal consultant in MNCs, Info-Tech Companies, Police Forces, or Banks
- Associate Position in law firms
- Research associate in law firms or in info-tech companies
- Advisors to web developers
- Advisor to Ministry of Information and Technology, or to Corporate Houses
- Security Auditors and Network Administrators in Technology firms
- Trainers in multinational corporations

The course was outstanding. It helps me to familiarise myself with the technical terms of cybercrime and other issues of computer law every day and when assigned to deal with computer crimes, I can apply what I learnt at Leeds. Currently, I work as a Deputy Superintendent of Interpol sub-division, Foreign Affairs Division, the Royal Thai Police.

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Fees, funding and how to apply

Scholarships

Postgraduate Scholarships at Leeds

Postgraduate students at Leeds benefit from around £10 million of funding from the University and external sources. Scholarships from the University are available to international, UK and EU students.

To find out more about these opportunities, please visit http://scholarships.leeds.ac.uk/

Postgraduate Alumni Scholarships

Scholarships are offered both for postgraduate research and taught programmes at a rate of 10% (for each year of full-time study) towards the cost of any fees not covered by another scholarship to everyone who has already successfully graduated from the School of Law at the University of Leeds. You do not formally apply for this scholarship as we pay the money directly to the Fees office at registration.

To find out more, please visit www.law.leeds.ac.uk/prospective-students/taught-postgraduates/funding-scholarships.php

How to apply

Application forms can be downloaded from the School of Law website, or you can apply online. For full details, see the School of Law website www.law.leeds.ac.uk

You can also contact us at: lawpgadm@leeds.ac.uk

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International students who may be unable to visit may like to speak to one of the many University representatives around the world who can provide invaluable help and guidance.

For a full list of our agents and their locations please visit our International Office website www.leeds.ac.uk/international

UK/EU students

Full-time – £7,000
Part-time – £3,500

International student fees

New students – £12,500

The fee level for international students remains at the value of year 1 in years 2 and 3.

Fees are to be paid in full before you register as a postgraduate student, unless you will be paying for yourself. If you are self-supporting you can pay fees in two instalments, the first payable at registration.
Facilities and student support

The Liberty Building

In January 2011, the School of Law moved into its new purpose-built home, the Liberty Building. This £12m development incorporates high quality teaching and research space, a moot court, complete with the latest technology and a law and community centre to support the school’s pro-bono work.

The Liberty Building is able to accommodate the growing number of staff and students in the School of Law and provides us with the modern environment we need to fulfil our ambitious plans and provide world class facilities for our staff and students.

Postgraduate facilities in the Liberty Building include:

- Legal Research Centre: communal accommodation for research officers, research assistants, and visiting scholars
- Law Graduate Centre: communal accommodation for research and taught post-graduate students
- Learning and teaching space: seminar rooms for undergraduate and graduate teaching
- A Law and Community Centre to house Pro Bono projects and our Innocence Project (UoLIP)
- A Law Technology Laboratory: to house our Court21 project, moot court room and a prestige lecture space.

The Student Law Society

LawSoc is the largest and most active of student societies at the University of Leeds. The committee organises a range of development opportunities for students within the School of Law.

As well as hosting social activities, the Society offers domestic and national debating, negotiation and mooting opportunities and networking events on campus with potential employers.

The Graduate School

The Graduate School exists to provide specialist support and skills to all postgraduate students in the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. In addition to providing practical help, such as English language training prior to your course, the Graduate School can also help you ease into postgraduate study at Leeds. Graduate School students are offered the opportunity to undergo vibrant, relevant and flexible training to enhance your knowledge and transferable skills during your study.

Career Development

The School of Law offers career and personal development support through the School of Law Careers Advisor. The School arranges career development workshops, seminars, and one-to-one sessions for students on all postgraduate programmes. The University Careers Centre also offers individual, confidential consultations and runs a series of workshops to enhance your potential.

The Student Support Network

The Student Support Network is a one-stop-shop of student support needs. It brings together information on services such as accommodation, careers, the chaplaincy, international student office, counselling, student advice and much more.
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