ABERDEEN’S LLB ACCELERATED (GRADUATE ENTRY)

YOUR ROUTE TO A LEGAL CAREER WITHOUT AN UNDERGRADUATE LAW DEGREE
If you’re an aspiring Canadian lawyer, the University of Aberdeen provides a route to qualifying without any compromise on quality. Our LLB Accelerated Graduate Law programme and the new ‘with English Law’ variant are recognised around the world and can lead you towards a career in the legal profession in just two years.

The two accelerated LLB programmes (UCAS M115 and M116) are graduate law degrees which allow non-law graduates to achieve a dual-qualifying Scots and English LLB that is equivalent to a JD degree in Canada. If you already have a good undergraduate degree in a subject other than law, you are eligible to enrol on one of these challenging but rewarding graduate programmes, which are available exclusively for graduate students of any discipline.

INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED DEGREES

Boost your career prospects with an international education.

Convert your first degree to a highly valuable, qualifying Law degree in two years.
Practising law is an increasingly global affair and choosing to re-locate to Aberdeen, Scotland to study enables you to keep up with trends to make yourself more marketable, more employable, especially with competition rising within the legal profession. Any experience where you develop an awareness of other cultures, yourself, writing, understanding of others, and research is solid preparation for law, life and business.

This route gives you the edge in opening career doors, since you’ll return to Canada in two years with a law degree which satisfies the professional requirements of the Law Society in the UK and is accredited by Scottish, Northern Irish & English/Welsh legal professional bodies allowing graduates to proceed to the qualification phase in these jurisdictions.

When you return to Canada to start a bar admissions programme, you are still responsible for having your UK law degree assessed by the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA), obtaining a Certificate of Qualification to get the Canadian NCA Conversion of your degree.

See Federation of Law Societies of Canada for more details at www.flsc.ca
TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE ABERDEEN

1 | HIGHLY RANKED AND QUALITY-FOCUSED
The School of Law at the University of Aberdeen is ranked 11th in the UK.

2 | OUR STUDENTS LOVE US!
We're justifiably proud of our 96% student satisfaction rating.

3 | A HIGH CONTACT, PERSONALISED LEARNING EXPERIENCE
Our unique tutorial system means that you benefit from studying in small classes with increased opportunities to interact with your professors.

4 | INTERACT WITH STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
Study alongside classmates from over 40 different nationalities in the School of Law and from over 120 nationalities across the University to build your global network.

5 | ACHIEVE A MORE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, ADDING ALLURE TO YOUR CV
Study law from a different cultural perspective and learn how legal systems vary throughout the world and how law impacts other societies. By taking courses in an overseas institution you can learn about these differences first-hand.

6 | STUDY IN THE UK WHERE COMMON LAW ORIGINATED
Make the past your future by studying in a University that has been at the heart of the legal profession for over 500 years – and there’s no substitute for experience.

7 | NO LSAT REQUIRED
Aberdeen University School of Law admissions process for this programme does not require the Law School Admission Test score for admission. All you need for your application is your transcripts, reference letters and a personal statement.

8 | SAVE TIME AND MONEY
Our programme is comparable in tuition fees to top-tier Canadian law degrees but you also save yourself a year of tuition, accommodation and living expenses by choosing Aberdeen.

9 | OPPORTUNITIES TO EXTEND YOUR STUDY BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
Develop your legal skills through participation in our law related extra-curricular activities such as mooting events, negotiation workshops, the Aberdeen Law Review, a student run legal journal, plus the opportunity of Pro Bono Work where you put your academic skills into practise with real cases.

10 | SPECIALISE WITH A 12 MONTH LLM
Interested in a certain area of law and want to open more doors to career opportunities? At Aberdeen, you also have the advantage of applying for an LLM degree, which can be obtained with a further 12 months study.

STUDY COMMON LAW AT ITS ROOTS
English Law may sound distant and irrelevant to you, but in fact the opposite is true. Whilst Great Britain’s colonial past is a distant memory, the legacy of the Empire’s legal system lives on in the current Canadian constitution. While English law has left a broad and indelible imprint on the Canadian legal tradition, the relationship between the English legal system and the Canadian legal system remains strong today.

In the words of former student Jesse Gibeau from Alberta:
‘To put it into perspective, the University itself predates the arrival of the French to Canada!’
Condensing three years of study into two years – saving you time and money – this intensive programme offers you the opportunity to explore the 21 core subjects that are usually covered in an undergraduate law degree.

The courses are aimed at helping students think more critically, communicate more effectively and understand society more thoroughly, instilling cross-cultural skills – all key to success in the courtroom.

In order to condense the Law with English Law LLB into two years the programme is delivered full-time and elective modules are not included.

**YEAR 1**


**YEAR 2**

Students must study and pass the eleven second year modules of Delict and Unjustified Enrichment, EU Institutions and Law, Evidence, Law of Equity and Trusts of England and Wales, Family Law, Introduction to Legal Theory, Succession and Trusts, Commercial and Consumer Contracts, English Property Laws, Tort in a Comparative Context and Introduction to Comparative Law in order to satisfy the requirements of obtaining a qualifying law degree.
This accelerated LLB (Hons) Law degree is taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and tutorials. Assessment includes formal examinations, and tutor assessment, written coursework, and problem-based exercises delivered in class.

Aberdeen has a proven track record of producing graduates that succeed as lawyers in Canada. Some of our most famous graduates who have made a significant impact include:

Bertha Wrenham Wilson
Canadian jurist and the first female Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Bruce Allan Clark
prominent Canadian lawyer and indigenous tribes activist

Additionally, our Alumni have secured senior roles, such as Partner or National Director, Strategic Initiatives in leading global and national Law firms and organisations from Toronto to Calgary, such as Norton Rose Fulbright, Ernst & Young (Egan LLP), Henderson Williams, Stikeman Elliott and Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, one of Canada’s top business law firms.

I had completed my first degree at my local university while living at home. For my next academic endeavour I wanted to live abroad and be able to travel. Aberdeen, and Scotland in general, has a lot of history to it. To put it into perspective, the university itself predates the arrival of the French to Canada. Aberdeen has a very unique architecture to it, with ample use of granite. It is quite spectacular for a North American to see. Certainly the most remarkable buildings are in the university itself though, with King’s College and Marischal College being chief among them.

Jesse Gibeau, LLB, Alberta, Canada
OUR CANADIAN COMMUNITY

Meet Stephanie Dropuljic
Bachelor of Arts Honours, History and Geography, Queen’s University, Ontario, 2013.
Accelerated LLB with commendation, University of Aberdeen, 2015.

A current Canadian Law student now undertaking a Master’s in Research, shares her first-hand experience.

"The staff here had been so supportive and engaging, which I think makes all the difference in the world. I always had a set career plan but coming here actually forced me to think outside my little bubble of comfort. I left home to come to a new country, on my own, which really forces you to be self sufficient but also immerses you in an entirely different set of cultural norms. I have been here in Aberdeen coming on 3 years and I have loved every moment of it. I have come to love living in Scotland and could see myself staying here. I cannot express how important it is to just take a chance but also to be smart and make decisions that will ultimately make your university education into a career you love."

A number of our teaching staff also hail from Canada, including Catherine Ng

Catherine joined the School of Law as a lecturer after a period of private practice in Toronto, and then completing her DPhil in intellectual property law at the University of Oxford (UK) and her post-doctorate work at the Graduate Institute (“HEI” – now "Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement”) Switzerland.

Her principal teaching and research interests are in the law relating to intellectual property, the media, the arts, antiquities, history, and in legal history and anthropology as they pertain to these subject areas.

She is the Director of the Post-Graduate Research Student Training Programme at the School of Law.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

LLB ACCELERATED (GRADUATE ENTRY)

UK Law schools do not require the LSAT, so instead LLB Accelerated applicants are assessed based on their undergraduate record, along with your personal statement and references. Generally, we advise that a good undergraduate degree, with a GPA of 3.3/4.0 or equivalent is considered for entry to the LLB Accelerated programme.

You can apply for the Accelerated LLB through UCAS at www.ucas.com

Our programmes do not have a published formal closing date for programmes beginning in September 2016. However, to avoid disappointment, early application is strongly advised. As a guideline, we recommend our international students make their application preferably by 30 June. We do, however, fully appreciate that life has a habit of changing timescales and unforeseen circumstances can sometimes occur. With that in mind, we will, therefore, seek to accommodate any applications after these dates, wherever that is practically possible, up until closer to the start of term.
FEES AND FUNDING

FIXED FEE STRUCTURE

Whilst many other universities increase their fees between 5% and 9% every year, the University of Aberdeen is committed to ensuring that international students can project their costs in advance of arriving in Aberdeen.

Our fixed fee structure means that new international undergraduates (excluding Medicine) commencing study from 2016/17 are charged the same tuition fee each year, for the duration of their programme of study.

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Average living costs, including housing, food, books, laundry, recreation etc.: £800 per month.

CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the University of Aberdeen enrols a number of international graduate students awarded a prestigious Chevening Scholarship. Chevening Scholarships are the UK government’s global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The programme makes awards to outstanding scholars with leadership potential from around the world to study postgraduate courses at UK universities.

Please refer to www.chevening.org for more information.

CANADIAN STUDENT LOANS

Canadian student loans are transferable towards the cost of study at the University of Aberdeen.

Please email usaloans@abdn.ac.uk for further information.

SALTIRE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships (SSS) is a substantial programme of scholarships, offered on a matched funding basis between the Scottish Government and Scottish universities. The scheme offers up to 100 awards, each worth £4,000. These are towards the tuition fees, for any one year of full time study, on an undergraduate, master’s or PhD course at the University of Aberdeen. The scholarships are open to students from Canada, China, India and the United States of America.

For more information, visit www.scotland.org/study-in-scotland/scholarships/saltire-scholarships

As well as the advanced credentials of our ‘fast-track’ Accelerated LLBs, our leading LLB (Hons) degree programmes also offer a wide range of law specialisations and opportunities.

For several decades, the traditional Aberdeen LLB has been regarded as a first-rate learning and development experience by high-achieving Canadians who wish to earn a globally-recognised first degree outside Canada. Being able to enrol directly from high school is a further advantage.

Choice is a major driver in our LLB degree programmes and we offer a number of four or five year honours LLB programmes to which students can apply directly from High School, enabling you to design your degree programme to suit your interests and career aspirations. You can choose from over 15 different degree paths at undergraduate level, combining the study of Scots law with, for example, English Law, Accountancy, Economics, French Language or Spanish Language.

But the choice does not end there. Within each programme there is scope for further selection, so that you may choose optional law subjects, or subjects from another discipline entirely. On top of that, choice increases in the Honours stage, where specialised legal subjects are taken, allowing the senior student to focus on areas of particular interest.

The LLB (Hons) normally takes four years to complete in Scotland and all international students will be offered a scholarship worth one year’s tuition fee as part of the University’s International Undergraduate Scholarship fund.

For further information on these programmes please visit www.abdn.ac.uk/study
Scotland rated BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD to study by International students.

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