

# Kingston Law School

Postgraduate prospectus 2015

# Invest in your career

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**To find out more about each course, including detailed entry requirements, module descriptions and tuition fees, see the course webpage.**

At Kingston Law School, our aim is to help you further your career aspirations, whichever field of law you are interested in. We offer a range of postgraduate qualifications across the broad spectrum of legal and property studies. Most of our courses are offered in full- or part-time mode, enabling you to study alongside work or family commitments.

Features of our programme include:

- an academic team at the forefront of their disciplines, actively engaged in research and practice;
- a strong focus on legal skills;
- a varied choice of legal specialisms; and
- a supportive study environment based in an attractive campus.

Kingston Law School celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2015. Since 1965, the School has been producing graduates who go on to excel in their careers. In 2014, three of our alumni were appointed to Queen's Counsel.

This prospectus gives a snapshot of postgraduate life at Kingston Law School. There's more information on our website, and we run open day events for prospective students. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch or come and visit.

[law.kingston.ac.uk](http://law.kingston.ac.uk)

# Introducing Kingston Law School

We are a forward-looking and supportive law school, established in 1965. Boasting relatively small class sizes, the School is part of the University's Faculty of Business and Law, which educates nearly 5,000 students on courses ranging from undergraduate to PhD level. Many of our alumni have moved on to become barristers, senior partners within large law firms, judges and QCs.

## Our location

Kingston Law School is based at the University's Kingston Hill campus, around three miles from Kingston town centre in south-west London. The campus is easy to travel to by public transport and by car. Kingston train station is around 25 minutes by train from London Waterloo station, and Heathrow and Gatwick airports are within easy reach. For more details on the campus, see page 10.

## Our courses

We have expanded our course portfolio in recent years to include specialist qualifications in emerging areas of law, and have added mediation courses in response to the growing demand for this as an alternative means of dispute resolution. We also offer an MSc in Real Estate.

## Online resources

Online study is a key element of many of our courses, and the University's online learning management tool, StudySpace, enables you to study where you want, when you want, from any internet-enabled computer, and also from your smartphone (via an app). It is a potentially limitless resource for lecture notes and interactive teaching.

StudySpace provides access to:

- learning and teaching resources – such as lecture notes, back-up materials, presentations and previous exam papers;
- multimedia material, discussion boards, wikis and blogs; and
- the ability to create your own profile, networks and groups.

## Fees and funding

Information about how to pay your fees, including by monthly direct debit instalments, can be found on [www.kingston.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgfunding) where you can also download a pdf of our *Money Matters* guide.

If you need any help and advice, our Student Life Centre's money advisers are on hand to offer guidance on living on a budget, student finance queries, banking, dealing with debt and financial capability and literacy. You can also get information about student finance and support from our Student Funds team.

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E: [studentfunding@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@kingston.ac.uk)

Your employer may offer to sponsor you through your course by providing funding, day-release from work or guaranteed study leave. If your employer has any questions, please ask them to contact the postgraduate admissions team (see course page for details).

## Open days

If you'd like to find out more about studying at Kingston Law School, why not come and visit us at one of our open events? Take the opportunity to have a look around, speak to staff and current students and find out which course is right for you.

Postgraduate open events  
Wednesday 4 March 2015  
Saturday 25 April 2015  
Wednesday 24 June 2015  
Wednesday 18 November 2015

For more information and to register, visit: [www.kingston.ac.uk/lawopendays](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/lawopendays)

## Support for international students

Kingston University has lots to offer if you're thinking of studying in the UK. With students from 150 countries, Kingston is a truly multicultural university. We welcome around 1,500 new international students every year.

Our location provides a great environment in which to experience life in the UK – you'll be living in London, one of the most exciting cities in the world, but in a green and peaceful part of the capital. If you want to explore other areas of the UK or Europe, London's excellent transport links will give you easy access.

### Support

We offer a range of services designed for international students, such as welcome and orientation events, language support and the International Student Advisory Centre. We offer a comprehensive scholarship programme for international students, with each scholarship worth £3,500 per year of study. And if you're an international student from a non-EU country, and you apply in good

time and meet our eligibility criteria, we can guarantee you an offer of halls accommodation during your first year at Kingston.

### English language

If your first language is not English, you will need to demonstrate a good standard of written and spoken English as an entry requirement onto our postgraduate courses (see the course webpage for details). However, before the start of the academic year (ie September), we offer a pre-session English course to help you develop the language skills you will need for postgraduate study – see [www.kingston.ac.uk/presessional](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/presessional)

Once you start your postgraduate studies, you can join the University's free English Language Development Programme.

### Find out more

To find out more about life at Kingston University, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/international](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/international)

At Kingston University, the quality of teaching is first class, and the interactive seminars allow students to apply their knowledge in a stimulating and open environment.

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Daniel Francis,  
Environmental Law & Sustainability LLM



# Expert knowledge

At Kingston, you'll be taught by a combination of academics and practitioners, many of whom are acknowledged experts in their field. Members of staff are also engaged in research, enabling new and influential ideas to be reflected in our teaching.

## Who will teach you?

Many of our committed and enthusiastic staff have been active in legal practice as well as being leading academics. One of our staff members has also been awarded a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy, which recognises excellence in higher education teaching and support for learning.

In addition to interacting with teaching staff, students have the opportunity to engage with the wider legal community by learning from members of the judiciary and leading legal practitioners, as well as real estate and property professionals, who come to the Law School as visiting professors, fellows and guest speakers.

Kingston Law School has a growing number of thriving research centres (see panel, right), and an increasing number of our staff are actively engaged in research, publishing their findings and presenting them at international conferences, while sharing their knowledge through teaching.

## The teaching team

The academic team includes the following members of staff.

**Professor Penny Cooper** practised law in London for over 10 years and frequently appeared in the High Court and County Court before moving into academia. Her particular expertise is in witness evidence, including witness familiarisation. Penny also delivers training for major law firms, accountancy practices, ministries and government departments.

**Professor Penny Darbyshire** is also an associate adjunct professor at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Her research focuses on the English legal system and criminal justice, especially judges, magistrates, magistrates' clerks, juries and plea bargaining. Following several years of research, Penny has recently published *Sitting in Judgement*, a book on the professional lives of the English judiciary.

**Siri Harris** is postgraduate course director for Kingston Law School. She also manages international collaborations outside Europe. Her area of research expertise is European competition law.

**Professor Gwyneth Pitt** has been professor of law at Kingston Law School since 2002. Her research interests lie mainly in the fields of employment law and equality law, in which she has published widely. Recent publications have focused on religion or belief discrimination. Her textbook and casebook on employment law are also well known. As well as contributing to modules on the LLM Employment Law, Gwyneth teaches legal research theory and methodology.

**Pamela Sellman**, acting head of Kingston Law School, has published work on the law of international trade through Old Bailey Press. She has co-authored, with her colleague Graeme Broadbent, articles on legal education. She lectures in mediation and the law of international trade on both the undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

**Judy Smith**, associate professor, specialises in property investment, valuations, history of urban development, development appraisals and IT applications. Judy is a chartered surveyor and, after some years in practice in the public sector, has moved into teaching and research.

**Dr John Tribe**, director of studies, is the curator of the Muir Hunter Museum of Bankruptcy, KPMG Principal Lecturer in Restructuring, and editorial board member of a number of key insolvency and company law journals. John has published widely on personal insolvency, corporate insolvency and bankruptcy history. In 2006, he gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament on bankruptcy reform. An experienced media commentator, he has appeared on BBC television and has been quoted in the national press on personal insolvency matters.

**Michael Wynn**, associate professor, carries out research focused on aspects of employment and labour law. He has recently published work on the employment status of agency workers and new typologies for the classification of self-employed worker. Michael teaches international labour law and law of management and labour relations.

## Links with legal practice

We have good relationships with many local and national law firms that sponsor various activities; for example, Government Legal Services, Lyons Davidson Solicitors, Darton Law, Colemans-ctts, Kagan Moss & Co., and Mackrell Turner Garrett. In addition, staff have personal links with chambers that sometimes offer mini-pupillage opportunities. We also have links with corporations that offer work experience within their legal or compliance departments.

We invite guest speakers to the School so that you can learn first-hand from those on the frontline of the law, adding a further dimension to your learning experience. Recent guest speakers have included Dame Justice Dobbs, who was the first High Court judge to be appointed from an ethnic minority; Dr Leslie Thomas QC; Rosie Oliver, environmental lawyer with the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA); and Michael Woods, solicitor for OFGEM (the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets).

Practitioners are also invited to lead panel discussions about career options in our 'Spotlight on Law' sessions. Recent panel members have included a barrister working on the trials of the phone hacking scandal, a solicitor for HM Treasury, and Kingston's Head of Legal Services.

## Inspirational law professionals

Among our alumni are three graduates who were appointed to the position of Queen's Counsel (QC) in 2014: Felicity Gerry, Charles Hale and Leslie Thomas. The Royal appointment is only awarded to approximately 100 people each year for outstanding work in the field.





At Kingston Law School, we award honorary doctorates to people who have achieved international academic distinction or held a leadership role, making a significant contribution to the field of law. They are people we think will inspire our current and future students, and include:

- Sir Francis Jacobs KCMG QC, former advocate general at the European Court of Justice;
- Lord Igor Judge, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales;
- Paul Marsh, partner at Downs Solicitors LLP and former president of the Law Society; and
- Geoffrey Bindman, partner at Bindman and Partners and leading human rights lawyer.
- Dr Leslie Thomas QC
- Dr Hamish Anderson, Partner at Norton Rose LLP

#### Successful real estate alumni

Our Real Estate programmes have been running for many years. Many of our alumni are now in successful careers for firms such as Knight Frank, CBRE, PNB Paribas, Jones Lang LaSalle, DTZ, Cushman and Wakefield, the Crown Estate, Network Rail, British Land, Land Securities and other international and national firms, public bodies and private companies.



John Tribe, curator of the Muir Hunter Museum of Bankruptcy (pictured).

## Research at Kingston Law School

We provide a supportive infrastructure in which to undertake research; encourage staff to present at international conferences; and host a number of seminar programmes.

#### Research quality

In the most recent assessment of our research output, 50 per cent of the research submitted by Kingston Law School was rated as being of a quality that is recognised nationally in terms of originality, significance and rigour; and 45 per cent of a quality recognised internationally.

#### Research centres and groups

We are involved with the following groups.

- Centre for Insolvency Law and Policy
- Centre for Dispute Resolution
- Employment Law and Policy Research Group
- Globalisation and Law Group
- The Institute of Property

The areas in which we specialise include trade, environmental law and sustainability, European Union law, employment law and discrimination, company and commercial law, insolvency, comparative law, globalisation, sociolegal studies, legal education and medical law and ethics.

#### Research strengths

##### Criminal and civil justice

Work in this area focuses on the operation of law in action. Research into the criminal justice system has recently involved studies into the jury system and a ground-breaking funded investigation into the way judges go about the business of judging. A number of staff also have an interest in alternative dispute resolution.

##### Public, European and environmental law

The use of the law to encourage urban regeneration and as a force for environmental protection is another major focus of funded research, looking at both

national and international dimensions, particularly through the law of the European Union. Sustainability and community engagement is an emerging area of research focus, with a funded PhD project on accountability, and with partnerships with EC1 New Deal and regeneration enterprises.

##### Insolvency law and debtor protection

The problems of over-extended credit and personal and corporate insolvency have become highly topical in recent times. Government-funded research in this area has been carried out in the Kingston Law School for some time, and is focused on our Centre for Insolvency Law and Policy.

##### Employment Law and Policy

The Employment Law and Policy Research Group reflects another area of strength within the School. Recent work has focused on the plight of marginal workers, such as migrant workers and agency workers.

##### Medical law and ethics

Research in the area of medical law and ethics focuses in particular on issues surrounding mental capacity in the light of recent changes in the law.

##### Real estate and property

Real estate underpins all human activity – we spend up to an estimated 90 per cent of our lives in buildings. If well managed and maintained, buildings will be important investment assets and can become part of our heritage. Buildings are also large emitters of carbon, so the way they are used and managed is important in reducing their environmental impact. Research focuses on these areas.

#### Further information

To find out more about research in Kingston Law School, visit [www.kingston.ac.uk/lawschoolresearch](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/lawschoolresearch)

# Legal skills

**Mooting, advocacy, negotiation, mediation and client interviewing are integral elements of a lawyer's set of skills. At Kingston, we'll help you develop your expertise in these areas, adding an extra dimension to your CV.**

## Practical application

Kingston Law School has a great reputation for developing law-related skills – in fact, we were the first university in England to embed the four main professional legal skills (mooting, negotiation, mediation and client interviewing) into our teaching and assessment. In all four skills, we run workshops and in-house competitions, as well as modules for academic credit that draw on them heavily. In recent years, we have won or been placed highly in national and international competitions in all of the above activities. We also play an active role in running the national competitions in negotiation, mediation and client interviewing.

You can choose to participate in any or all of these skills – either to develop professional expertise or to simply try them out in a relatively non-threatening environment.

## The value of legal skills

The range of professional skills developed by these activities make them valuable in their own right. However, at Kingston Law School we have always taken the view that they can and should also be used as a vehicle for developing a deeper understanding of substantive legal subjects. For example, contract law is placed in a proper context by negotiating the detailed terms of a contract

and/or by mediating a dispute between parties whose relationship is defined by a contract, perhaps by a contract of employment.

Client interviewing involves extracting the relevant information from a potentially unhelpful client to deliver coherent and cogent legal advice. Almost every court case starts with just such an initial conversation with a solicitor, and this means that any legal issue can form the heart of a client interview role-play. Only students with a proper understanding of the relevant law can hope to advise a client on their legal situation, particularly if the client has been instructed to be unreasonable or perverse.

The essence of a moot is an informed legal debate set in an appellate court, such as the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court. At Kingston, the students involved in a moot are required to present detailed arguments on specific issues in support of one party to a legal dispute. Their arguments are then picked apart and tested by a judge. To thrive in such an intimidating context, a student has to have not only a thorough knowledge of what the law is, but also an appreciation of why the law is as it is. Having been involved in a moot, a student has a deeper appreciation of the law than can easily be acquired through listening to a lecture or preparing for a tutorial.

## Links with practice

Our in-house competitions provide an opportunity for us to invite legal practitioners and former students to act as judges, bringing their knowledge and experience and providing a tangible link between our students and their future employment.

## Centre for Dispute Resolution

Kingston Law School has strengthened its legal practice and conflict resolution skills base with its Centre for Dispute Resolution, which offers mediation services and training to the local community.

Visit [www.kingston.ac.uk/disputeresolution](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/disputeresolution) for more information.

## Kingston University Community Legal Advice Centre

This centre, which provides free legal support and advice to members of the local community and surrounding areas, is led by students, enabling them to gain invaluable experience as a legal adviser. The centre is supported by legal professionals and Kingston University staff.

For more information, please visit [www.kingston.ac.uk/legaladvice](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/legaladvice)





# Enhance your career opportunities

Our careers team (KU Talent) offers many opportunities to connect you with employers and prepare you for the job market.

Alongside the extra opportunities you can take advantage of to boost your knowledge and employability, our careers team is on hand to provide practical training and help with that all-important CV, as well as careers events where you can meet with employers. The KU Talent team also liaises with academics to ensure that the skills that employers are looking for are embedded within the curriculum. In addition, the team invites academic staff to assist with non-course-related events and activities.

#### Employability consultant

From the moment you join Kingston Law School, you will have access to a dedicated employability consultant who will work with you to enhance your employment opportunities. You will receive help with your CV and application forms, support with

career discussions, and encouragement to promote yourself to employers. Your employability consultant will also help you identify ways to differentiate yourself from fellow applicants when looking for jobs.

#### Workshops, events and competitions

To further ensure that you stand out from the crowd when you are applying for a job, you can take advantage of various workshops, such as CV and cover letters, interview techniques or effective presentation skills. You will also have the opportunity to attend careers events to give you an overview of the careers and employment options available in the legal and associated industry sectors. To enhance your CV and improve your business and entrepreneurial skills, we also offer the chance to take part in various internal and national competitions.



The understanding I gained on the LLM has undoubtedly boosted my value to the firm and to its clients, and consequently to my career development.

Robert Horne, Dispute Resolution LLM graduate, solicitor at Theodore Goddard

# Keeping in touch and networking

Our free alumni association enables you to keep in touch with your classmates and also gives you the opportunity to network with 17,000 other members.

We place a high value on the relationships our students form during their studies, and offer you ongoing support throughout your professional life through our Alumni Association. As a member of Kingston University's Alumni Association, you will become part of an international network of alumni with a broad range of academic backgrounds, working in all sectors of business, industry and professions, and living in all parts of the globe. We will always be here to support you in whatever way we can.

#### Sharing expertise and advice

Many alumni support current students by sharing their expertise, experience, advice and influence through activities such as lecturing, mentoring, taking part in advisory groups, offering work experience, and helping at careers and employability events. By choosing Kingston University, you will have access to our alumni, and then, on graduation, you too may choose to support the University's next generation of students and alumni, and further enhance the Kingston Law School community.

#### Membership benefits

As a Kingston graduate you will benefit from:

- the annual magazine of Kingston Business School and Kingston Law School – *View from the Hill*;

- a monthly e-newsletter;
- online communities via our website, LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter;
- invitations to alumni reunions, events and networking opportunities in the UK and abroad;
- help with organising reunions and reconnecting with lost friends;
- access to a full careers service, free of charge, for up to three years after graduation;
- the opportunity to study further modules free of charge\* (one every three years)
- alumni discounts and offers such as alumni library membership;
- a website that is full of news, events, competitions and much more.

Ask  
Kingston  
Alumni



The Ask Kingston Alumni (AKA) networking group on LinkedIn is a forum for Kingston University students, past and present, to network or share knowledge and information across geographic locations and industries.

Members can post opportunities or ask for advice and offer insight into their career field.

This is an exclusive and supportive environment in which members can learn from each other.

\*You can study the module for free and you will be eligible for a 10 per cent alumni discount if you wish to take the module assessment.

# Kingston Hill campus

Kingston Law School is based at the University's Kingston Hill campus, located around three miles from Kingston town centre. Kingston Hill offers a safe, attractive environment in which to study, with a first-class learning resources centre. It also benefits from good transport links.

## What is the campus like?

Kingston Hill's spacious, leafy campus was once a country estate, and still retains some of the original landscaped gardens and a large Victorian house. Over the decades, a range of modern buildings have been constructed as the campus's functions have increased.

## Modern facilities

In 2012, a £26million building opened at the Kingston Hill campus, providing some of the best teaching facilities in the country. The building includes a dedicated moot courtroom for law students to hone their legal skills. See [www.kingston.ac.uk/businessschoolbuilding](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/businessschoolbuilding) to find out more.

## Learning resources centre (LRC)

The Nightingale Centre (LRC) at Kingston Hill is the result of a £5million investment to provide an attractive, modern and airy environment for study. Named after Florence Nightingale (1820–1910), who was a regular visitor to Kingston Hill, the centre is open 24 hours a day during term time and provides access to libraries, study spaces and computer facilities, as well as a learning cafe where you can study and socialise. You can also book seminar rooms for group study, and there are facilities to watch and listen to audiovisual materials, and areas and equipment to help you prepare your work.

A wide range of resources, including texts, periodicals, journals and newspapers, is available. The dedicated law library holds major texts, periodicals and computer learning packages, which can be accessed from over 3,000 networked workstations.

Expert advice and support is available from LRC staff, and the LRC provides a base for careers, accommodation and student finance consultations. You can also access information and links to resources, referencing guides and subject-specific resources on the student intranet, My Kingston, as well as information on all the services we provide.

Extra help and information is available for students with disabilities or special needs, and the LRC's Adaptive Technology Room has specialist enabling software and equipment.

As a student at Kingston Law School, you can use the LRCs on all four of our campuses. In total, our libraries provide access to more than 368,000 books and audiovisual materials, 158,000 e-books, 73,000 electronic journals and 1,000 printed journals.

## Graduate Centre

Our graduate centres provide postgraduate students with dedicated space for private study, meetings and seminars, computing facilities and a social area for relaxing. Postgraduate students can also mix with staff in restaurant areas in the Centenary Room on the Kingston Hill campus.

## Support

Kingston Law School provides a supportive and stimulating study environment. In addition, you'll have access to a range of University support services, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/pgsupport](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgsupport) for details.

Other campus facilities:

- Free parking
- Tennis courts
- Student shop
- Cashpoint machine
- Health and counselling services
- Sports and recreation societies
- Careers and financial advice

## Travelling to Kingston Hill

For directions to the campus, see page 18 or visit [www.kingston.ac.uk/directions](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/directions). A free University bus service connects Kingston Hill campus to the other campuses, main halls of residence, Kingston train station and town centre. To find out more, see: [www.kingston.ac.uk/bus](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/bus)





Studying and living in Kingston was an amazing experience. It has the most tranquil environment to prepare for your exams or write a dissertation; and, at the same time, there's always an activity to do if you need a break.

Anna Borodkina, General Law LLM  
Business Development at Quastel Midgen LLP



# Law courses



Our courses suit the needs of those with more-advanced strategic aims and those seeking professional career progression.

The majority of our courses can be studied full time or part time. The study commitment varies depending on which course you take, with several of our courses available for part-time evening or afternoon/evening study.

## How long is each course?

Unless otherwise stated, courses generally run for the following duration:

### Full-time courses: 1 year

**FT** Full-time study can range from three to five days per week attendance, supplemented by your own study.

### Part-time courses: 2 years

**PT** Part-time study can include a mixture of daytime and evening classes.

For full details, please check the course webpage.

## Dispute Resolution

PgCert

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgdisputeresolution2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgdisputeresolution2015)

**PT**

**This course aims to develop and deepen your understanding of the different types of dispute resolution, with a particular focus on mediation and negotiation. Taught through a combination of academic content and role-play, the course will be of particular interest if you would like to develop relevant practical skills within the rigours of an academic framework. The programme consists of an intensive two-week period of teaching in July/August, followed by a 12-week period of research and distance learning.**

### What will you study?

The emphasis is on learning through practical experience and critical evaluation. You will consider, compare and develop the skills and processes involved in both negotiation and mediation. Within each of these two disciplines, there are different styles and practices that can affect the underlying process of managing conflict and resolving disputes. These dynamics will be discussed in seminars and demonstrated through role-play.

You will be encouraged to learn from each other and to critically evaluate your own performance. In addition, the growing body of academic literature will be investigated and placed in a practical context.

### Assessment

Videod role-play, reflective evaluation and critical evaluation of the academic literature

### Examples of modules

Mediation and Conflict; Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

### Key features

- This course will provide an opportunity to consolidate, reflect and refine your skills.
- Teaching will take place over a two-week period (10 days) in July/August. The timetable will vary day by day but will generally run between 9.00am and 4.00pm. The mornings will generally consist of academic seminar-style sessions, with role-plays and assessments taking place in the afternoons. The course's two modules are interlinked and will run concurrently, alternating sessions so as to achieve a coherent and comprehensive student experience.
- If you are completing a degree and moving on to further academic study, such as a diploma in law or professional qualifications (ie the LPC or BPTC), this course will enable you to gain an additional qualification in the gap between July graduation and September enrolment.
- On completion of the course, you will be eligible to progress to further studies on Kingston Law School's LLM programme.

### Entry requirements

Good honours degree or equivalent OR a relevant professional qualification/work experience. International students must have an IELTS score of 6.5 overall. See the course webpage for full details.

### Find out more

Postgraduate admissions team

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## Employment Law & Mediation

PgCert

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgemploymed2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgemploymed2015)

PT

This one-year part-time course is designed to provide lawyers, HR professionals and those with management or administrative roles a detailed knowledge and understanding of employment law in the context of both UK and EU developments. It will also provide an opportunity to critically evaluate mediation as a means of dispute resolution, and to develop competence in practical mediator skills and techniques. Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on the application of skills and knowledge to work-based contexts and constraints.

### What will you study?

You will evaluate the methods for resolving workplace conflicts, and will gain practical knowledge of mediation. You will explore the formation, content and day-to-day operation of the employment relationship and how the law intervenes in these areas, and will focus on recent developments in equality and discrimination law that have made significant changes to law and practice in the employment relationship from the point of recruitment to post-employment discrimination and victimisation.

Conflict resolution and mediation skills are increasingly in demand for workplace disputes, and the assessment will require you to prepare and conduct a range of mediations, evaluating your performance as a mediator.

### Assessment

Individual and group exercises, case studies, written reports

### Examples of modules

Workplace Mediation; Employment Law in Context

### Key features

- This course is taught part time and designed to fit around the needs of busy professionals. Contact time is just one Saturday per month over one year.
- Teaching on this course is delivered by top Law School staff, seven of whom are accredited mediators.
- On completion of this course you have the option to top up to a masters in law (LLM) in Employment Law by completing two additional modules and a dissertation.

"This programme deals with the day-to-day operation of contemporary employment law and focuses on the recent developments in the areas of equality and discrimination. [It] will enable students to develop the practical mediation skills required to resolve workplace conflict at an early stage, and provide them with a level of comfort in dealing with difficult conversations. These skills are now key requirements of effective practice for managers."

**Ralph Tribe, HR director, Sky**

#### Entry requirements

Good honours degree (2:2 or above), or equivalent, or substantial relevant experience at an appropriate level. International students must have an IELTS score of 6.5. See course webpage for full details.

#### Find out more

Postgraduate admissions team  
T: +44 (0)20 8417 5026  
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## Legal Studies

MA

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pglegalstudies2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pglegalstudies2015)

PT

This part-time MA offers an opportunity for students who already hold a conversion postgraduate diploma in law (or equivalent) to top up their qualification to a masters degree by undertaking a 12,000–15,000-word dissertation on a subject of interest. It provides a practical avenue to develop research, investigative, critical and analytical skills.

### What will you study?

You will produce a substantial piece of work that demonstrates the area(s) you specialise in. You can study any area of law that reflects your areas of interest, and you will receive guidance and feedback as you go along. You will demonstrate proficiency in problem definition and scope, the design of a research project, application of appropriate research methods, collection and analysis of data, and presentation of results. You will develop your research, analytical, evaluative and critical skills gained over the course of the programme.

### Assessment

12,000–15,000-word dissertation

### Examples of modules

Legal Research and Dissertation

### Key features

- Kingston Law School provides opportunities for students to develop their practical legal skills and make them stand out in the jobs market; for example, through in-house, national and international competitions in client interviewing, mediation and mooting.
- Throughout the year, Kingston Law School arranges regular guest lectures on topical subjects of interest by experts in the field.

#### Entry requirements

A conversion PgDip in Law. International students must have an IELTS score of 6.5. See the course webpage for full details.

#### Find out more

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## LLM programme

### Master of Laws

Kingston's LLM programme is designed to enable you to increase your knowledge in a particular area of law, broaden your experience, improve your practising options and enhance your career. You can choose to specialise in a particular area or take a broader approach and tailor your course to your specifications by choosing the General Law LLM.

#### Course overview

Each LLM pathway comprises at least two modules specific to the subject area, a research theory module, the dissertation and two option modules chosen from the list of General Law modules; the General Law pathway comprises the research theory module, the dissertation and four option modules of your choice.

On successful completion of the LLM, you will have acquired significant research and analytical skills in your chosen area of law, substantially enhancing your prospects of furthering your career within the areas of law that you wish to specialise.

#### Assessment

Written coursework, examinations, dissertation

#### Key features

- Students who take both the Evidence and Arbitral Award module and Arbitration module, and achieve 55 per cent in both, qualify to sit an additional 'Award Writing' examination. If they achieve 70 per cent or above in this examination, they will receive exemption up to module 4 of the Arbitration pathway of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). This is a highly prestigious and valued qualification, the only qualification in arbitration that is globally recognised.
- For practising solicitors, barristers and other legal professionals, this LLM qualification will help hone and direct your work towards the field that interests you the most and give you the opportunity to refresh and enhance your knowledge and research skills. A specialised LLM will significantly improve your prospects of career progression in the direction you want.

#### Entry requirements

Good honours degree (2:2 or above) in law or in a subject where the major component is in law; OR Graduate Diploma in Law (CPE), Legal Practice Course or Bar Professional Training Course; OR qualification as a solicitor or barrister. International students must have an IELTS score of 6.5. See the course webpage for full details.

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## General Law

### LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllm2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllm2015)

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The LLM General Law provides you with the opportunity to take advantage of a very flexible programme of taught modules by creating a programme of study designed to suit your interests and aspirations.

#### What will you study?

You will choose four option modules from an extensive list. You will also gain significant research and analytical skills. Your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of particular relevance and interest to you.

#### Assessment

Written coursework, examinations, dissertation

#### Examples of modules

Core module

- Legal Research and Dissertation

Option modules (choose 4)

- Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Company Law
- Comparative Law of Obligations
- Environmental Law and Regulation
- EU Competition Law
- Energy and Climate Change Law
- Evidence and Arbitral Awards
- Family Mediation
- Immigration and Refugee Law
- Individual Employment Law
- Insolvency Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Environmental Law and Sustainability
- International Trade Contracts
- Labour Law in the Global Economy
- Law of International Trade
- Legal Aspects of Business Finance
- Termination of Employment

"I chose the General LLM in order to take advantage of the wide choice of options. In particular, I've discovered a real interest in family mediation."

**Marsha Single, LLM General Law student**

## Corporate & Financial Law LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmbusiness2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmbusiness2015)

**FT** **PT**

This course enables you to acquire a detailed knowledge and understanding of legal rules relating to business. It is designed to enhance your prospects of gaining employment in roles such as professional or in-house legal adviser, or company administrator, and in other areas of work where the ability to apply and advise upon business law issues is significant.

### What will you study?

You will study four law modules – at least two of which will be specific to corporate and financial law, with the other remaining modules chosen from the list of General Law LLM option modules (see left). You will also gain significant research and analytical skills, and your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of particular relevance to corporate and financial law.

**Examples of modules** (\*Choose 2 to 4 asterisked modules) Company Law\*; Insolvency Law\*; Intellectual Property Law\*; Legal Aspects of Business Finance\*; Legal Research and Dissertation; Option modules (choose up to 2 from the General Law LLM option modules – see left)

## Dispute Resolution LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmndispute2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmndispute2015)

**FT** **PT**

This course will enable you to acquire a detailed knowledge and understanding of legal rules relating to dispute resolution. It is designed to enhance your prospects of gaining employment in areas of work where the ability to resolve disputes is significant. Students who achieve 55 per cent in both the Evidence and Arbitral Award module and the Arbitration module qualify to sit an additional 'Award Writing' exam. If they achieve 70 per cent or more in this exam, they will receive exemption up to module 4 of the Arbitration pathway of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb).

### What will you study?

You will study at least two modules specific to dispute resolution law, with the other remaining modules chosen from the list of General Law LLM option modules (see left). You will also gain significant research and analytical skills, and your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of particular relevance to dispute resolution.

**Examples of modules** (\*Choose 2 to 4 asterisked modules) Advocacy\*; Alternative Dispute Resolution\*; Arbitration\*; Family Mediation\*; Legal Research and Dissertation; Option modules (choose up to 2 from the General Law LLM option modules – see left; students who wish to apply for CI Arb membership must choose Evidence and Arbitral Awards as one of their modules)

## Environmental Law & Sustainability LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmenvironment2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmenvironment2015)

**FT** **PT**

This course looks at legal issues relating to the environment and sustainability. It covers topics such as the legal rules and policies relating to environmental protection within the EU and at international level; the concept of sustainability as a policy consideration and its contribution to informing the legal protection of the environment; and the impact of international economic law on policies relating to sustainability. It also provides the opportunity to participate in an internship programme with an environmental consultancy.

### What will you study?

You will study at least two modules specific to environmental law, with the remaining modules chosen from the General Law LLM option modules (see left). You may also choose relevant modules from Kingston's School of Geology, Geography and the Environment. Your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of relevant to environmental law and sustainability.

**Examples of modules** (\*Choose 2 to 4 asterisked modules) Environmental Law and Regulation\*; Energy and Climate Change Law\*; International Environmental Law and Sustainability\*; International Law and Economic Development\*; Legal Research and Dissertation; Option modules (choose up to 2 from the General Law LLM option modules – see left)

## Employment Law LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmemployment2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmemployment2015)

**FT** **PT**

This course provides a detailed knowledge and understanding of the legal rules relating to employment, including the role of social, political and economic policy in the formulation of modern labour laws, both in the UK and with reference to international labour standards. It is designed to enhance your prospects of gaining employment in professional legal private practice, human resource management and other areas where the ability to apply and advise upon employment law issues is significant.

### What will you study?

You will study at least two modules specific to employment law, with the other remaining modules chosen from the list of General Law LLM option modules (see left). You will also gain significant research and analytical skills, and your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of particular relevance to employment law.

**Examples of modules** (\*Choose 2 to 4 asterisked modules) Alternative Dispute Resolution\*; Individual Employment Law\*; Labour Law in the Global Economy\*; Termination of Employment\*; Legal Research and Dissertation; Option modules (choose up to 2 from the General Law LLM option modules – see left)

## International Commercial Law LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmcommercial2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmcommercial2015)

**FT** **PT**

**This course will enable you to gain a detailed knowledge and understanding of legal rules relating to international commerce and the resolution of disputes. It aims to develop your ability to analyse, evaluate and reflect upon these rules. The course is designed to enhance your prospects of gaining employment in professional legal private practice, business or legal consultancy in industry.**

### What will you study?

You will study at least two modules specific to international commercial law, with the other remaining modules chosen from the list of General Law LLM option modules (see page 14). You will also gain significant research and analytical skills, and your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of particular relevance to international commercial law.

### Examples of modules (\*Choose 2 to 4 asterisked modules)

Arbitration\*; EU Competition Law\*; International Trade Contracts\*; Law of International Trade\*; Legal Research and Dissertation; Option modules (choose up to 2 from General Law LLM option modules – see page 14)

## Law Doctorate

PhD by Research

[www.kingston.ac.uk/lawphd2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/lawphd2015)

**FT** **PT**

**Whether you are planning a career as an academic or as a professional researcher, this PhD will enable you to develop the appropriate research skills and enhance your professional credibility. It aims to provide you with the supervision and skills needed to complete your PhD thesis. We particularly invite applications in the areas of business law, legal history, criminal justice, public administration, employment law, environmental law and insolvency, and jurisprudence/law and social theory – for more areas, see the course webpage.**

### What will you study?

You will research a topic of your choice, culminating in an 80,000-word thesis, which will be the subject of an oral examination in which you will show how you have critically investigated your area of research and made an independent and original contribution. You will also be expected to attend research training sessions and seminars that reflect upon aspects of conducting research in law. In addition, you will be invited to attend research seminars arranged for the academic staff.

### Assessment

80,000-word thesis, oral exam

### Key features

- Kingston Law School is a recognised ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) outlet, and the ESRC recognises this programme as fulfilling its requirements to provide broad-based research training.
- The high calibre of Kingston's students and alumni provide excellent networking opportunities.

## Law with Law of International Trade LLM

[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmtrade2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgllmtrade2015)

**FT** **PT**

**This course provides the opportunity to examine the law of international trade while also taking advantage of a flexible programme of taught modules by choosing additional areas of study to suit your interests and aspirations.**

### What will you study?

You will study a module specific to the law of international trade and three other modules chosen from the extensive list of General Law LLM option modules (see page 14). You will also gain significant research and analytical skills, and your dissertation provides further opportunity to gain specialist expertise in an area of particular relevance and interest to you.

### Examples of modules

Law of International Trade; Legal Research and Dissertation; Option modules (choose 3 from the General Law LLM option modules – see page 14)

### Entry requirements

Good honours degree and a masters degree in law or related subject, plus references and relevant experience. International students must have an IELTS score of 7 overall. See the webpage for full details.

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# Real Estate

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[www.kingston.ac.uk/pgrealestate2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgrealestate2015)

**FT** **PT**

**This innovative degree, accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, is designed primarily for people who work or would like to work in the real-estate sector either in the UK or beyond, and are seeking to gain a high-level education. The reflective practitioner at junior or middle-management level can study individual modules to meet CPD requirements or to enhance their academic qualifications.**

## What will you study?

The course will enable you to develop key research and analytical skills alongside your practical competencies. By allowing flexibility in curriculum choice, you can deepen your knowledge within focused areas of investment, asset management or development. You will study six modules, which have been designed to ensure that they align with the core competencies of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors but also allow you to pursue your individual interests through the design and execution of your independent research project. There is also an international residential field trip.

## Assessment

Written and oral assignments, practical case studies, research project

## Examples of modules

Fundamentals of Real Estate Strategy; Concept, Property Appraisal and Valuation (includes the international field trip); Research Principles and Application; Research Project; Two option modules (eg Property Investment Analysis and Funding; Planning and Sustainable Development; Commercial Property Practice; Commercial Property and Asset Management)

## Key features

- At Kingston, we are very proud of our long-standing association with professional bodies such as the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC). This course is accredited by RICS.
- A week-long field trip to a major city provides an opportunity to apply your knowledge to a real-life project scenario.
- Many members of staff are research active or professional practitioners, which keeps your learning cutting-edge, and you also benefit from the input of senior practitioners who head leading property and real estate companies.
- This course is also offered as a part-time programme in Warsaw. It has been adapted from the Kingston-based course with the co-operation of practitioners in Warsaw. For details, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/pgrealestatewarsaw2015](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgrealestatewarsaw2015)



## Entry requirements

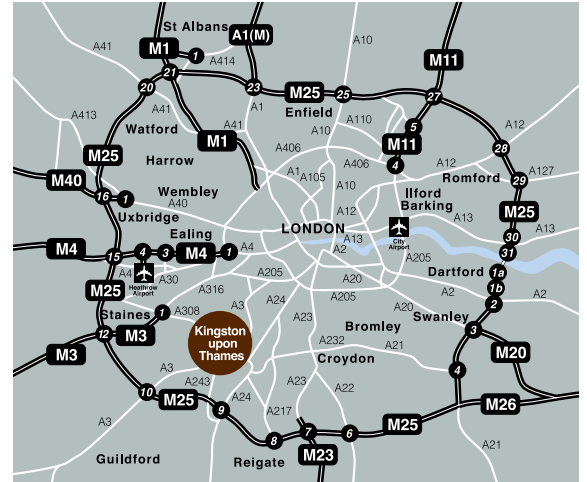
Good honours degree or equivalent professional qualification. Part-time applicants must be in relevant employment or have practice experience. International students must have an IELTS score of 6.5. See the course webpage for full details.

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# Travelling to Kingston



## Trains

Trains from London Waterloo station, via Clapham Junction and Wimbledon, are frequent to both Kingston (for all campuses) or Surbiton (for Penrhyn Road and Knights Park campuses only). Trains go direct from Kingston and Surbiton to Waterloo.

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## Buses

From London

- 57 (Streatham)
- 65 (Ealing)
- 71 (Chessington)
- 85 (Putney Bridge)
- K3 (Roehampton and Esher)
- X26, 111 and 285 (Heathrow)
- 213 (Sutton)
- 216 (Staines)

[www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)

## From Heathrow

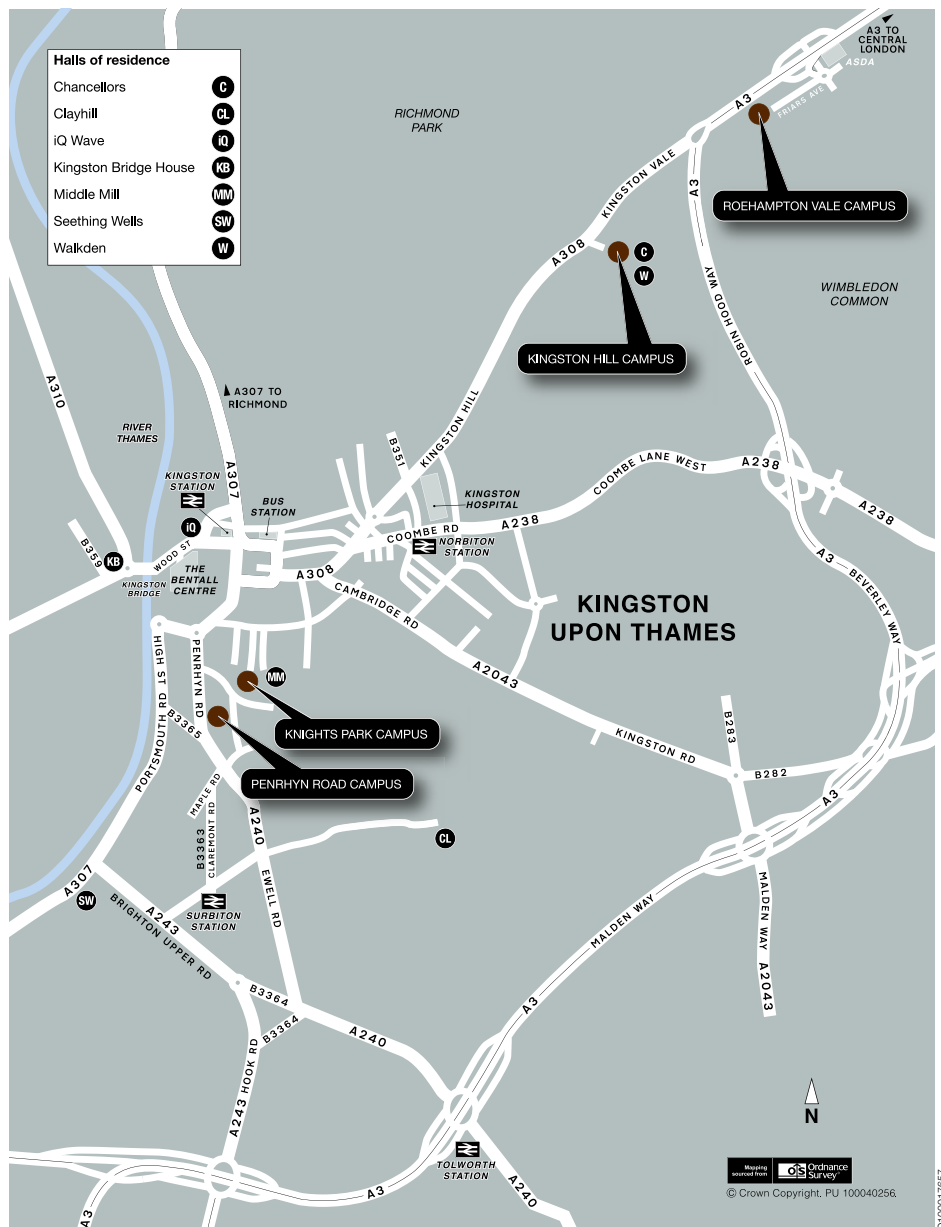
- Take the X26, 111 or 285 bus to Kingston
- By tube/train: take the Piccadilly Line underground service to Earls Court, change to District Line to Wimbledon, and catch a mainline train for Kingston or Surbiton.

## From Gatwick

- Take a train to Clapham Junction, and catch a Kingston- or Surbiton-bound train.

## Further information

For detailed instructions on travelling to the Kingston University campuses, see the University's website: [www.kingston.ac.uk/directions](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/directions)





# Applications and further information

## Applications

You can apply for most of our postgraduate courses online. Visit the course webpage or see [www.kingston.ac.uk/pgapply](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgapply) for more information, including how to apply by post or email.

## Entry requirements

Please see the relevant course webpage for full entry requirements.

You will be expected to demonstrate the ability to study at an advanced level and will normally have relevant professional experience in a setting appropriate to the chosen specialism.

Overseas applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are able to study at masters level and have achieved the equivalent academic level. They must also have a good level of competence in written and spoken English.

## Prior learning – AP(E)L

Applicants offering prior qualifications and learning may be exempt from appropriate parts of a course in accordance with the University's mechanisms and policy for the assessment of prior learning and prior experiential learning.

## Interview

Home applicants may be invited to attend an interview (face-to-face or telephone) prior to selection. Overseas applicants may be exempt from interview as long as they can demonstrate that they meet the specified entry requirements.

## International students

Our staff visit international education fairs, where you can talk to them about our courses and programmes. For details of the fairs and to find out what Kingston University has to offer international students, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/international](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/international)

## Tuition fees

Please check our website for the latest fee information: [www.kingston.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgfunding)

Tuition fees for your course can be found on the 'Fees and bursaries' section of your course webpage. You can also download our 'Money matters' guide (pdf), which includes information about payment options.

## Students with disabilities

The University welcomes applications from students with disabilities and is improving access, facilities and services.

If you think you may require individual support or adaptations to facilities, our disability adviser can give you information on what is available. Once we have received your application form with details of your disability, we may invite you to visit the University so that we can talk to you about your needs in advance.

For more information or to arrange a visit to assess the University's facilities, please see our website – [www.kingston.ac.uk/disability](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/disability) – or contact:

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## How to find us

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This prospectus was issued in September 2014 and is primarily intended for use by prospective students wishing to start courses in 2015. It gives an outline of the courses and services offered by Kingston University. The information was correct at the time of going to press.

The University makes every effort to ensure that the contents of and statements made in this prospectus are fair and accurate, but it cannot accept any responsibility for omissions, errors or subsequent changes that may occur.

The statements made and the information provided is a general guide, and there may be changes following publication that affect the contents. Programmes or modules may be revised, altered or withdrawn without notice, and assessment arrangements may be changed. It should be noted that information on entry requirements for courses and modules is for guidance only. The conditions attached to offers may vary from year to year and from applicant to applicant.

**The University website contains the most up-to-date information available and should be checked before applying. Every effort is made to ensure that any changes referred to above are updated on the website as soon as practicable; however, the University cannot be held responsible for any delays in doing so.**

## General Student Regulations

Acceptance of an offer and enrolment at the University are subject to the then current General Student Regulations of the University; a copy of which can be viewed on the University website at [www.kingston.ac.uk/policies](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/policies)

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# Useful links

## **Courses**

Kingston University offers a wide range of courses across a variety of subject areas. We continually add to and update our portfolio of courses. For the latest details, including entry requirements and how to apply, visit our website: [www.kingston.ac.uk/courses](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/courses)

## **Visit us**

Why not come and visit the University to discover more about us and our courses? To find out how to arrange a visit, contact your faculty. See [www.kingston.ac.uk/faculties](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/faculties)

## **Virtual tour**

If you aren't able to come and visit us in person but you'd still like to see what the University is like, you can take a virtual tour of the University campuses on our website: [www.kingston.ac.uk/tour](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/tour)

## **Accommodation**

To find out about all the accommodation options you'll have as a Kingston student, with advice and guidance from our specialist staff, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/accommodation)

## **Money matters**

Funding a postgraduate course can be a big financial commitment. At Kingston we'll do everything we can to help you keep your finances in order. See [www.kingston.ac.uk/pgfunding](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/pgfunding)

## **International**

For guidance and advice for students from overseas, including the opportunity to chat with virtual student advisers, watch video clips of current international students and find out about funding opportunities, see [www.kingston.ac.uk/international](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/international)

## **Kingston Law School**

For more information on what is happening at Kingston Law School, please visit our website: [law.kingston.ac.uk](http://law.kingston.ac.uk)

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