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Who might be interested in studying Law?

Pupils who are interested in English, debating, having discussions, enjoy researching and analysing information, current affairs and those who enjoy reading.

Becoming a Solicitor in Scotland

There are two ways to become a Solicitor in Scotland:

1. The University route, see below. This is the route taken by the majority of aspiring Solicitors.
2. The alternative route which involves entering a three year pre-Diploma training contract with a Scottish Solicitor and studying for the Law Society of Scotland’s professional exams. Please contact the Law Society of Scotland for further details www.lawsoc.org.uk

University Route – Studying the LLB

As an undergraduate:
Pupils considering becoming a Solicitor must study the LLB degree accredited by the Law Society of Scotland. The following 10 Universities are currently accredited:

University of Aberdeen
University of Abertay
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh Napier University

University of Glasgow
Glasgow Caledonian University
Robert Gordon University
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde

Then as a post graduate:
1 year Diploma known as Professional Education and Training Stage 1 this is a one year course which can be taken at six universities in Scotland. (Cost £7000 approx and currently can get loan from SAAS for £10,000 comprising £5,500 for tuition fees and £4,500 for living costs).
Followed by:
Traineeship (Professional Education and Training Stage 2). This is a two-year period working in, for example, a solicitor’s firm, the Crown Office or for another organisation employing solicitors e.g. banks, oil companies. Individuals are paid.

So to be a solicitor = LLB + Diploma + traineeship (typically takes 7+ years)

Entry Requirements

Entrance requirements for the LLB varies across the Universities, however typical offers range from ABBB to AAAAA.

University of Dundee

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<td>ABBB (minimum)</td>
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<td>Maths or Science at National 5 at B recommended</td>
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<td>AAABB (typical) by the end of S6</td>
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<td>Law with languages: Higher B in appropriate language</td>
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- Information correct as of June 2017
- Check each university’s website regularly for updates
- Predicted grades are considered
- Please note for entry to 3 year Honours LLB English Law entry requirements are AA (AH) and AABBB (H) plus Mathematics or a Science subject Standard Grade at 2 or National 5/Intermediate 2 at B.

Alternative Route via College

An alternative route into LLB at the University of Dundee and other Universities is via the HNC in Legal Studies/Legal Services with an A in the Graded Unit. Applicants with this qualification are considered individually. Fife College currently offer HNC in Legal Services:

http://www.fife.ac.uk/student/courses/course/HCLES

Please note that this course is very popular and therefore pupils should be encouraged to apply early in the cycle. Applications open in December.

University of Glasgow

Applicants to the University of Glasgow must complete the LNAT, which is run by a consortium of Universities in the UK. The LNAT comprises a two and a quarter hour on-screen test of multiple choice questions lasting 95 minutes and essay questions for 40 minutes. It is designed to assess verbal reasoning skills and command of written English. Information on how to sit the test can be found at www.lnat.ac.uk.

The LNAT must be taken between September 2017 and 20th January 2018. The cost is £50 and bursaries are available from LNAT (www.lnat.ac.uk).
The Admissions Process

University of Dundee
The University of Dundee considers the whole application which includes academic grades, personal statement as well as personal details as detailed in the UCAS form.

Teachers References
In addition to information about the candidate, please include school information such as percentage of pupils going onto Higher Education, numbers of pupils sitting Advanced Highers and the support the school is able to provide for a pupil applying to an LLB programme.

Non-academic Requirements

Work Experience
Generally, we encourage pupils to have work experience within the Legal Profession to deepen their understanding. However, maintaining a part time job whilst studying for Highers is very commendable! Opportunities for work experience through Reach include:

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<td>Law Practices</td>
<td>Available through Reach Tayside for senior pupils who have the support and reference from their school. Application form available online <a href="http://www.dundee.ac.uk/reach">www.dundee.ac.uk/reach</a></td>
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<td>Student Shadowing</td>
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Applying to Law Myth Busters!

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Useful Resources

http://www.dundee.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/law
www.lnat.ac.uk
www.lawscot.org.uk
http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/about/reach-532.php
http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-recruitment/widening-participation/projects/reach/about
https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/widening-access/in-demand/reach/
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