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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Lincoln Law School. Our vibrant and dynamic School is an integral part of the University of Lincoln, which has enjoyed a meteoric rise up the university league tables in recent years.

Law has a long and illustrious heritage in Lincoln, from the city’s possession of one of only four original copies of the Magna Carta, to the work of its law courts today.

Lincoln Law School will help you develop a detailed understanding of the rules and institutions that govern our society — a society that is increasingly global in nature — as well as the ability to place the law within its social and political context.

Our Advisory Board, made up of representatives from regional law firms, underpins the development of links with employers and influences the way in which our courses are run.

We want to give you as many opportunities as possible to enhance your experience and employability during your time with us. Our students put their legal knowledge and skills into practice in a number of ways, including at the School’s law clinic, mooting competitions and outreach activities. Graduates leave us equipped with the skills and creativity to excel in a broad range of careers, including those outside of the legal profession.

If you would like to know more about Lincoln Law School, please do not hesitate to contact us at law@lincoln.ac.uk or visit us on an Open Day to experience our School and campus for yourself.

Professor Duncan French
Head of School
Lincoln in the News

Countering 21st Century Threats

A Lincoln academic is playing a key role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation’s (NATO) response to emerging international security challenges.

Research by Dr Sascha-Dominik Bachmann, Reader in International Law and a Lieutenant Colonel in the German Army Reserve, focuses on so-called ‘hybrid threats’. These are defined as threats that are of a multimodal nature and posed by adversaries who combine conventional and non-conventional means in order to achieve their objectives. Examples identified by NATO include cyber warfare, transnational organised crime and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Different from traditional acts of aggression between states, hybrid threats are often linked with asymmetric conflict, in which a formal military comes up against ‘weaker’, less equipped but resilient non-state actors, such as an insurgency.

Research Leads to Law Reform

The rights of people whose premises are subject to searches by officials other than the police have been strengthened following research carried out by Professor Richard Stone from the Lincoln Law School.

‘Powers of entry’, or the right to legally enter a premises, are held by many central and local government departments as well as companies running national utilities such as gas, electricity and water.

Professor Stone, who is the only UK academic currently focusing on this specific area, aimed to identify and analyse these powers, and to provide a comprehensive survey of them. Currently, there are approximately 1,400 separate powers of entry contained under primary and secondary legislation.

His research revealed the lack of a coherent policy in relation to these powers. They are enacted in different ways, with differences in when they may be available and how they may be exercised.

The result is that individuals who are subject to these powers and whose premises may be entered have great difficulty in discovering whether the official claiming to exercise the power is acting lawfully or not.

A member of the House of Lords came across Professor Stone’s book, The Law of Entry, Search, and Seizure, and contacted him to provide guidance on the drafting of a private member’s bill. The Coalition Government picked up this reform in the Bill that eventually became the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

Research is continuing and the result will be a much clearer legal framework governing the powers of entry of non-police officials and a code of practice applicable to all such powers.

Law Student Addresses International Climate Change

Third-year law student Ebilyana Mulenga, accompanied by Head of School, Professor Duncan French, recently presented at a climate change training workshop for lawyers from developing countries.

The workshop was run by the Legal Response Initiative, a London-based charity that aims to ensure that outcomes of climate change negotiations are equitable for all, including for participants from developing countries where there is often little or no access to technical legal advice and support.

Professor French noted: “It was a tremendous opportunity for both of us. Ebilyana was very impressive in what she said and the delegates were very appreciative of her and the other students’ work.”

Ebilyana says: “The experience of presenting this work in London was wonderful and I enjoyed it immensely.”
Lincoln in the News...

The Right to Water

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The Legal Big Bang

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Investigating Human Rights

Dr Samantha Velluti, Reader of EU Law, has undertaken extensive research in the area of European Union (EU) governance and is a published author on the subject.

Her latest research is examining the role of the EU in the promotion of human rights and international labour standards in its external trade relations. As part of this study, Dr Velluti will soon be visiting the World Trade Organisation in Geneva and the EU in Brussels to examine in what way and to what extent normative or ethical considerations have influenced EU trade policy through the Common Commercial Policy (CCP).

This is of particular interest in the current political climate, with the euro-zone crisis escalating, the seeming lack of solidarity between member states and increased economic protectionism, when many question the legitimacy and credibility of EU action.

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Studying Law at Lincoln

Law is a popular choice for students looking for an exciting and challenging career. Lincoln Law School offers a rich learning environment with first-class facilities.

Our supportive, research-active staff are passionate about providing you with an understanding of legal concepts and the law’s role in contemporary society. You will be challenged to become an active partner in your education and learn through hands-on experience and research.

A First Degree in Law

In order to practise law as a solicitor or barrister in the UK, you must hold a qualifying law degree. At Lincoln, all of our LLB courses are recognised as such by the professional bodies, so you can proceed directly to the Bar Professional Training or to the Bar Vocational Course, or to the Criminal Advocacy Course. As a solicitor in the UK, you must hold a graduate qualification in law, so you can proceed directly to the Bar Professional Training or to the Bar Vocational Course. As a solicitor in the UK, you must hold a graduate qualification in law, so you can proceed directly to the Bar Professional Training or to the Bar Vocational Course.

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Simon McCaffrey
Senior Lecturer

“My tips to potential students would be to develop a love of reading. In law, cases are our tools so you will be spending a lot of time reading them and working out why judges have made the decisions they have. Whatever your eventual career path, the ability to use information in a practical way to construct arguments is an invaluable asset.”

Joint Degrees

LLB (Hons) Law and Business
Combining the study of Business and Law can give you a competitive edge in a variety of legal and commercial settings. This course aims to help you develop a good understanding of law alongside specialist knowledge and skills in business.

LLB (Hons) Law and Criminology
This course combines two complementary subjects to allow you to undertake a comprehensive study into the causes and consequences of crime. Alongside core modules, you will have the opportunity to study a range of topics around the issues of identity, citizenship and social justice, as well as to develop key research skills.

LLB (Hons) Law and Politics
Law and politics are closely related – government agencies play a key role in the design of the law and its evolution is often dictated by political circumstances. This course offers you the opportunity to explore the political context in which the law is formed and operates, with a particular focus on the increasingly international environment.

“The University provides outstanding facilities to heighten its students’ potential within a safe and friendly community.”

The Sunday Times University Guide 2013
Postgraduate Study at Lincoln

At Lincoln Law School, you will discover a vibrant academic environment with dynamic, research-active staff. As the School continues to grow in size, the scope of our research base is expanding, which is reflected by the provision of two new Master of Laws programmes.

LLM International Business Law

This programme aims to enable you to respond to the changing and dynamic nature of legal relations between corporations, individuals and countries, where national boundaries are increasingly of less importance. You will reflect on the private/corporate and the public dimensions of the legal rules necessary to govern the world economy.

LLM International Law

International law is increasingly affecting all aspects of international activity, from human rights, trade and prosecuting international crimes, to protecting the environment. The LLM International Law will equip you with the skills to consider the role of law in international affairs, in particular the activities of states in their interactions with each other, with individuals and with international organisations.

Meet the Staff...

Dr Samantha Velluti
Reader in EU Law

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Becoming a Doctor of Law

A doctorate is the pinnacle of academic achievement. It allows you to complete an original piece of research and gain specialist knowledge in your field, increasing your employment prospects and opening doors to jobs in academia and research.

There is a strong research culture at Lincoln Law School and research interests are wide-ranging. There is particular expertise within the broad areas of international law, European law and human rights, and work is also being carried out on comparative law and the pedagogy of legal teaching.

Students are expected to have a Masters-level qualification in a related subject before applying, as well as a strong idea of the specific aspect of law they wish to study. We enjoy reading research proposals and encourage those who have an idea to get in touch to discuss working together.

The Lincoln Award

In an increasingly competitive jobs market, employers are looking for candidates who stand out from the crowd. The Lincoln Award allows you to acquire transferable skills, in addition to those learnt on your course, and to showcase your achievements to prospective employers.

The Lincoln Award is achieved by completing a series of employment-related workshops alongside part-time employment, voluntary experience or extracurricular activities.

The scheme is open to all students at the University of Lincoln and can be started at any point of your studies. It is tailored for each subject and you will be supported throughout the scheme by your College Careers Adviser.

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Student View...

“This friendly atmosphere has continued since I arrived at Lincoln. Staff are genuinely interested in your research and my supervisors could not be more helpful, enthusiastic or accomplished.

“I have received training on all aspects of PhD study and funding to attend conferences on topics aligned with my research. I have also had the opportunity to lecture part-time on the first year of the programme. If you are interested in teaching, the University helps you work towards gaining a recognised qualification.

“The facilities are modern and, as a growing university, there’s a real buzz that it is going somewhere.”

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Tour our Facilities

You’ll take part in moots or mock trials as part of your course. These will take place in our 100-seat Moot Court, which provides a realistic court environment in which you can develop your practical legal skills.

The Business & Law Building features innovative teaching and learning spaces, including learning lounges that encourage the free flow of ideas between students and staff.

A dedicated Academic Subject Librarian can help you navigate and locate a wide range of subject-specific print and electronic resources in our award-winning library.

Computers with specialised business and finance software can be found throughout the Business & Law Building.

You will have access to a broad range of facilities across our stunning, state-of-the-art campus, including the Sports and Recreation Centre, the Engine Shed and Lincoln Performing Arts Centre.

The historic and picturesque city of Lincoln offers a fantastic range of amenities, as well as a vibrant cultural scene. Overlooking the city, the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln Castle house a range of historical documents, including one of only four original copies of the Magna Carta.

The Law library in the University’s Great Central Warehouse Library offers a specialised collection of legally related books, journals and documents.

The Book and Latté café provides the ideal place to meet and relax with friends, and offers a tempting selection of tea, coffee, pastries and snacks.

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Law in Practice - Streetlaw

Streetlaw aims to increase legal literacy in the community while offering students opportunities to improve their communication, research and clinical legal skills.

Under this innovative teaching and learning scheme, second and third-year undergraduate students from Lincoln Law School, supported by their tutors, work with local schools and colleges to identify legal topics that are of particular interest or relevance to pupils.

Our students then research the relevant material and present their findings to pupils using interactive methods, such as discussion and role play, enabling students in secondary schools to become more aware of their rights and responsibilities in a given area.

Streetlaw provides a unique and engaging way of learning about the law for all participants, as well as promoting self-directed learning and practical skills for applying the law. This provides our students with increased opportunities to gain practical experience and enhance their employability after graduation.

Student View...

Keeley Harrison
LLB (Hons) Law
Class of 2012

Ready for the Next Step

“Taking part in the University of Lincoln Law Clinic helps you to develop existing skills and learn new ones, all of which help to prepare you for life in the legal profession.

“Everyone in the Clinic has the opportunity to take part in a client interview and learn how to draft advice letters. Through taking part in these activities and by acting as a head of firm, I developed my communication, time management and leadership skills.

“It’s also helped me with many of the activities and assessments on the Legal Practice Course. I feel ready to progress onto the next stage of my career.”

Shreen Begum
LLB (Hons) Law

“By taking part in Streetlaw I have become more confident in applying the law to solve problems. It also enabled me to strengthen my ability to analyse and research relevant information.”

The Law Clinic

The Law Clinic provides free legal advice to both staff and students of the University of Lincoln. Through the Clinic, law students are able to apply their legal knowledge to real-life situations and gain practical experience.

Students are divided into a number of firms, usually of nine students with a final-year student acting as ‘head of firm’. They manage each case by conducting client interviews, discussing the situation with staff, carrying out research into particular legal issues and preparing a letter of advice to be issued to the client. A final-year student is elected as Law Clinic Administrator each year and is responsible for the organisation of client appointments and communication between members, clients and staff.

Participating in the Clinic is a great way to develop and acquire key legal skills. These include interview and note taking along with team work, research and letter writing. Throughout the process, students are made aware of the importance of client care and managing expectations.

These are skills that many students often do not have the opportunity to acquire until much later in their legal careers.

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Mooting

A moot is a mock appeal usually set in the Court of Appeal or Supreme Court. At Lincoln, you’ll be able to practise your skills in our purpose-built Moot Court.

Working in teams, students are given a scenario containing two grounds of appeal. They then research the law relating to those areas, construct arguments for their client and argue them as Counsel in a court setting.

Mooting is fantastic for developing numerous transferable skills. It will improve your research and logical thinking, develop your confidence in public speaking and improve your ability to think on your feet. You will take part in two moots as part of assessments in your first two years.

The Law School also runs its own internal criminal mock trial competition – the annual Lincoln Law School Downing Mock Trial Competition.

If you enjoy mooting you could become involved in our moot teams, which enter competitions in the UK.

Law Students Association Moot, held at Inner Temple and judged by leading defamation lawyer Andrew Caldecott QC, and the University of Hertfordshire/Blackstone’s National Criminal Mock Trial Competition. Several students have secured mini pupillages with leading QCs through mooting activities.

“Having conducted many jury trials when I was in practice at the Bar, I know that this type of exercise is the closest thing you can get to doing the work of a barrister without actually being one.”

John Kelly, Lecturer

Student View...

Steven Williams
LLB (Hons) Law

“I’ve found mooting and the criminal mock trial scheme to be an amazing way to get a head start in developing my practical skills as a lawyer, to advocate and to meet practitioners and Judges. It is also great fun!”

Student Success...

Life After Lincoln

Here, some of our graduates talk about life after Lincoln. Our alumni continue to have access to tailored support and careers advice, as well as the opportunity to stay involved with the School.

Eloise Le Santo
LLB (Hons) Law and Criminology
Class of 2010

Law and Criminology graduate Eloise went on to work as a Research Assistant for the Law Commission in London before being awarded a major scholarship from the Inner Temple to complete her Bar Professional Training Course. She is now a Trainee Barrister at Matrix Chambers.

Eloise says: “My job is really varied – sometimes I will be in court with my supervisor or meeting with clients, or I might be asked to conduct a piece of research or to do some legal drafting. I also have regular training sessions on a variety of topics, including advocacy and areas of law I’m unfamilar with.

“The extracurricular activities I did at Lincoln have been particularly useful in preparing me for the work I do, especially the Law Clinic, where I volunteered throughout my studies. The experience of advising clients and applying the law to real-life problems was great practice and it’s something you can’t necessarily learn from the academic study of law.

“I would advise other aspiring barristers to spend your time at university building the best CV you can. The competition for scholarships and pupillages is intense and it really helps if you can make yourself stand out from the crowd.”

Melissa Mould
LLB (Hons) Law, Class of 2012

Melissa graduated in 2012 and went on to start the Legal Practice Course in London. She’s currently completing the course part-time while working in a Customer Services Coordinator role.

Melissa says: “I’m always using the skills I gained during my degree and from volunteering with the Law Clinic, particularly interviewing and advising. At work I troubleshoot problems that our merchants have, gathering as much information as possible and then use that to research the issue and get a result that is accurate, tailored and to the point.

“My work with businesses is providing me with experience that would be applicable to commercial and corporate law firms, and I’m also using my organisational skills and initiative, which I hope will stand me in good stead when applying to city firms.”

Enhanced Experience at Lincoln Law School

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Find out More…

Our purpose-built Moot Court allows you to put your legal skills into practice.

Our alumni have access to a number of exclusive benefits, including:

- Discounts on University of Lincoln postgraduate course fees
- Free careers advice and guidance
- Associate Reader membership at the University Library
- Discounted membership at the Sports and Recreation Centre
- Offers and discounted rates with a number of local, national and international companies.

Our alumni play a significant role in helping the University look to the future. Many return to share career advice and reflect on their experiences, while others act as mentors or offer work experience opportunities to existing students.

You can stay in touch and find out about the latest news, events and benefits available through the Alumni Network site:

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Features...

Your Future in Law

University of Lincoln graduates go on to have successful careers in private and public organisations, as well as start their own businesses. Lincoln has an excellent track record for graduate employment, with more than 91% of graduates in employment or further study within six months of graduating.

You will have access to careers information and guidance through our Careers and Employability Team, including advice and support on developing a CV, applying for jobs and obtaining paid and voluntary work experience while you study.

For graduates, the University’s award-winning business incubator, Sparkhouse, is on hand to help those who wish to set up their own businesses.

Tailored Services

A number of specialist services for Law students are available to ensure that you have access to relevant information about the many opportunities available to you upon graduation.

The School has a dedicated Careers and Employability Advisor who runs a drop-in clinic, providing personal guidance appointments. The Lincoln Law School employer mentoring scheme allows students to benefit from the advice and guidance of those already in the profession.

Recent graduates frequently visit to give inspirational talks on their own experiences in the workforce, allowing students to network and connect with the industries in which they are interested.

For more information on the full range of services available through the Careers and Employability Team at Lincoln, please visit www.uolcareers.co.uk

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