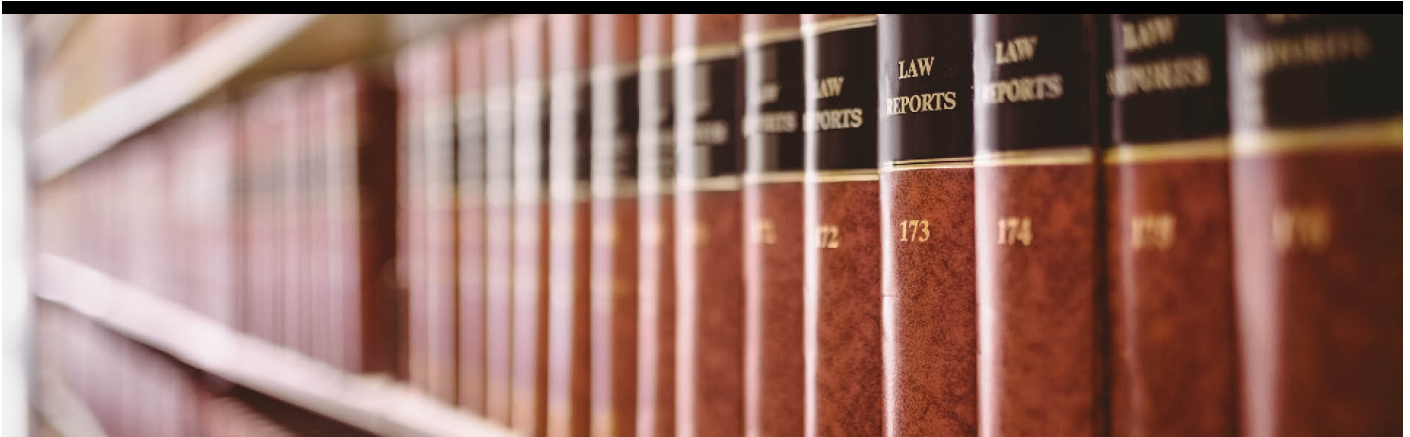




**Northumbria  
University**  
NEWCASTLE



## **Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree (LLB Hons)**

Undergraduate | 5 - 6 years part-time | Part Time | Northumbria Law School  
City Campus, Northumbria University | Newcastle | Start September 2019

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## About this course

The Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree is a fully qualifying programme of study that integrates academic, vocational and training stages of qualification as a solicitor. Working in partnership with North East Solicitor Apprenticeships (NESA), a consortium of local legal employers, Northumbria University is paving the way for apprenticeships in legal practice within the North East. As the only university in the North of England to offer this course, Northumbria is at the forefront of degree apprenticeships and has the knowledge and expertise to deliver this course in a way which results in both apprentice and employer satisfaction.

Our Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree is designed for those looking for a stimulating law degree combined with work-based learning. Whether you are new to legal practice or looking to upscale your skills, this apprenticeship degree will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the practice of law in a working environment and the knowledge and skills to become a fully qualified solicitor.

It is designed in accordance with the Solicitor Apprenticeship Standard. The aim of the standard is to ensure that you receive both a rigorous practical and academic training prior to qualification as a solicitor. You will study all core law modules that are undertaken on the standard Law LLB, with the addition of a work-based learning portfolio to demonstrate that you have obtained the relevant skills and knowledge required during your workplace training. You will also study to take the two-part end-point centralised assessment, the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE).

The apprenticeship offers a pathway to fully funded tuition fees and a full time apprenticeship salary paid by your employer, enabling you to 'earn while you learn'.

Admission to this programme requires that you have an offer of employment as an apprentice with a legal practice and that your employer has signed an agreement with the University. If an agreement needs to be established, please ask your employer to contact [degree.apprenticeships@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:degree.apprenticeships@northumbria.ac.uk). An offer to join the course can only be made once the agreement is in place.

## Information for Employers

**The Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree is a fully qualifying programme of study that integrates the academic, vocational and training stages of qualification as a solicitor.**

This unique programme was designed in accordance with the Solicitor Apprenticeship Standard, which was developed by employers known as 'Trailblazers', working in conjunction with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). The aim of the standard is to ensure that the learner receives both a rigorous practical and academic training prior to qualification as a solicitor.

Our programme will seek to:

- Ensure that the needs of both the employer and learner are met, offering support and guidance to all parties and responding where possible to the specific needs of different types of organisations.
- Bridge the skills gap by combining vocational skills and knowledge developed in the workplace with the academic rigour and research-rich learning and teaching provided by Northumbria University.
- Embed the broader commercial acumen and digital literacy required to succeed and drive continual improvement of the profession.

## Modules & Learning

As a degree apprentice, you will be required to work full-time in your workplace and will be supported through learning at work, training and study to achieve the apprenticeship standard. This blended learning approach follows a modified course structure based on the Law LLB (Hons) degree. It builds upon our innovative, award winning clinical based approach to learning, by offering a course that integrates theory with practice. We will use work-based modules to connect the learning to practical experience and support you in building a portfolio of professional practice.

The course runs between five and six years, with each teaching year consisting of three semesters. Throughout each year you will attend study days, which are spread evenly throughout each of the first two semesters, in total ten days in year one and eight days in subsequent years. Teaching includes online lectures and face-to-face seminars or small group sessions. This ensures that knowledge from those lectures is furthered, embedded and can be applied to practical scenarios. You will also benefit from the use of technology, such as bespoke web-based materials, lecture recordings and electronic reading lists.

Through your solicitor apprenticeship workplace employment, you will have the opportunity to design your own work-based learning plan to agree specific projects and learning activities in the workplace that transfer and integrate your learning into professional practice.

The initial four years will cover the core modules of the standard Law LLB degree programme, with your final two years preparing for the SQE.

## Teaching Staff

Approximately 70% of our academic staff are qualified solicitors or barristers, with considerable practice experience, and will equip you with the skills and knowledge for your future professional role. Our staff are also active researchers, publishing articles and leading textbooks on a number of legal topics. We have expertise in a range of areas, including our international reputation in the fields of evidence and criminal justice studies.

As an apprentice, you will be allocated an academic coach

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who will provide support in respect of your academic development. This coach will have relevant practical experience to appreciate the demands on yourself and the requirements of professional practice. You will also be supported by a work-based mentor, typically the line manager with your employer.

## Facilities

Northumbria Law School is located in the University's City Campus East, an award winning, iconic, state of the art, purpose built structure, which is within easy walking distance of Newcastle city centre. The Business and Law building houses state-of-the-art teaching technologies including a law practice library containing copies of practitioner texts and law reports, and a realistic courtroom with video link facilities in which you can develop your practical advocacy skills and stage mock trials.

The Law School also includes our innovative and award winning law clinic, the Student Law Office. It is the largest of its kind in the UK, where our students represent members of the public working on real legal cases.

As the Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree is a part-time course, you will also have access to materials and resources remotely through a dedicated Electronic Learning Platform, as well as an online PebblePad platform to support the development of your work-based portfolio.

## Research-rich Learning

The Law School has a strong research culture, with a vibrant and growing community. Our academics are at the cutting edge of current legal issues, which will enhance your learning experience, giving you the very latest understanding of key legal issues.

This solicitor apprenticeship degree is a research rich, experientially focused award for those in employment who wish to apply relevant legal theory to real workplace contexts. The programme places an emphasis on developing and applying the knowledge, skills and competences required for a successful career in legal practice. It aims to embed the broader commercial acumen and digital literacy you require to succeed and enable you to drive continual improvement of the legal profession.

## Career Edge

At Northumbria, we seek to produce graduates who display distinctiveness through a sophisticated understanding of the ways in which their organisations and wider society operates, equipping them for a career within the legal profession. Through studying on the Solicitor Apprenticeship course you will achieve both a Law LLB degree and a unique apprenticeship experience leading to becoming a qualified solicitor (subject to satisfying the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) character and suitability test), which will amplify your CV and provide you with a distinctive career edge.

After completion of four years on the Solicitor

Apprenticeship Degree you will be awarded an LLB (Honours) Legal Practice degree, following on from this you will study for a further two years at Northumbria University and will take the two-part end-point centralised assessment, the SQE qualification.

Upon completion of the Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree, you will be in a position to become a fully qualified solicitor. By studying the full degree, you can choose to enter the legal profession or work in a variety of other sectors including banking, finance and tax advice, legal publishing and central and local government.

## Who would this course suit?

Our Solicitor Apprenticeship Degree is designed for those looking for a stimulating law degree combined with work-based learning. It is a fully qualifying programme of study that integrates academic, vocational and training stages of qualification as a solicitor.

## Entry Requirements 2019/20

### Standard Entry

Applicants should be employees or have access to organisational experience in order to enable them to apply theoretical concepts to their personal and professional experience.

The ability to benefit from Northumbria University programmes is assessed on a combination of academic and personal qualities which can be demonstrated in a number of ways. Successful completion of a GCE or VCE Advanced level course of study (or some other equivalent qualification) is just one way. Students who can in other ways demonstrate their ability to benefit from a Northumbria University programme, in particular mature students without formal qualifications will always be considered and are invited to contact the admissions tutor to discuss their application.

Applicants should use the personal statement on their application to illustrate their abilities, aptitudes, skills, qualifications and experiences which might be taken into account as well as or instead of any of the formal qualifications listed below. It is University policy to recognise a wide variety of evidence, and potential applicants may wish to discuss this aspect of their application with the admission tutor.

### GCSE Requirements:

A good GCSE profile is expected including Maths and English Language at minimum grade C or equivalent. If you have studied for a new GCSE for which you will be awarded a numerical grade then you will need to achieve a minimum grade 4.

### UCAS Tariff Points:

128-136 UCAS Tariff points including one or more of the following:

### GCE and VCE Advanced Level:

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From at least 2 GCE/VCE A Levels

**Edexcel/BTEC National Extended Diploma:**

Distinction, Distinction, Merit

Diploma in Foundation Studies Art and Design/Art Design and Media

The Diploma in Foundation Studies Art and Design/Art Design and Media is also accepted in combination with other qualifications

**Scottish Highers:**

BBBBB - BBBB at Higher level, BCC - BBB at Advanced Higher

**Irish Highers:**

ABBBB - AABBB

**IB Diploma:**

128-136 UCAS Tariff points including minimum score of 4 in at least three subjects at Higher level

**Access to HE Diploma:**

Award of full Access to HE Diploma including 27 credits at Distinction and 18 at Merit

**Qualification combinations:**

The University welcomes applications from students studying qualifications from different qualification types - for example A level and a BTEC qualification in combination, and if you are made an offer you will be asked to achieve UCAS Tariff points from all of the qualifications you are studying at level 3. Should the course you wish to study have a subject specific requirement then you must also meet this requirement, usually from GCE A level.

## Career Progression

Graduates from this full-time Accounting course go in to career roles such as accountants, finance professionals, finance risk analysers, financial traders.

## Spyros Yiasssemides

Alumni

Head of Accountancy,  
Brunswick Rail Limited



**Joe Westerman**

**Accounting BA (Hons)**

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## Module Overview

Year 1	
LW4010	Criminal Law
LW4011	Approaches to Law and Lawyering Skills
LW4012	Contract Law
LW4013	English and European Legal Systems
LW4014	Work Based Learning in Law - Professional Development 1
Year 2	
LW5015	Land Law
LW5016	Public Law
LW5018	Work Based Learning in Law - Professional Development 2
LW4006	The Criminal Process
Year 3	
LW5020	Tort Law
LW6043	Equity and Trusts
LW6044	Advanced Work Based Learning in Law - Professional Development
LW5019	Civil Dispute Resolution including Professional Conduct
Year 4	
LW6048	Work Based Project
LW6045	Business Law and Practice
LW6046	Probate and Administration
LW6047	Property Law and Practice

## Finance

### Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/ug-fees-funding](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/ug-fees-funding)

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

### Other Additional Costs

#### Accommodation Costs

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our [accommodation pages](#) to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

#### Disability Support

In order to access disability or dyslexia support, students may be required to provide evidence of their disability. This evidence is often provided by an external body (for example, by a medical specialist or GP) and these external bodies may charge for providing this evidence. Also, if a disabled student is eligible for DSA funding for computer equipment, depending on their funding body, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of any computer equipment. For more information about how to access disability support, contact Student Support and Well-being.

#### Healthcare Costs

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extenuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

Certain applicants who apply for a UK visa will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. International students from particular countries may also be required to pay to have a tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international



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students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. More information about what should be covered by your insurance policy can be found here. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, you can speak to the Welfare, Immigration and Funding team based in Student Support and Well-being.

## Congregation Costs

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Congregation ceremonies have associated costs, for instance **to take part you will be required to hire a graduation gown and cap**, you may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2018/19, the price of an additional guest ticket was £12.50. Please be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to review each year. Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.

## Library Costs

The University Library's Online Reading List Service gives you access to your directed reading material for your modules. The Library Reading List team works in partnership with your module tutors to ensure you have access to the material that you need. If you cannot find your online reading list, you should contact your module tutor.

The University's online bookstore, provided by John Smiths offers 20% discounted prices and free delivery on textbooks (<https://www.johnsmith.co.uk/northumbria>).

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which will be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time, by distance learning or are work based learners. Students who are placement for more than six week are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

The university offers access to PC's, however students may, if they so wish to purchase their own laptops/PC's.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to either University Library campus.

Overdue charges apply to all library loans to encourage you to return items on time when they have been recalled for use by another reader. Loan renewal is automatic for up to four months or until another reader requests that item. Charges are entirely avoidable by returning items on time, but where incurred will vary according to loan status and the length of time an item is overdue. Overdue charges exist to ensure the Library Collection benefits the whole student community.

Library books which have been lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at the replacement cost of the item and a non-refundable handling charge.

Please visit the library pages for a full list of library charges.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £10 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

## Placement Costs

Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria's courses. Whilst many of these placements are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

## Printing & Photocopying Costs

Students will receive a printing credit of £10 in 2019/20\*. This will provide 1,000 pages of A4 single-sided black and white printing. Any additional printing is paid for by the student. Details of printing and copying charges can be found on our website.

\*Newcastle and London campus only. Amsterdam endeavours to be a paperless campus and printing of submission is not required.

## Sports Memberships

We offer something for everyone at Northumbria Sport. Our memberships are our most cost effective way to get involved but we also have plenty of 'Pay As You Go' options too. Our flagship facility, Sport Central, boasts state-of-the-art facilities including our fitness environment, pool sauna and steam room. To discover more visit [Northumbria Sport](#).

## Students' Union

The Students Union aims to make sure you have the best possible experience at university. Some of their activities may incur additional optional charges. You can find out more about the work of the Students Union, how you can get involved and associated costs on our [website](#).

## Visa Costs

International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the [UK Government's website](#), and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our [here](#).

## Useful Links

## Facilities

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/facilities/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/facilities/)

## Tutor Profiles

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/tutor-profiles/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/tutor-profiles/)

## Student Profiles

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/student-profiles/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/student-profiles/)

## Alumni Profiles

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/alumni-profiles/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/alumni-profiles/)

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/career-progression/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/career-progression/)

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/pfna-accordions/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/pfna-accordions/)

## Newcastle Business School

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/newcastle-business-school/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/newcastle-business-school/)

## The Business Clinic

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/the-business-clinic/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/the-business-clinic/)

## Student Life

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/student-life/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/student-life/)

## Visit Northumbria

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/visit-northumbria/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/visit-northumbria/)

## University Library

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/university-library/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/university-library/)

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/general-links-folder/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/general-links-folder/)

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/staff-profile-content-row/](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/solicitor-apprenticeship-dupsto1/staff-profile-content-row/)

