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postgraduate
research
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RESEARCH DEGREES

Law

The University of Chester Law School provides a rich and supportive environment for postgraduate research and welcomes students wishing to undertake research towards MPhil and PhD awards.

Established in 2004, the Law School is at the cutting edge of legal education with an optimistic, forward-looking atmosphere – ideal for those wishing to undertake innovative research. The Law School has benefited from large-scale, continuing investment and boasts excellent, modern facilities, fully available to all students based in the School. The Law School also has strong external links to the local legal community in Chester.

The Law School has 11 members of staff with a range of expertise, drawn from academic, research and practice backgrounds.

Postgraduate students pursuing research degrees at the School of Law benefit from both the research and supervisory experience offered by staff members. Research activity in the School principally surrounds socio-legal research in the fields of: equality and diversity; human rights; legal history and the development of legal education. Previous postgraduate work includes a study of the implementation of restorative justice within criminal justice systems. Current postgraduate work includes the development of the Poor Law in the early 20th Century; assessment experiences of undergraduate law students with specific learning difficulties; gendered experiences of lawyers in relation to the Shared Parental Leave legislation; the impact of the introduction of positive action in relation to BME football coaches in the UK.

In addition, the Law School currently hosts two legal research forums: the Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity ('FRED') and Chester Legal History Forum ('CHLIF'). Further details on the work of FRED can be found at www.chester.ac.uk/FRED.

The Law School would be particularly keen to hear from students who would like to research in those general areas covered above. Initial enquiries should be made in the first instance through Professor Chantal Davies at chantal.davies@chester.ac.uk or 01244 512303 to discuss the application process and the availability of appropriate supervision.

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