

# LAW

## **Overview**

Studying law at Reading develops a range of skills that means Reading Law graduates are in demand with both law and non-law employers. Graduates from this discipline could work in many different fields and popular sectors include law, accountancy, banking, finance, business, consulting, management, public sector, marketing, advertising, and PR.

## **Roles**

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters, and links to further useful information.

* [Solicitor](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/solicitor)
* [Barrister](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/barrister)
* [Chartered Legal Executive](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/chartered-legal-executive-england-and-wales)
* [Paralegal work](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/paralegal)
* [Trade Mark Attorney](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/trade-mark-attorney)
* [Company Secretary](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/company-secretary)
* [Tax Advisor](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/tax-adviser)
* [Chartered Accountant](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/chartered-accountant)
* [Management Consultant](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/management-consultant)
* [HR Officer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/human-resources-officer)
* [Tax Inspector](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/senior-tax-professional-tax-inspector)
* [Civil Service Fast Stream](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/civil-service-fast-streamer)
* [Corporate Investment Banker](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/corporate-investment-banker)
* [Local Government Officer](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/local-government-officer)
* [Intelligence Analyst](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/intelligence-analyst)

You can view additional job roles by using the [Prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/law) and [Indeed.com](https://uk.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/law-degree-jobs) websites.

## **Building Experience**

* Build work experience for example through [Campus Jobs](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Campus-Jobs) or [securing an internship](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/)
* Find volunteering opportunities such as [Reading Voluntary Action](http://rva.org.uk/) and [Reading Students' Union](https://readingsu.co.uk/student-opportunities/volunteering-and-fundraising)
* Apply for a paid research internship [UROP](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Gaining-experience/UROP) (penultimate year students only)
* Apply for the [Reading Internship Scheme](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Gaining-experience/RIS) – these are paid summer opportunities with local employers which are exclusive to UoR students. These opportunities, and many others are advertised on [My Jobs Online](https://reading.targetconnect.net/home.html)
* Get a [Thrive mentor](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Advice-and-development/Mentoring/THRIVE) and build a relationship with a professional (penultimate year students only)
* Get involved in a society: look at the full list of [societies](https://readingsu.co.uk/student-opportunities/societies) for one aligned to your interests
* If you are thinking about teaching as a possible career, you could consider volunteering for the University’s [Students in Schools](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Opportunities/Volunteering/Students-in-Schools) scheme.

## **Finding Opportunities**

**Law Careers**

[lawcareers.net](https://www.lawcareers.net/) | [targetjobs.co.uk/law](https://targetjobs.co.uk/law) | [allaboutlaw](https://www.allaboutlaw.co.uk/).co.uk | [jobs.lawgazette](https://jobs.lawgazette.co.uk/?=lshome).co.uk | [legalweekjobs](https://www.legalweekjobs.com/).com | [totallylegal](https://www.totallylegal.com/).com | [pupillagegateway](https://www.pupillagegateway.com/).com

**Work Placements**

[Vacation scheme database](https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors/WorkPlacementDeadlines) (via lawcareers.net)

**Other Industries**

[Accountancy, Banking and Finance](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/accountancy-banking-and-finance) (via prospects.ac.uk) | [Business, Consultancy and Management](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/business-consulting-and-management) (via prospects.ac.uk) | [Public Service](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/public-services-and-administration) (via prospects.ac.uk) | [Marketing, Advertising and PR](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/marketing-advertising-and-pr) (via prospects.ac.uk)

**Further Study/Research**

[University of Reading](https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/postgraduate-study.aspx) | [Find a Masters](https://www.findamasters.com/) | [Find a PhD](https://www.findaphd.com/) | [Training contract database](https://www.lawcareers.net/Solicitors/AdvancedSearch) (via lawcareers.net)

**Graduate Jobs**

[prospects](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/).ac.uk | [targetjobs](https://targetjobs.co.uk/).co.uk | [milkround](https://www.milkround.com/).com | [ratemyplacement](https://www.ratemyplacement.co.uk/).co.uk | [gradcracker](https://www.gradcracker.com/search/civil-building/environment-and-sustainability-jobs).com

## **Exploring Further**

There are many professional bodies associated with these areas which can provide useful information for example, [Lawyers in Local Government](https://llg.org.uk/), [The Bar Council](https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/) and [The Law Society](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/).

The skills and knowledge you’ve developed in your degree will be valuable in a wide range of roles and sectors. If you’re thinking of looking further afield but aren’t sure where to start, why not [book an appointment](https://www.reading.ac.uk/essentials/Careers/Advice-and-development/MyJobsOnline) with one of our Careers Consultants? Remember, graduates can use the Careers Centre for up to two years after they graduate.

Explore our [Careers Blog](https://blogs.reading.ac.uk/careers/) for more industry guidance and useful careers advice!