Our aim is that the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice delivered by the University of Glasgow comes to be regarded as the trademark of excellence, ensuring that you are not just employable but actively sought after by employers. All of our courses are designed and delivered by practising lawyers so that you are equipped with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to practise law in the 21st century.

What will I get from this programme?
- Our programme aims to bridge the gap between academia and professional legal practice. Courses are designed by practising lawyers and replicate the practical tasks which you will be expected to undertake when you commence your traineeship.
- Nearly 200 dedicated, enthusiastic, committed tutors will ensure that you meet the requirements of a “Day 1 ready trainee” by the end of each course. Our tutors are highly experienced solicitors or advocates, with a wide range of expertise, who come from small, medium and large organisations.
- Tutorial groups are small (12 max), enabling you to become assured and confident in communicating orally, and in writing, to a variety of audiences. One-to-one, face-to-face feedback is delivered in every course in addition to other forms of feedback.
- You will develop your own professional network through attending regular events, medico-legal society events, life in law events and competitions hosted by the Diploma team.
- You will benefit from our extensive library of filmed resources, which link to course materials, and have been developed in collaboration with members of the judiciary and our tutors. Filmed scenarios include numerous civil and criminal court hearings, judicial review, a mediation and collaboration.

Why Glasgow
Throughout your studies you will be supported by the Glasgow Legal 40, alumni of the University drawn from all sectors of the legal profession, who support our Diploma students in various ways including mentoring them and attending networking events. The main activities of the group include a mentoring programme and a series of social and educational events which allow you to engage with distinguished members of the legal profession and which will benefit the next generation of lawyers to emerge from the School of Law.

Programme structure
You will take five core and three optional courses. This allows you to select courses which suit your areas of interest or meet the requirements of your future employers in the legal profession. Courses are delivered through a combination of online resources, e-modules, lectures and by small group tutorials.

Core courses
- Civil litigation
- Commercial awareness
- Conveyancing
- Criminal litigation
- Private client.

Optional courses
- Advanced civil litigation
- Advanced criminal litigation
- Commercial contracts
- Commercial conveyancing
- Contemporary Scottish public law
- Corporate
- Family law
- Human rights.

Career prospects
Upon successful completion of the programme you will be eligible to progress through your traineeship to work as a solicitor or advocate. The Diploma in Professional Legal Practice is a requirement for entry into these roles in the legal profession. We strive to increase our students’ employability through our links with the legal profession by liaising with human resources and training partners in our tutors’ organisations, working with colleagues in the School of Law, the University’s Career Service and other relevant organisations. Our aim is to support and guide our students to help them make the correct career choices.

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‘The teaching was not only delivered by outstanding experts in their fields of law, but was also extremely supportive and responsive to the specific needs of individual students. Tutors frequently went above and beyond to answer questions outside of working hours and provide specialist insight and advice on traineeships and other areas of employability’.

Joan McHutchison 2015-16
Entry requirements
You should have a law degree from a Scottish university and have successfully completed classes which comprise the Law Society of Scotland’s core curriculum, which is usually completed during the first 2 years of an LLB. Alternatively, you should have undertaken the Law Society of Scotland’s alternative route to qualification.

How to apply
To make an application you need to submit
• One paper Diploma application form to the university from which you graduated with your LLB.
• One online application via the University of Glasgow website.
We strongly recommend that you visit the Diploma website and review any relevant information for prospective students before starting your application.

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