

UPES Dehradun partners with The University of Law to launch a Center of Excellence for transforming education and research

To introduce AI research initiatives, faculty exchange programs, and student mobility to redefine collaborative research and global opportunities

New Delhi, April 09, 2025 – Today, **UPES**, a multi-disciplinary university, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **The University of Law (ULaw)** is one of the UK's longest-established and most prestigious legal institutions, to launch a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at UPES. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in advancing education opportunities and research activities.

Research will form a critical pillar of this collaboration, with a special emphasis on AI and Ethics. The CoE will also facilitate Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses, satellite centers, and a start-up incubator to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship among students and faculty. Additionally, the partnership includes faculty exchange, fostering an enriching exchange of knowledge and teaching practices.

The partnership will also introduce student mobility programs, featuring a rigorous curriculum designed to provide students with international academic exposure. A structured assessment and certification process will further enhance the academic value of the program, which will be co-delivered by expert faculty from both ULaw and UPES.

Speaking on the collaboration, **Prof. Peter Crisp, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of ULaw**, said, "*We are thrilled to partner with UPES to extend ULaw's 148-year legacy of legal excellence to India. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to nurturing career-ready legal professionals equipped to succeed in an increasingly complex and tech-driven world. Together, we aim to foster innovation in legal education, particularly in emerging areas such as AI, and set new standards in training and research.*"

Dr. Abhishek Sinha, Dean, UPES School of Law and Head, Department of Internationality, UPES, said, "*Partnerships with renowned global universities like ULaw, align with our vision of creating the 'University of Tomorrow'. The establishment of the CoE will enhance academic excellence, addressing the critical need for professionals equipped to navigate emerging challenges like AI's ethical implications. Together, we're bridging the gap between education and real-world demands.*"

ULaw's practice-based approach, combined with UPES' innovative vision, will create a platform for students to develop market-ready skills. This strategic alliance between UPES and ULaw reinforces their commitment to addressing the evolving needs of education & research and preparing students for the challenges of the future.

For more details, please visit <https://www.upes.ac.in/>

About UPES

Established through the UPES Act, 2003, of the State Legislature of Uttarakhand, UPES is a top-ranked, UGC-recognised, private university. As per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, UPES has been ranked 46 among universities, with a rank of 28 in Law, 41 in Management, and a rank of 42 in Engineering. As per the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025, UPES now stands in the 501-600 band globally and 7th in India, with a leap of over 300 ranks from 2024. In addition to this, the university has been ranked the No.1 private university in academic reputation in India by the QS World University Rankings 2025. It is among the top 2% of universities in the world.

UPES has also been accredited by NAAC with a grade 'A' and has received 5 stars on Employability (placements) by globally acclaimed QS Rating. The university has had 100% placements over the last five years. Forty-six (46) faculty members of UPES are among the world's top 2% researchers as per Stanford University list.

UPES offers graduate and postgraduate programs through its seven schools: School of Advanced Engineering, School of Computer Science, School of Design, School of Law, School of Business, School of Health Sciences & Technology, and School of Liberal Studies and Media with 16,000+ students and 1,500+ faculty and staff members.

About The University of Law

The University of Law is one of the longest-established specialist providers of legal education in the UK, alongside offering a wide range of professional courses including law, business, policing, criminology, psychology, computer science and education.

With campuses in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham, and an international presence in Hong Kong, the University prides itself on being accessible to all and promoting widening participation in higher education. In 2020, The University of Law launched their virtual campus, ULaw Online, providing a high quality and flexible way for students to achieve their ambitions remotely.

You can also study The University of Law courses at the University of East Anglia, The University of Chester, The University of Exeter, The University of Reading, The University of Liverpool, The University of Sheffield, The University of Southampton, Newcastle University, and Royal Holloway, University of London.

The University delivers a wide range of high-quality courses and provides students with opportunities for legal training across 94 of the top 100 law firms in the UK, exclusively delivering SQE training for 63 of the top 100 firms in the UK. The University has also been awarded a five-star rating from QS Stars, as well as being ranked 10th in the UK for quality of teaching among English universities in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2024.

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