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Law (Jurisprudence) Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024

Studying law will not only help you pursue a career as a solicitor or barrister: it will also help you develop a diverse set of skills which you will be able to apply in many different situations.

You will learn to assimilate and analyse complex information, construct arguments, write with precision and clarity and think on your feet. The Oxford Law degree aims to develop all these skills, but its particular strength is in teaching you to think for yourself.

Students are expected to read a good deal, mostly from primary sources, and to develop views not simply about what the law is, but also about why it is so, whether it should be so, and how it might be different.

There are two Law courses at Oxford:

- Course I is a three-year course
- Course II is a four-year course which follows the same syllabus, but with the third year taken abroad at a university in France, Germany, Italy, or Spain (studying French, German, Italian, or Spanish law), or the Netherlands (studying European and International law).

Students on Course II (Law with Law Studies in Europe) gain additional skills through exposure to different legal systems and the different approaches to teaching practised by our European partner institutions. In all countries, aside from the Netherlands, you will be expected to study in the local language.

Students who have graduated in other subjects may undertake the accelerated 'Senior Status' version of Course I. Please refer to the [Law Faculty website](#) for further information about the courses.

A typical week

You will be studying between one and two subjects at any one time (or up to three subjects in your third year). Therefore, in any given week you are likely to have one to two hour-long tutorials (in a group of two to four students) and be asked to write an essay for each tutorial.

The tutorial system is our core form of teaching, with non-compulsory lectures offered in all subjects as well. On average, most students will go to two to three hours of lectures (or seminars for third year options) each week.

Most of your working time will be devoted to reading, thinking, and writing your essays in preparation for the tutorials. We anticipate the workload is 45 hours per week.

Tutorials are usually 2-4 students and a tutor. Classes, which are generally organised by individual colleges, are usually 6-10 students.

Seminars for second-year Jurisprudence mini-options and third-year optional courses generally involve groups of no more than 30 students but may on occasion exceed that number if the seminar covers more than one option.

Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are researchers in that subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are usually studying at doctoral level. To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

Course structure

YEAR 1 (TERMS 1 AND 2)	
<p>COURSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal law • Constitutional law • A Roman introduction to private law • Research skills and mootng programme <p>For those on Course II, there are also French/German/Italian/Spanish law and language classes during the first six terms, or, for those going to the Netherlands, introductory Dutch language courses in the second year</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>First University examinations: three written papers, one each in Criminal law, Constitutional law and a Roman introduction to private law</p>

YEAR 1 (TERM 3), YEARS 2 AND 3 (AND 4)	
<p>COURSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tort law • Contract law • Trusts • Land law • Administrative law • European Union law • Jurisprudence • Two optional subjects, chosen from a very wide range of options <p>Course II: Year 3 is spent abroad</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Final University examinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tort law, Contract law, Trusts, Land law, Administrative law, European law: one written paper each at the end of the final year • Jurisprudence: one shorter written paper at the end of the final year, plus an essay written in the summer vacation at the end of the second year • Two optional subjects: normally written papers but methods of assessment may vary • Course II students will also be assessed during their year abroad by the university they attend.

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A full list of current options is available on the [Law website](#).

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2024.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Please note that while the University sets out its annual fees as a single figure, this is a combined figure for both your University and college fees. More information is provided in your [Terms and Conditions](#).

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas (including most EU students– see Note below)	£38,550

Note: Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme are eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

Please refer to the [Undergraduate fee status](#) pages for more information.

Oxford living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2024 are estimated to be between £1,345 and £1,955 for each month you are in Oxford. Our academic year is made up of three eight-week terms, so you would not usually need to be in Oxford for much more than six months of the year but may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs. For further details please visit our [living costs webpage](#).

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£315	£495	£2,835	£4,455
Accommodation (including utilities)	£745	£925	£6,705	£8,325
Personal items	£190	£320	£1,710	£2,880

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	Per month		Total for 9 months	
Social activities	£40	£95	£360	£855
Study costs	£35	£85	£315	£765
Other	£20	£35	£180	£315
Total	£1,345	£1,955	£12,105	£17,595

In order to provide these likely living costs (which are rounded to the nearest £5), the University and the Oxford SU conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources, including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS).

The current economic climate and high national rate of inflation make it very hard to estimate potential changes to the cost of living over the next few years. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of around 5% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation. UK inflationary increases will be kept under review and the [living costs webpage](#) updated.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Law (Jurisprudence) Course II

Students taking Law with Law Studies in Europe are currently expected to spend the third year of this course abroad studying at a host university. During the year abroad, students currently pay significantly reduced fees to the University. Fees for later years have not yet been confirmed but as an example, the course fees for a new cohort undergraduate student on a Jurisprudence course going on a year abroad in 2024 would equate to:

- Home students: £1,385 for the year
- Overseas students: £13,110 for the year (please note this is an illustrative example for 24/25)

The Law Faculty has a series of bilateral agreements in place with partner EU institutions, and course fees at the host institution are waived as part of these agreements. As you will be studying a full year of courses in your host university we do not recommend that you plan to do any regular paid work while you are away. For information about living costs on your year abroad, please see the website below for the relevant country:

- [France](#)
- [Germany](#)
- [Italy](#)
- [The Netherlands](#)
- [Spain](#)

Please refer to the advice 'Living costs support during the year abroad' section below for information about available sources of funding.

Living costs support during the year abroad for Law (Jurisprudence) Course II (excluding fees)

There are a number of sources of funding which you may be eligible for to contribute to your living costs on your year abroad and these are detailed below. Please note that dependent on your placement(s) and country, it is possible that the combination of available sources of funding will not cover your living costs in full. You should therefore carefully research the likely living costs in your host country and consider your own expected outgoings to identify whether you may need to explore alternative sources of funding through your college, the University or other means.

Some funding towards year abroad placements is currently available through the Turing scheme, which provides living costs grants to all students on eligible placements, with enhanced support available for disadvantaged students. The University plans to bid for Turing scheme funding to support year abroad activity in future academic years. [This page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments.

In the event that the University is not successful in securing Turing scheme funding, it will provide grants towards living costs at a similar level to Turing grants to support undergraduates undertaking approved study exchanges or work placements required for their course.

All UK students can continue to access living costs funding from the UK government (Student Finance agencies) during their year abroad in conjunction with any Turing scheme funding available. The level of funding available to you will be assessed based on your household income and your placement type. Further information about the amount of funding which may be available can be found at: [Student finance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). UK students from lower-income households with means-tested assessments will also remain eligible for Oxford's [bursary provision](#), which is separate to the living costs support mentioned above. For UK students who are struggling financially, the University's Financial Assistance Schemes may be able to provide additional assistance.

Travel grants may be available through your college and/or the Faculty and some hardship funds are also available from the Faculty.

Students in Paris may be able to [apply for housing benefit](#).

Please note, at the time of publishing the CIS, full details about Turing scheme funding arrangements for living costs support during the year abroad were outstanding. [This page](#) will be updated as information becomes available and on-course students will be kept informed of developments.