

Law (Jurisprudence) Information Sheet for entry in 2018

There are two Law courses at Oxford: Course I is a three-year course and Course II is a four-year course which follows the same syllabus, with the extra year being spent abroad following a prescribed course at another university within the European Union.



The Oxford Law degrees aim to develop in their students a high level of skill in comprehension, analysis and presentation. Students are expected to read a good deal, mostly from primary sources (such as cases and statutes), rather than to take other people's word for things. They are expected to think hard about what they have read, so as 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. Students are asked to process what they read, together with their own thoughts, and to prepare essays and presentations for discussion in tutorials.

The Oxford syllabus comprises topics chosen primarily for their intellectual interest, rather than for the frequency with which they arise in practice. Nevertheless, the skills of researching, thinking and presentation developed by the Oxford Law courses are eminently suited to practical application, and employers recognise this. Oxford is one of the very few leading law schools in the world where the teaching mainly consists of small group discussion (tutorials) between one, two or three students and a tutor.

The modern, purpose-built Bodleian Law Library holds more books than almost any other comparable library in the UK. Colleges also have collections of law books for student use.

European opportunities

The BA in Law with Law Studies in Europe is an extended version of our BA Law programme including an extra year spent at one of our partner universities in continental Europe.

There are five variants to the course: Law with French Law (with the year abroad spent at Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II)), Law with German Law (with the year abroad spent at either the University of Bonn or the University of Munich), Law with Italian Law (University of Siena), Law with Spanish Law (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona) or Law with European Law (University of Leiden in the Netherlands).

During the first two years, students on the Law with Law Studies in Europe programme follow the same courses as those on the regular BA Law programme, with the addition of weekly classes preparing them for the year abroad. The year abroad is the third year. Students then return to Oxford to rejoin the final year of the regular BA Law programme. To be awarded the Law with Law Studies in Europe degree students have to pass the year abroad which is assessed locally on the basis of a set of examinations and essays. However the degree is classified on the basis of the Oxford final examinations only.

During the year abroad students study the law, not the language, of the country they are in. They study what amount to foundation courses in French, German, Italian or Spanish Law, or, in the Netherlands, they study a range of topics in European Law (but which may also include courses in international and Dutch Law). Since in France, Germany, Italy and Spain these legal studies are taught in the local language an advanced competence in that language is required (usually the equivalent of a grade A at A-level). This is tested as part of the admissions process. (The exception to this language requirement is for students applying to study the Law with European Law option (in the Netherlands) where the teaching is in English.)

Like our regular BA in Jurisprudence, the BA in Law with Law Studies in Europe is a 'qualifying law degree' for the purpose of practice as a solicitor or barrister in England and Wales, but it does not provide any qualification for legal practice in the other European countries concerned.

The teaching programme

Colleges have the discretion to teach subjects in different terms, but students learn through a form of directed research into one or more different subjects each term, as well as by going to faculty lectures and seminars given by some of the world's leading legal scholars. This system is academically demanding, but at the same time very rewarding.

1st year (terms 1 and 2)

Courses	Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal law• Constitutional law• A Roman introduction to private law• Research skills and mooting 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>First University examinations:</p> <p>Three written papers: one each in Criminal law, Constitutional law and a Roman introduction to private law</p>

1st year (term 3), 2nd and 3rd (4th) years

Courses	Assessment
<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• Course II: year 3 is spent abroad <p><i>A full list of current options is available on the Law website.</i></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 <p>Course II students will also be assessed during their year abroad by the university they attend.</p>

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions 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

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2018.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£16,230	£7,570	£23,800

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

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Law (Jurisprudence)

Students taking Law with Law Studies in Europe will spend the third year of this course abroad as Erasmus exchange students. 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.

During the year abroad, students pay significantly reduced fees. For students who started an undergraduate course from 2017, who are going on their year abroad in 2018, the tuition fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students: £1,385 for the year.
- International students: £8,115 for the year.

For further information, please see the website below for the relevant country:

- France: <http://france.fr/>
- Italy: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_result.jsp?country=Italy
- Germany: https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-stay/money-and-costs/cost-of-living_28220.php
- The Netherlands: <https://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/financing-your-studies/daily-expenses>
- Spain: <http://www.studying-in-spain.com/costs-of-living-in-spain/>

Erasmus students who are Home/EU students are considered for government grants and loans for maintenance support in the same way as when studying in Oxford, based upon the standard eligibility criteria. Students who are means tested in their application for government support will be automatically assessed for an Oxford Bursary and may be eligible for a travel grant.

There is also extra funding available to Home/EU and international students:

An Erasmus grant will be available. As a guide, students in 2017/18 will receive between €280 and €430 a month depending on their individual circumstances.

For students going to France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands or Spain, there is a one-off grant of £500 from London law firm Clifford Chance.

Students in Paris may be able to obtain housing benefit, which in 2016/17 was in the region of €170-€210 a month.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,014 and £1,556 per month in 2018-19. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but as a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245
Accommodation (including utilities)	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

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