

Law (Jurisprudence) Information Sheet for entry in 2021

Studying law will not only give you the opportunity to qualify 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 a third year 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. There is a risk that the UK's departure from the European Union may impact on the year abroad in Course II.

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

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) so in any given week you are likely to have one to two tutorials of an hour each (in a group of two to four students) and be asked to write an essay for each tutorial. Lectures are often regarded as an optional extra, with the tutorial system being our core form of teaching. 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 (we anticipate the workload is 45 hours per week) will be devoted to reading, thinking, and writing your essays in preparation for the tutorials.

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 tutors in their 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 doctorate 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 <p>Course II students will also be assessed during their year abroad by the university they attend.</p>

*There is a risk that the UK’s departure from the European Union may impact on the year abroad in Course II, as explained in more detail below.

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](#).

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Teaching delivery

At the time of writing course information sheets for 2021/22 entry, the COVID-19 pandemic was still impacting the University. A range of measures have been put in place to comply with Government legislation and guidance in response to the pandemic, and to help keep students, staff and the wider community safe.

Inevitably, some changes have been necessary to teaching and students services during the pandemic (for example, a greater amount of online teaching and examinations, and restrictions on numbers allowed to access facilities at one time).

Whatever the circumstances in the 2021/22 academic year, the University will deliver core services and learning outcomes for each course, even though the modes of delivery may change.

All course information sheets should be read in that context, and we will keep offer holders and students regularly informed if circumstances change. Further details are available on our [website](#) and within the [Student Terms and Conditions](#).

Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2021.

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)	£28,370

Note: Following the UK's departure from the EU, most EU students starting a course in 2021/22 will no longer be eligible to pay fees at the 'Home' rate and will instead be charged the higher 'Overseas' rate. This change will not apply to Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland, who will continue to be charged fees at the 'Home' rate for the duration of their course.

The government has issued guidance stating that EU, other EEA, and Swiss nationals who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU settlement scheme may be eligible for 'Home fee' status and student loan support, subject to meeting residency requirements. However, until the government formally updates its fee status regulations the University is unable to confirm fee statuses for students who may qualify on this basis. We will contact you directly if we need further information from you to determine your fee status.

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

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. For example, for students going on their year abroad in 2021, who started an undergraduate course in 2019, the course fees are:

- Home/Republic of Ireland/Islands students: £1,385 for the year.
- International students: £9,645 for the year.

The University is working with European partners to seek to maintain the opportunities available to its students as the UK enters into a new relationship with the EU from 2021. The Law Faculty has separate agreements with its partner universities across Europe which it is hoped should enable exchanges to continue on a similar basis. However, it is not yet clear what funding options will be available to support students on their year abroad after the UK's involvement in the Erasmus+ scheme has ended. You may be liable to pay course fees and any other applicable charges to your host institution. You can find the latest information [here](#).

The Law Faculty will ensure that all Course II students are informed of developments relating to their year abroad arrangements. In the event that factors arising from the UK's departure from the EU would substantially alter the costs, availability, duration or scope of exchanges available, students could be transferred to Course I.

Students in Paris may be able to apply for housing benefit, which in 2019/20 was about €165 a month.

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](#)

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Currently, eligible UK students (including, from 2021/22, students with settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme) can continue to access living costs funding from the UK government (Student Finance agencies) during their year abroad. The level of funding available to you will be assessed based on your household income and where you are living during the academic year. Further information about the funding which may be available can be found [here](#). However, the level of government funding available to UK students on a year abroad may vary as a result of the UK's departure from the EU. UK students from a lower-income households with means-tested assessments will remain eligible for Oxford's generous bursary provision. For UK students with a shortfall in their finances, the University's Student Support Fund can provide additional assistance. Travel or hardship grants may also be available through your college. You can find the latest information [here](#).

Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,175 and £1,710 per month in 2021-22. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. 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	£280	£400	£2,520	£3,600
Accommodation (including utilities)	£655	£790	£5,895	£7,110
Personal items	£130	£250	£1,170	£2,250
Social activities	£45	£115	£405	£1,035
Study costs	£45	£100	£405	£900
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
Total	£1,175	£1,710	£10,575	£15,390

In order to provide these likely living costs, the University and the Oxford University Students' Union 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 likely lower and

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upper ranges above are based on a single student with no dependants living in college accommodation (including utility bills) and are provided for information only.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2021-22, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

Document accessibility

If you require an accessible version of the document, please contact Undergraduate Admissions by email (uao.comms@admin.ox.ac.uk) or via the online form (<http://www.ox.ac.uk/ask>).

Please note, at the time of publishing the CIS, further details regarding the availability and eligibility of financial support for some EU students with settled or pre-settled status remained outstanding. Confirmation about funding arrangements for the year abroad were also outstanding. Any updates impacting students will be published on the Oxford and the EU webpage.