



Law (Jurisprudence) Information Sheet for entry in 2019

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 small chance that the UK's exit from the European Union may impact on the year abroad in Course II, as explained in more detail below.

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 to write an essay for each tutorial. Lectures are, unusually, often regarded as an optional extra in Oxford, with the tutorial system being our core form of teaching. This means you can go to as many or as few lectures in a week as you like, depending on what you think will most help your studies. 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 tutorial.

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 structure¹

1st year (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 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>Assessment</p> <p>First University examinations: 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	
<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 • Course II: year 3 is spent abroad <p><i>A full list of current options is available on the Law website.</i></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>

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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Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2019.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£26,235

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 Students on Course II

Students taking Law with Law Studies in Europe are expected to spend the third year of this course abroad. The year abroad is currently arranged and partially funded through the Erasmus programme and at present it is unclear exactly what the arrangements will be after the UK leaves the EU although the government is understood to be working on an Erasmus successor programme or a UK alternative. Even if the UK ceases to be able to participate in the Erasmus programme, the Law Faculty has separate agreements with its partner universities across Europe which should enable exchanges to continue. However, given the current overall uncertainty, the Law Faculty will continue to ensure that all affected students are kept informed of the impact on their year abroad arrangements. In the very unlikely event that it is not possible for students to undertake a year abroad, those affected would be transferred to Course I.

Students with any concerns about year abroad arrangements have the option to transfer to Course I.

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 in 2017, who are going on their year abroad in 2019, the course fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students: £1,385 for the year.
- International students: £8,415 for the year.

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

- France
- Germany
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Spain

Home/EU students studying abroad are currently considered for government grants and loans 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.

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If the UK continues to be eligible to participate in the Erasmus+ Programme after leaving the EU, an Erasmus+ grant may also be available to Home/EU and international students. As a guide, students in 2018/19 receive between €300 and €470 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 apply for housing benefit, which in 2017/18 was about €165 a month.

Living costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,058 and £1,643 per month in 2019-20. 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.

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342
Accommodation (including utilities)	£566	£739	£5,093	£6,655
Personal items	£122	£271	£1,098	£2,435
Social activities	£42	£126	£380	£1,138
Study costs	£40	£88	£359	£788
Other	£23	£48	£208	£432
Total	£1,058	£1,643	£9,525	£14,790

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 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 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.