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Law (Jurisprudence); (BA equivalent to LLB) (three-year course) or (BA equivalent to LLB) (four-year course with year abroad) Course Information Sheet for entry in 2026

Entry requirements

Visit [Admission requirements for 2026 entry](#) to view a summary table of each undergraduate course's entry requirements.

If English is not your first language you may also need to meet our [English language requirements](#).

About the course

Studying law will 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 (ie cases and statutes), 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 the standard three-year course;
- Course II (Law with Law Studies in Europe) is a four-year course. It follows the same syllabus as Course I. However, the third year is taken abroad at a university in France, Germany, Italy or Spain (studying French, German, Italian or Spanish law respectively) or in the Netherlands (studying European and International law).

Students on Course II 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 usually be studying between one and two subjects at any given time (and up to three subjects in your third year).

There are three ways in which teaching can be delivered: tutorials, lectures and/or seminars. The tutorial system is our core form of teaching. In any given week you are likely to have one or two hour-long tutorials (in a group of two to four students) and you will normally be asked to submit

written work for each tutorial. Lectures are non-compulsory, but attendance at them is strongly encouraged. On average, most students will go to two to three hours of lectures (or discussion-based 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. The workload is approximately 45 hours per week.

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 studying at doctoral level.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

Significant self-study is expected of all students – for further details see [workload and independent study](#) information. Undergraduate courses at Oxford are full-time during term time. Students typically spend approximately 40 hours per week on academic work.

Course structure

Year 1 (Terms 1 and 2)

COURSES

- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- A Roman introduction to Private Law
- Legal research skills and mooting programme

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

ASSESSMENT

First University examinations: three written papers, one each in Criminal law, Constitutional law and a Roman Introduction to Private Law.

Students are examined in the first year, currently at the end of the second term.

Year 1 (Term 3), Years 2 and 3 (and 4)

COURSES

- Tort law
- Contract law
- Trusts
- Land law

ASSESSMENT

Final University examinations:

Year 1 (Term 3), Years 2 and 3 (and 4)

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

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

Not every option will be run each year. The content and format of this course may change in some circumstances. Read further information about [potential course changes](#).

Most Oxford courses are assessed by examinations. These are typically at the end of the first and last years but you may have assessments at other times and some courses have exams in the second year also. First year examinations are often called Prelims or Moderations, and you need to pass these exams to progress to the second year. You must pass your final year exams, or 'finals', to pass your degree. For more information on assessment for your course, please see the Course Structure.

Finals also determine the classification of your degree. For some courses you may also be assessed on your practical work, or you may be required to submit a dissertation. Please check the assessment details for your course.

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](#) and information about [potential course changes](#).

You are also referred to the [Student Handbook](#) (which is updated every September).

Fees

These annual fees in 2026/27 are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2026. Information about how much fees and other costs usually increase each year is set out in the [University's Terms and Conditions](#).

For details of annual increases, please see our [guidance on likely increases to fees and charges](#).

Fee status	Annual Course fees in 2026/27
Home	£9,790
Overseas	£43,600

In the 2027-28 academic year course fees for Home fee status students will rise to £10,050 (in line with the government fee cap.)

[Further details about fee status eligibility](#) can be found on the fee status webpage.

Oxford Living costs

Living costs for the academic year starting in 2026 are estimated to be between £1,405 and £2,105 for each month you are in Oxford. Students at Oxford can benefit from our [world class resources](#) and [college provision](#), which may help to keep costs down. Entitlement to certain types of support may depend on your personal financial circumstances.

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	£545	£2,835	£4,905
Accommodation (including utilities)	£825	£990	£7,425	£8,910
Personal items	£160	£310	£1,440	£2,790
Social activities	£50	£130	£450	£1,170
Study costs	£35	£90	£315	£810
Other	£20	£40	£180	£360
Total	£1,405	£2,105	£12,645	£18,945

In order to provide these estimated likely living costs (which are rounded to the nearest £5), the University in collaboration with the Oxford SU conducted a living costs survey in May 2025 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 periods of high national inflation in recent years make it harder 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 2026-27, it is suggested that you allow for

potential increases in living expenses of around 4% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

[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 2026 would equate to:

- Home students: £1,465 for the year
- Overseas students: £14,825 for the year (please note this is an illustrative example for 2026-27)

At present course fees for students undertaking a year abroad are charged at 15% of the usual home fee rate in line with the Government cap, which is used for this example, but that may change if the Government varies that cap.

We recommend that students begin to research the costs associated with the various year abroad options as early as possible in the second year of the course. There is plenty of support, information and advice to help you.

Work placement costs, study costs, visa costs and living costs (such as accommodation) and travel expenses will vary depending on the destination and the activity undertaken.

The Law Faculty has a series of bilateral agreements in place with partner EU institutions. Some funding towards year abroad placements is currently available through the Turing scheme, which provides living costs grants and enhanced support for disadvantaged students. The University plans to bid for funding available through the relevant UK government scheme(s) to support year abroad activity in future academic years. UK students can continue to access government funding for living costs, and those from lower-income households who are means-tested will remain eligible for generous bursaries from Oxford. Travel grants and financial assistance for those with insufficient funds may also be available through your college, the faculty and the University.

At present, students taking part in approved study exchanges supported by the Turing scheme do not pay tuition fees to other institutions. However, for some destinations, additional charges, which apply to all students at that institution, may be payable. Students who study outside the Turing scheme framework currently are liable to pay course fees and any other applicable charges to the relevant institution.

You can find the latest information about the Turing scheme at Oxford, on our [dedicated webpage](#). Students in Paris may be able to [apply for housing benefit](#).

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 visit the website below for the relevant country:

- [France](#)
- [Germany](#)

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

UK students can continue to access government funding for living costs, and those from lower-income households who are means-tested will remain eligible for generous bursaries from Oxford.

Travel grants and financial assistance for those with insufficient funds may also be available through your college and the University.

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.

Visit the dedicated [Study Abroad page](#) for the latest information on studying abroad.

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All UK students 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 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). 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 support.

Travel grants may be available through your college and/or the Faculty and some financial assistance is also available from the Faculty.

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

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