

Law (Jurisprudence) Information Sheet for entry in 2016

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 a 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.

Law at Oxford

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 probably the only leading law school in the world where the main means by which teaching is done consists of group discussion (tutorials) in groups as small as 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

Course II students spend their third year of study at a university in France, Germany, Italy or Spain (studying French, German, Italian or Spanish law) or the Netherlands (studying European and International law). See the faculty website at www.law.ox.ac.uk for further details about Course II and the admissions arrangements.

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**

- Criminal law
- Constitutional law
- A Roman introduction to private law
- Research skills and mootng 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

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

- Tort law
- Contract law
- Trusts
- Land law
- Administrative law
- Course II: year 3 is spent abroad
- European Union law
- Jurisprudence
- Two optional subjects, chosen from a very wide range of options. For full details of courses offered, please see the faculty website at www.law.ox.ac.uk/admissions-index/undergraduate-index.

Assessment

Final University examinations:

- 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.

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

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2016.

| Fee Status | Tuition fee | College fee | Total annual fees |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Home/EU | £9,000 | £0 | £9,000 |
| Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man) | £9,000 | £0 | £9,000 |
| Overseas | £15,295 | £7,135 | £22,430 |

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 2012, who are going on their year abroad in 2015, the tuition fees are:

- Home/EU/Islands students, studying their first degree: £1,350 for the year.
- International students: £7,425 for the year.

These fees are subject to annual increases, so the tuition fees for students going abroad in later years may be higher. Please note that International students do not pay a college fee during their year abroad. (Home/EU and Islands students do not pay the college fee in any year of their course.) Living costs will vary according to the destination.

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

- France: <http://be.france.fr/>
- Italy: <http://www.study-in-italy.it/living/living-costs.html>
- 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/daily-expenses>
- Spain: <http://universidad.es/estudiar-en-espana/vivir-en-espana/antes-de-llegar-espana/datos-practicos/coste-de-la-vida-y-moneda>

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 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 2014/15 received between €350 and €500 a month depending on their individual circumstances.

- For students going to France, Germany, 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 in the region of €90 a month.
- For students going to Italy, there is a one-off grant of £1,000 from law firm Linklaters. These students also receive free accommodation at the University of Siena.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £970 and £1,433 per month in 2016-17. 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 | £265 | £298 | £2,384 | £2,673 |
| Accommodation (including utilities) | £469 | £667 | £4,221 | £6,002 |
| Personal items | £119 | £244 | £1,073 | £2,187 |
| Social activities | £60 | £107 | £539 | £960 |
| Study costs | £36 | £73 | £314 | £661 |
| Other | £19 | £44 | £197 | £410 |
| Total | £970 | £1,433 | £8,727 | £12,894 |

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