Studying LLB Law at City

This Online Chat session is for prospective students interested in studying our LLB Law course. The session will be run by current students, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other applicants.

Hi everyone! I am a second year student at City Law School. I come from Italy but I've moved to London last year. If you have any questions regarding City, your course of study or life at university, please feel free to ask me.

Hi everyone! Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for applicants to City's LLB course and will run from 12:00 - 13:00 (BST). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session you may also share videos, polls or documents relating to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question.

Hi! I’m a mature student and worry that if I might not fit in to the programme due to my age - are there many fellow mature students in the programme like myself? :(

Hi,

There definitely are mature students. Our mature students often do extremely well and go on to really excellent careers!

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It depends on what you want to do after your degree and what careers you are looking for. I think that if you want to study law you must have a motivation towards it, as with every degree I would say. Moreover, law is a very broad degree so after you graduate you might decide to become a barrister or a solicitor, but you may also have other career options. For the second question, I believe it depends on motivation again. If you like what you are reading, what you are studying, then it is not hard. You must do a lot of research and reading, that is the hardest part of it.

Hi everyone, I am Zeinab Sudanese legal advisor in Muscat Sultanate of Oman, I need to know every thing about studying law in City, like registration, fees, language etc...
Hi. Good to hear from you. You will find all the basic info about registration, fees, etc at this webpage: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law. Best to read up this page first and check in again later if you have a few more specific questions.

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Hi Maria. I would like to know what it is like to study law at city?

I really enjoy studying at City. First of all, it has a very good reputation all over the UK, and it is part of the University of London. Moreover, there are lots of facilities on campus that make your student life easier. Things like the library, the careers service, student centre. Everytime you need help you know that you will find it from City. If you need a book, you can borrow it for free. If you want any help in looking for a job, for advices on your cv, they do offer it at the careers service. If you are not having a good time and you feel like you are too stressed, we do have a wellbeing centre where a counsellor can help you. Of course it is not only about academics, but also about free time and socialising. In fact we do have a students union and they organise lots of events and we do have Citybar as well, a space on campus where you can relax with your friends.

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Thanks. That's a great answer!

From my perspective, I recommend a law degree for two reasons:

1. If you want to be a solicitor or a barrister (i.e. a lawyer) then you must have a qualifying law degree.

2. If you don't want to be a lawyer, or you are not sure, then the LLB teaches you a lot of 'transferable skills.' On our LLB, we don't just teach you the law, we also teach you: communication skills, analysis skills, evaluation skills, research skills, and ethical skills. These 'skills' are necessary for any professional employment. So if you don't want to be a lawyer, we give you the skills you will need to thrive in any professional walk of life.

(Perhaps we can sticky this post so everyone sees it?)

Do u have to a levels to study law or do u also except BTEC
Hi,

You can do a BTEC, we welcome other qualifications. Here is a link you might find useful: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law) It has the entry requirements listed

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I'm very interested in pursuing a law degree and I'm currently having to do a personal statement on it. What things would you recommend to put in my personal statement?

Your personal statement becomes like a personal id when it comes to University applications. I would recommend writing about your passion for the course, why you want to study it, and if you have any work experience or volunteering that have helped you decide to go for that path. The Admission Center usually recommends not to put things like "I have always wanted to study law", be more specific, and do research on top personal statement examples, those might help you! Also I do recommend to have a look at the University page where the admission center states who they are looking for.

Also, make sure it is completely free from spelling and grammatical errors! It seems simple but you would be surprised how many personal statements don’t do this.

Moreover, I would suggest to read "Letters to a Law student" by Nicholas McBride. That book might help you a lot!
Hi! Another question - so I’m applying for LLB Law (Graduate Entry) programme, and it’s been 3 years since I graduated from my first degree. I wonder whether it’s worth mentioning what I gathered from my career experience (I worked as a translator) in my personal statement or not. Also, do I still need a reference from my lecturer at my rewarding university?

Hi Sophia, You’ll need to ask the GE LLB Course Director that one (I only do the L.L.B). But I do think you should mention your career experience! This often is very helpful in demonstrating why you decided to study law.

When will the new law building open up and will there be a chance for undergraduates to visit it before applying to the university?

Hi Areebah, the new Law building is due to open in 2020. I am sure that if it is ready you will be able to visit it, but if not, you can still have a look outside! I always do it, as it is just 1 minute walk from main campus. It might be worth to have a look at this article as well: https://citymag.city.ac.uk/city-law-school-new-building/

**A new home for The City Law School**

Clerkenwell will soon home a new glass structure on Sebastian Street. This article contains impressions of how The City Law School’s new home will look.

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Hi Sophia! I suggest to have a look at the entry requirements for the GE LLB at this link: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/graduate-entry-llb

**Graduate Entry LLB (GE LLB) Course**

Graduate Entry LLB (GE LLB) course - This course allows non-law graduates to achieve an LLB law degree in two years instead of three.

Thank you for the response, Dr Goold. May I ask who is the Director of GE LLB programme and how should I contact him please?

Luke McDonagh is the GE LLB Director. However, you probably should email law@city.ac.uk first. The Course Office will give you the info.
Hi Sophia, I'll field this one as a few things have changed recently

In first year, you have 8 compulsory modules (but you're right that those 8 modules actually cover 5 different subjects).

In second year, you have 3 compulsory modules, and you select a further 5 electives - so 8 total.

In third year, you will once again have 8 modules, unless you select a dissertation, in which case you will have 7 modules and 1 dissertation.

For all the details take a look at the 'Modules' Section here:
https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law#course-content

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Hi all, here is the link to the course page: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law

We have both a student and an academic here ready to answer your questions :)

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Hi! This is perhaps going to be my last question - I wish to qualify as a legal practitioner, so I'd like to know what sort of career support that the City Law School provides. It could be departmental events, or career fair organised by career centre :)

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We have an excellent careers service which you can look up here: https://www.city.ac.uk/careers

In addition, here are some of my favorite ‘highlights’ from the programme:

- The Microplacement Project - where we put students in work experience over the summer in law firms, business firms, advertising firms, etc, depending on what they are interested in
- The LLB2 Employability Module - designed to help you learn how to write a really good application
- The LLB3 Pro Bono Module / and all of the Pro Bono activities we offer
- All of the ‘law fairs’ and ‘careers events’ that we put on all the time!

**Careers Service**

Information for students and recruiters about City's Careers, Student Development & Outreach service.

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**Hi Sophia!** As I suggested before, due to my personal experience I think reading "Letters to a Law student" by Nicholas McBride is one of the best way to learn what it is going to be like.

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It’s been wonderful to chat to you all. I hope to see some of you next year! Bye for now.

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**Plus, what would be the best way to get familiarised with legal study before I start the course?**

Perhaps you might also do some reading on our Law blog: https://lawbore.net/

**Lawbore™: The Law Student’s Guide to the Web**

Links, tutorials, videos, slideshows and study help for law undergraduates, from the City Law School, London.

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This session has now ended. Thank you so much for joining us today. If you have any further questions, please email ugenquiries@city.ac.uk.