Studying Law at City

This Online Chat session is for anyone who is interesting in studying Law at City. The session will be run by current students giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your subject of interest and find out what life is like as a university student. Throughout the session you can type questions for the students to answer and there will be interactive quizzes on student life and your subject.

Welcome to this Law taster session at City, University of London. Unfortunately, we cannot have you on campus at the moment, but we hope our online session will still give you a good idea of what it is like to study Law at City. To give you an idea of what to expect, our session will follow this format: 1) Our academic staff have recorded a short presentation to give you an idea of the topics covered on the LLB course and the career options related within the professions. 2) We will follow this with a short quiz, don't worry this is just a bit of fun and all answers are anonymous! 3) You will be able to ask questions throughout the session, but we will also be dedicating some time at the end of the session so that you can ask questions to our academic staff and student ambassadors. We hope you find the session useful!

A warm welcome to everyone! I’m Mark O’Brien, Associate Dean of The City Law School, and I’ll be able to address questions about the Law degrees here at City, the modules, our teaching and assessment practices and so forth later in the session!

Hi, I’m Laura and I work in the Marketing Team. I am looking forward to answering your questions around studying at City.

Hello everyone! I’m Kat from the Schools Liaison team at City, supporting students with their transition to higher education. I’m looking forward to meeting you!

Hi everyone, I’m Nick from City’s Schools Liaison team. Looking forward to answering your questions!

Hello everyone, and welcome to this Law taster session! I am Maira Profitteri, a second year Law student here at City. I will be answering your questions today, so please do ask me anything you’d like to know from a current student!

Hi all my name is Carl and I work in the Marketing Team at City.

Hi, I’m Zara and I work in the Marketing Team. I am looking forward to answering your questions about studying at City.

Hi! My name is Anisa and I am a first-year Law student at City. I am excited to answer any questions that you have for us.
Welcome everyone! We will now play a couple of videos for you. The first is a presentation to give you an overview of the course and the other is a campus tour of the University.

https://youtu.be/LxT6inxWgec

Hello, I was wondering why you chose City as the University to study law?

Hi, I personally chose to study at City because of its amazing position in the legal heart of London and because it has a very good reputation. The Law course is also fully accredited and there are lots of amazing elective to choose in second and third year!

Hi, is it necessary to have work experience with a law firm to be accepted?

Hello! We do not require Work Experience for entry to this programme, though we would like to see other areas in your personal statement where you can link to preparation you have done for a Law degree e.g. online learning, extra reading etc.

Hello, I was wondering why you chose City as the University to study law?

I chose City because it was near where I live and this was a major factor when deciding what universities I should study at. I also chose City because it is in the heart of London where major Law firms are based. This means I am able to have a wide variety of options available for me such as undertaking internship or attending employer presentations.

Hi my name is and I would like to know what sort of topics are studied at city for law
Hi there, to get a full breakdown of the different modules you will study on the LLB course please click here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law.

**Law LLB Degree**

Our Law LLB degree provides you with the essential legal and academic skills to be successful in law as well as a range of transferable skills sought after in many other sectors.

What are the opportunities for studying abroad?

Students can spend either one term or their entire 2nd year or the first term of their 3rd year abroad. This is done as replacement time, rather than additional as a sandwich year. The School has established student exchange programmes with universities in Australia, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain and Turkey.

Is it recommended that you take English a level for a law course?

An English A-level provides useful skills for Law due to the reading and essay writing aspects, but we do not require any specific A-level subjects for the Law degree at City.

City, University of London: Campus tour

https://youtu.be/yFiFxXWxRg

Hi, are you able to tell me what careers I can go into with a law degree?

Hi, after completing the Law degree many students go on to become practising solicitors or barristers and the LLB (Hons) qualifies students to progress directly to the professional stage of their legal training – Legal Practice Course (LPC) for aspiring solicitors and Bar Vocational Studies (BVS) for aspiring solicitors and the for those wishing to practise at the Bar.
Hi, I just wanted to check, will this session be useful for considering whether I would actually like to study law? I'm stuck between medicine and law.

The presentation will give you an understanding of the course and you will be able to ask students and academics questions that might help you decide.

Hi, this is a question for one of the students. Does the course just consist of essays and dissertations. And what is your opinion is the best way to remember cases.

Hi, the course does not just consist of essays and dissertation. This is something which we tend to think when we think about Law but it is quite challenging and practical. In fact, in my first year for example I did a practical exam called "mooting" which is like an oral exam in front of a judge and where four people have to advocate. The best thing for me to remember cases are definitely flash cards, but it all depends on each person's method.

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As a graduate you might work for other providers of legal services and regulatory agencies; non-governmental bodies and international NGOs; the Law Commission; the European Union; as well as the Civil Service. Graduates often successfully apply for places on general graduate training programmes with property firms, investment banks, consultancy firms and within the retail sector.

Good morning, I'm wondering, what could I expect from a law course? Is it heavily based on essays and extra reading around the subject?

For every module you are expected to cover the basic reading and this may involve reading a certain chapter from a book as well as covering up on case facts. There are also further readings and this may involve reading journals or articles etc. The way in which modules are assessed depends on every module. Some are assessed using essays, problem questions, multiple choice questions or presentations etc.

Do you need to take a LNAT exam to enter into City?

Hi there, you do not need to take the LNAT to study law at City.

If you would like to go back and watch the course presentation again, please use this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxT6inWjgc

Law Taster Session
Chargement...
Hello, my name is [Redacted]. I was wondering what is the best way to get some sort of work experience to better the personal statement.

Hello! You may find this challenging at the moment given the current world situation but if you can get any work experience within Law firms or branches of Law then this would be useful to reflect on in your statement. However, we do not require work experience for the Law degree at City. We have written a blog with advice on alternative options here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/ask-a-student](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/ask-a-student)

**Ask our students and staff**

Speak with one of our current students and find out more about what it is like to study at City.

You know how a lot of courses require a year abroad, is it compulsory or can you choose to not go abroad?

Hello! Thank you for your question - nope, it is absolutely down to you whether you want to go abroad or not. You can find out more about your study abroad options here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/international/exchange-and-study-abroad/city-student-exchange](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/international/exchange-and-study-abroad/city-student-exchange)

**Student Exchange Opportunities**

Find out about Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students at City who have taken an international placement as part of their studies.

Hi, what are the a level requirements for studying law here and any preferred subjects?

Hello! We require ABB and do not need any particular subjects.

Hi, I just wanted to clarify, what are the grade requirements if we want to take a law course here?

If studying A level the requirements are ABB, BTEC is DDM.
also I've heard that in the final year you do specific topics only...is this true and do u get to choose them yourselves

Yes this is definitely true! I am going to choose my electives for my final year soon. We don't get to do any core modules and we choose our personal electives based on what we think would be best for us and what we like. We also can graduate with a degree with a "pathway" in fact I am going to go for the Commercial Law pathway.

are you all looking to go into law as a career or are you taking a law degree because of your interest in the subject?

I am in a position that I want to go into Law as a career but I also want to explore other career opportunities. I found Law very interesting hence I want to go into it as a career in the future such as qualifying as a solicitor or undertaking work as a paralegal.

We hope you enjoyed the presentation and it gave you a good insight into studying Law at City! We will now begin a short subject quiz. Note that you won't be able to change your answer once submitted, but your responses will be anonymous. If you are on mobile, please swipe left when the question mark appears to view the question. If you are using Internet Explorer, you may need to click on the question mark to view the question.

How do you help students with finding a job after they have completed their course?

Hi there, the Careers Service, Student Development and Outreach departments provide a professional, high-quality careers and information service for students and recent graduates of City, in collaboration with employers and other University academic and service departments. To find out more information about the Careers service, follow this link here: https://www.city.ac.uk/careers.

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

When applying to unis, if some require the LNAT, when would you sit it?

We do not require the LNAT at City, so unfortunately cannot advise, but there is a dedicated website for this here: https://lnat.ac.uk/

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What are the requirements for the IB please

29 points, including 6 in Standard Level English Language

1) What is Mooting?

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Hello, what makes a good personal statement for wanting to study law?

Make sure you let us know how your current subjects prepare you for a Law degree e.g. reading, looking at sources, arguing a point etc. If you've done extra reading around Law it's useful to include. Law is a very reading and theory heavy, so you need to show the universities that you are prepared for that. For subjects like law it can be useful to obtain relevant experience if you can, but it's by far no means mandatory. Try and think of some alternative ways to gain insight into the profession. Is there a firm you can contact to even just speak to someone about what it's like, what to be aware of, what relevant things are happening within the sector that you can then use to follow up with yourself.

What kind of things do you look for in a personal statement?

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Is the course difficult if you know nothing about Law?

I did not study Law at A-level and I personally believe that it was not difficult for me to adjust to. Every module tends to start with an introduction presentation and this helps you understand what you are expected to know and how you can prepare. There are also many other students who have not studied Law at A-level.

Hi, I was just wondering what the expenses are in London, and is there any ways to lower the costs?

Some things like rent and going out can be more expensive in London but there are loads of ways to save money using your student card, transport is relatively cheap and there are loads of free events and places to visit.

Hello, do GCSE grades matter?
You will need to have a minimum of grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics. Apart from that they will help provide a picture of you past academic achievement, but your current studies will be the primary focus.

Hello all, my name is [name] I am a sixth form AS student from Wales and currently reviewing my options as of which course I should take at University. Law and psychology have always been passions of mine and I’m curious as to what the LLB course has to give. I am hoping to do an undergraduate in Law and a masters in Criminal Psychology. I was wondering if you have any recommendations for which books in preparation to University I should read? Thanks.

Hi [name], I would personally suggest from my personal experience to read “Letters to a Law Student” by Nicholas McBride and the Rule of Law by Tom Bingham. They give you an insight into law! Moreover, if you are interested in Psychology, the City Law School also offers some third years electives which are Psychology related.

When it comes to our personal statements, what would you say are the key things you look for in applicants?

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Answer: A) A moot court competition simulates a court hearing (usually an appeal against a final decision), in which participants analyse a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral argument.

Any helpful tips to make my CV stand out?

I am guessing you mean the personal statement rather than the CV? The personal statement is your chance to write something truly different and stand out from others who may have the same grades as you. Here you can tell us all about your skills, interests and passions related to the areas of study you want to go into. Mention extra things you did of your own accord (extra reading, research, on line courses, taster days) and REFLECT on them - what did you gain from them? Most people just list and that's not what we're looking for.

2) The Houses of Parliament have several laws that are all their own. What of the following is illegal to do anywhere in the Houses of Parliament?

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<td>C) To enter wearing a suit of armour</td>
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What are electives
Hi, these are optional modules that you choose as you progress through your degree. City has a very large choice of electives, so that you can maximise your potential, either by studying subjects you enjoy and thus will do well in, or by allowing your to specialise (useful for some jobs.)

Hi, I was wondering what sort of schedule can be expected in the week, how many tutorials etc, and also what are the size of them?

This totally depends every year since the timetables change. For me in term 2 of my first year I was expected to come in everyday except Wednesday. I tend to have more lectures for my modules which lasts around 2 hours. There are also seminars, tutorials and workshops. Tutorials tend to contain a smaller class whereas lectures and workshops contain more students.

Hi, I’m a year 13 student who has an offer from City to study Law. Due to the current circumstances do you know how lenient the board would be in regards to accepting grades for the course?

Hello! City appreciate it is a very challenging time for students at the moment. We have a dedicated webpage about this which can be found here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/coronavirus-info-for-prospective-students

Coronavirus information for prospective students

Information for prospective students on the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on activities at City, University of London.

Hi, are there any extra curricular activities you could recommend for A Level students who want to take law?

Are you asking about law-related extra curricular activities?

How would you suggest we prepare ourselves for the transition to university?

During the lead up to the start of the course you will likely be sent a recommended reading list with suggestions of books you can read. While it’s unlikely they will all be essential, pick out one or two which seem the most daunting to familiarise yourself on the topic.

Do you acknowledge EPQ?
We not usually consider the EPQ when making offers, but when your results are finalised, we may use the EPQ at this stage if you just missed the grade boundary in your other subjects for example. So it is a positive thing to have, even if it is not used in the initial offer. It's also a good thing to write about in your personal statement as it gives you skills designed for university level study.

Hello! I was wondering what kind of content you would be covering on a day to day basis?

That will depend on the module content and what the leader has decided to include in the syllabus. Students receive a syllabus for every module at the start of the term and this contains the content that we would be learning. For example, for criminal law we had one whole lecture focusing on mens rea and another on defences for defendants.

Hello, my name is _______ and I would like to ask what do you enjoy most about studying law at City?

Hello! The thing I definitely enjoy the most is learning so many new things I never knew before. I love justice and studying law definitely gives you an idea of fairness and how the UK works and what rules we follow everyday without even knowing!

Answer: C) The 1313 Statute Forbidding Bearing of Armour forbids members of Parliament from wearing armour in the House.

I love investigating and researching and solving problems would you recommended a law degree to a person like me who has these interests?

Hi, I definitely think that this would be suitable for you. With law there will be a lot of research into historic cases which can be really interesting and a law degree can lead you in many different directions afterward.

This is quite a general question but I don’t really understand the difference between LLB and BA Law- is one more highly recommended than the other?

An LLB Law is needed if you want to go on to become a Barrister or a Solicitor as you can go straight onto these programmes if you have an LLB. If you have a BA degree (including in subjects like History etc.) then you would need to do a GDL course before doing the Barrister or Solicitor training.

3) You have to ask the Commissioner of Police in order to drive one of the below down the roadway. Which one is it?

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<td>C) A sheep</td>
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For a personal statement, would a law-based eps cover enough extra/wider reading?
Do you mean the EPQ? As an EPQ requires extra reading, this would likely be relevant for this section. Remember not to just mention books, but to reflect on what you gained from reading them. How are the topics/content covered useful in preparation for the degree you’ve applied for? What did you learn?

I love investigating and researching and solving problems would you recommended a law degree to a person like me who has these interests?

Hi! That definitely sounds like me! I would definitely recommend law to you as you do learn a lot of problem solving and researching as well. The Law degree gives you a lot of different skills apart those needed for becoming a solicitor or a barrister, and you could also go and work for the police with a law degree for example if you like those things!

Would you recommend to do reading in preparation for personal statement or studies

Extra reading is always useful - and as a Law degree requires a lot of reading, it's good to get into this habit.

Hello! I’m looking at doing a level 7 legal apprenticeship, is that something offered at this university?

Hi unfortunately, we do not offer any legal apprenticeships at the university.

is it possible to take modules from other subjects such as psychology whilst completing the law degree?

At City, not as such, though some law modules touch on other subjects such as Politics & Law and Media Law. An extensive law of modules available can be found here: https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/468826/LAL/BLAW04-LLB-Programme-Specification-Programme-route-USLLAW.pdf.

would extra-curricular activities such as running law society be useful in a personal statement to show interest in the topic?

Absolutely, especially when they are highly relevant to the subject you want to study.

Hi I would like to ask how many contact hours do you get per week and do you get smaller group sessions apart from lectures?

On average you tend to have 10 hours of contact time per week. You are then expected to put a minimum of 60 hours of independent direct study. You also have smaller group sessions such as tutorials and this involves you preparing ahead of the class. This means the module leader will release questions and you will need to answer the questions and these will be discussed during your tutorial classes.

Are there any good books that you could recommend that would help with deciding if law is for me?
Yes! I would definitely recommend "Letters to a Law student" by Nicholas McBride which tells you a lot about what a Law student does everyday!

Thank you for your feedback! Do you accept the Welsh Baccauleaureate?

Hello! Yes, we consider the Welsh Bacc, and would consider this in place of an A-level. Hope that helps!

Answer: A) The Metropolitan Streets Act 1867 made it an offence to drive cattle through the streets between 10am and 7pm, except with the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

Are you able to manage and have a social life when studying law?

Although there is a lot of reading involved whilst studying law it is definitely manageable and you can still have a social life. Our Students Union hold lots of events throughout the year and you can find out more information about them here: https://www.citystudents.co.uk/. As part of your social life, you could also do some part-time work whilst at university as a Student Ambassador. We have two types of ambassadors and you can find out more information here: https://www.unitemps.com/City-homepage.

City Students’ Union

Unitemps - City Branch

At City University London, Unitemps is our on-campus recruitment agency. Unitemps was originally established by the University of Warwick in 1997 and has been helping clients find the right people, and candidates find the right jobs ever since. Unitemps is a university owned complete recruitment solution that is changing the way employers recruit into their businesses and the way students find work through its ethical, quality, community approach.

www.unitemps.com

Are you able to manage and have a social life when studying law?

Yes, of course! One of the skills you learn when you study law is definitely time management. I’ve learnt how to manage my time everyday and how many hours to dedicate to my course, so that I can have free time to do other things I like.

What would you recommend that year 12 students do to boost their chances of successfully applying to do law?
Read around the subject and learn what you can outside of the sixth form syllabus, and undertake online learning to help support your transition to university. Useful websites for online learning:

- [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)
- [www.unitasterdays.com](http://www.unitasterdays.com)
- [www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find)
- [https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses](https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses)
- BBC Sounds (podcasts): [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds)
Hi, how are you assessed throughout the course, it it annually?

So in an academic year you have two terms. In every term students are assessed and this may be done through different form of assessments.

4) It is illegal to jump the queue in the Tube ticket hall.

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When can I apply for scholarships if I’m planning on starting university in Sept 2020?

Each of our scholarships have different deadlines and application processes depending on which one you’re applying for. The information for each one can be found on our website: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries

**Scholarships and bursaries**

Funding support available for students studying at City, University of London.

Could you tell me how is this law course assessed e.g through essays, presentations etc?

Law students are assessed by a variety of methods. Those include written coursework, mootings, portfolios, multiple choice questions tests, oral and written examinations, as well as project work and activities undertaken as part of a team. With:

- Year 1: Written examination: 49%  Coursework: 51%
- Year 2: Written examination: 75%  Coursework: 25%
- Year 3: Written examination: 41%  Coursework: 59%

Hope that helps!

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Year 2: Written examination: 75% Coursework: 25%
Year 3: Written examination: 41% Coursework: 59%

Hope that helps!

Do you guys offer a 4th year of professional training in your course?

We offer micro placements during the course, so do not usually have a full year out of the programme, because many students will want to go on to further training after the LLB (e.g. Barrister or Solicitor training) so we usually keep the LLB to a three year degree.

if I did a different degree and then a law conversion would that disadvantage me at all?

Not at all, plenty of students take this method. It is worth remembering that conversion courses (especially the one year programs) are going to be very intense to include all the necessary content. If you study a law degree to begin with you will also have the chance to study specialist topics, that you won’t have as much of a chance to in a conversion. However, completing a conversion from another subject brings skills and a perspective of its own that you can equally use to your advantage.

What is the most difficult thing about studying law?

In my opinion, at the start of term 1 I found it difficult to adjust to the different terms that would be used. However, with the support of the lectures and using the internet I found that I overcame this.

Hi, What should be the top 3 reasons to why someone should pick law as an option

1. It is challenging and you never stop learning
2. You have a lot of different career prospects and it opens your doors
3. You will know all about the different rights and responsibilities we have to cope with everyday!

Answer: True) Under the TFL Railway Byelaws, any person directed to queue by an authorised person or a sign must join the rear of the queue and obey the reasonable instructions of any authorised person regulating the queue.

would you say there is a benefit to completing the whole law degree rather than doing a GDL after?
It's faster and will save you money so those are the ultimate benefits! You can still go into something other than Law after the degree if you choose to (my degree is in Musical Theatre and I have a completely different job!)

Hello Zara, any activities which help with your uni application

Hi, any activities can help support your application. These are just to showcase your motivation and commitment outside of school. This could be volunteering or being part of a sports club. The skills you acquire in these activities can be transferable and will support your personal statement.

Do you offer law with criminology at City?

No, we do not offer law with criminology, but we do have a separate criminology course: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/criminology](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/criminology).

5) What is the meaning of ‘Pro Bono’?

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Hi, I just wanted to ask what makes City law school different from the others?

Hi and welcome! Lots of things make City different: we offer a very large range of module options, so you can pick the pathway that’s right for you; we are close to legal London and have many links; and our Inns of Court School of Law predecessor institution was the only provider of Bar training for many decades, from the nineteenth century. Also, we have lots of staff who are expert researchers and practitioners in the areas which they teach. We’re friendly as well :-)!

Does the university have close links with law firms?
We do have a lot of career fairs every year! This year for example I have been invited to a prestigious law firm thanks to the University which gave me this opportunity but there are a lot of networking opportunities throughout the years and law firms do come to the University!

Hi I take maths chemistry and psychology for a-level, do you think the essay writing would be a struggle as I have not got an English a-level?

I think this is individual for each person and how you cope best with this sort of thing. I am guessing you still write essays at least in Psychology, if you enjoy the subject you’re likely to enjoy the essay writing aspects because you enjoy researching. There is also support at our university for essay writing.

Is a Law A Level recommended/needed? What other A Levels’ would you recommend?

At City, we don’t require any specific A Levels for Law. The only subject we do not accept are General Studies and Critical Studies. The focus will be on achieving our typical acceptance grades (ABB) and showing you have the skills used in law in whatever subjects you do study.

Do you do any joint law degree courses and if so how popular are they?

At City we don’t combine with other subjects outside of Law, but the Law degree has its own pathway options: The additional pathways and respective degree titles are: LLB Law with Commercial Law LLB Law with International Law LLB Law with Human Rights LLB Law with Professional Practice

In the holidays when uni isn’t on, what is the workload like?

I tend to complete my work before the lectures and seminars so I am taking full use of the classes. This means that my workload is not as heavy during reading week rather I take this opportunity to undertake any formatives that I may have or take a couple days off from revising. I would then spend the rest of the holidays revising for upcoming exams.

Hi, what are some of the electives that we get to choose from?
Hi you can find all of them on this website [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law) under "Course content and assessments".

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**Answer:** B) ‘Pro Bono’ denotes work undertaken without charge, especially legal work for a client on low income.

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I’m finding it hard to decide which universities to put on my UCAS because open days have been cancelled or indefinitely postponed. I was wondering how City as a prominent London uni is mitigating this issue for prospective students?

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We were due to have an open day on 27th June and will be running an online alternative which you can register your interest for on our website. We should have on an campus one in October, though depending on the current situation this could change. We are running an increased number of online events (such as this one!) to help students, and we have a virtual tour available on our website: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit.us/campus-tours](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit.us/campus-tours)

**Campus tours**

A campus tour led by a current student is a great way to see City, University of London. Tours run on Tuesdays at 11:00.

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Can you still get a place in a good university if you haven’t done any work experience for law?

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Yes of course, I didn’t do any work experience for a law firm and I still managed to get a place.

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Do you offer accommodation to 1st year students? And if so, how much does it cost?
Hello! Thank you for your question! Accommodation is guaranteed for first years, so long as you firm as your first choice. In regard to fees, our accommodation options are subsided by the University, hence for 2020/21, prices start from £160 per week, which is absolute bargain for central London! For more information, please visit: https://www.city.ac.uk/accommmodation/undergraduate. Hope that helps!

Undergraduate student accommodation

City, University of London undergraduate students can apply for a place in our modern halls of residence or get help with finding private accommodation in London.

Will you be going through what the LLB course consists of?

You can find how teaching and assessments are delivered as well as what modules you can complete on the course here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law.

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We hope you enjoyed that subject quiz! We now have a few questions about university life.

Who can we go to when we are struggling with an assignment?

When a student is struggling with an assignment their main point of contact will be the module leader. The module leader cannot assist you in giving you the answers or providing you with pointers but they will assist you as many ways as they are allowed to.

From City, what percentage of students are able to secure a job after they finish their degree?
Hi! You can find this information on our website, but the percentage after 6 months is 88.9%!

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**Will the A level courses I took affect my chances of getting into this law course? Or does grades I receive matter only?**

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**how are the lectures set out? the length of a lecture?**

Lectures tend to be 2 hours long and some lectures may give a five minute break during an hour into the lecture.

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**Hi i’m how do i make my personal statement stand out? what should i add to show my interest in law**

Hi! I would suggest adding things like books you’ve read about law, extra curricular activities related to the subject, any work experience you’ve done, any skills you have that you think would make you a good law student.

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**With an international year, does it cost extra and is the workload more?**

The School has established student exchange programmes with universities in Australia, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Singapore, Spain and Turkey. The programme may provide the opportunity to spend part of your second year or all or part of your third year studying at one of these universities. UK students can receive funding from the UK Government to support with the cost of studying abroad. The workload is not necessarily more, but will likely be a bit different if you go abroad because international universities teach different. There will be advice about this when you start studying before you make a decision about whether to do one or not.
Should I be worried because I’m still not sure what I want to do in life? I love the idea of becoming a barrister or a lawyer but I’ve heard the course is really hard and I get stressed really easily. I really dislike history, so would choosing law be a bad decision?

You are still very young and it’s not expected for you to know exactly what you want to do in the future. I also studied law at City even though I wasn’t sure of my career aspirations. However, I enjoyed my time on the course and made so many amazing memories and friends. Any course you choose to do will require you to put time and effort into it but if you stay on top of it, make supportive friends and listen to the advice given by academics, you should be able to manage it. There is a lot of support available to students at City. I didn’t study history at school so didn’t even consider it when choosing to study law.

What extra curricular activities does the university provide?

There are many from languages, societies and sports:
https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/arts-social-sciences/centre-for-language-studies
https://studenthub.city.ac.uk/student-life/sport-and-recreation/sports-clubs
https://www.citysport.org.uk/
https://www.citystudents.co.uk/getinvolved/societies/

How does City compare to other universities for law?

We cannot speak for other universities, but City has been educating law students since 1852 and was the first institution to teach all stages of legal education. We have a dedicated building for teaching and common rooms for law students. The course is also accredited by the main legal boards. You will also have access to Lawbore. Lawbore gives you quick and easy access to the latest research materials, legislative updates, library services and study news.

What is the employment rate after graduating from City London, for both barristers and solicitors?
After completing the Law degree many students go on to become practising solicitors or barristers and the LLB (Hons) qualifies students to progress directly to the professional stage of their legal training – Legal Practice Course (LPC) for aspiring solicitors and Bar Vocational Studies (BVS) for aspiring solicitors and the for those wishing to practise at the Bar. However, our course is designed to also allow students to pursue a wide range of careers. As a graduate you might work for other providers of legal services and regulatory agencies; non-governmental bodies and international NGOs; the Law Commission; the European Union; as well as the Civil Service. Graduates often successfully apply for places on general graduate training programmes with property firms, investment banks, consultancy firms and within the retail sector. Overall, 88.9% of our Law graduates transition into employment or further study six months after completing this course. Hope that helps :)

Do you offer law and politics together?

Unfortunately not.

Do you do law with french?

Unfortunately not.

Hi, if you have completed a MOOC what evidence of this will need submitting or is it just a case of writing about it in your personal statement?

You aren’t require to show proof of completion if you are just referencing it within your personal statement.

What’s the best thing about studying Law at this university?

Hi! The best thing for me is being in the legal heart of London, having a lot of different opportunities with different firms and the academic excellence there is at the University!

Which books should I read in preparation for studying law as an AS student?

Hi there is no need for reading in preparation for the degree.

C. A club that students can join. Societies are generally ran by students for students around a particular hobby or interest but can be formed for a lot of things really! Societies are an ideal way to meet people, get more out of university, learn new skills and more importantly have a good time.

Hi I have started reading letters to a law student and also currently doing a virtual work experience with a law firm is this a good start if I wanted to do a law degree
These sound very positive! Remember to reflect on these experiences in your statement to let us know what skills and experiences you gained from these.

What grades do you need from levels to do law at City?

ABB, in any subjects,

Have you got any books you would recommend me to read in order to help me decide whether law is the right degree for me?

Hi, there is no need for reading prior to the degree.

do you offer law with philosophy?

Hi, we do not offer any joint degrees but if you could be interest I'm doing a module called "Further Issues in Tort Law" where we have learnt about legal philosophy so there definitely are some aspects of philosophy in the law degree such as critical thinking.

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Hi, if you have completed a MOOC what evidence of this will need submitting or is it just a case of writing about it in your personal statement?

We would just require you to write about it in your statement. You may want to screenshot your end progress instead of paying for a certificate.

Does City have a Vis Moot team?
Mooting is a key part of life at The City Law School and we believe it’s one of the quickest and most effective ways for you to develop the competencies you need to be a successful lawyer. Mooting helps you to master important legal skills, such as research and analysis, whilst also gaining experience of public speaking and argument. For more information on Mooting, please click this link: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law/careers/mooting.

Do you acknowledge the Realising Opportunities programme?

Hi what level is this and does it equate to UCAS points? If not then it may be something that can support your application but not part of the essential entry requirements.

Is there a debate society at city?

We do. Law students can also get involved with Mooting which is similar. You can find more on this here https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law/careers/mooting.

Mooting

At The City Law School we place a great emphasis on mooting as a way of developing your legal skills whilst providing you with invaluable public speaking experience.

Hi may I know how many days of uni for law students, might be a dumb question?

That will vary every year. During term 1, I was expected to come in during 3 days a week but this involved having classes with a 2 hour break in between. During term 2, my timetable was spread out and I only had Wednesday as my day off.

Good afternoon! Does City have a Vis Moot team?
Law students can get involved in Mooting in a number of ways

https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law/careers/mooting.

Is it worth noting how i've seen a court case in my personal statement, if so how can it be transferable to the personal statement and how is it applicable?

This would be individual to you as to why you think this experience would be useful. Consider what experiences and skills you think would be needed on a Law degree, and why this experience would be useful for example maybe seeing it in action, or you maybe went and did some more research into court cases for example.

B. Whenever I want, you can go to the careers service at any time during your studies with help for looking for part time work, CV's, and mock interviews and much more

How many people in a lecture at one time?

A typical lecture at City tends to fit around 240 people

I study Biology, chemistry and maths as my main higher IB subjects, and geography, english and chinese as standard level- are these subjects still suitable for showing i have the right skill set?

We do not require any specific subjects from the IB. You just need to consider in your personal statement the skills and experiences you need for Law, and mention how you have gained these skills either through your studies or through other activities.

Thanks Anisa
I am a current year 12 student, what would you recommend I do to make my personal statement more recognisable?
I would suggest using this time to do online courses in Law as preparation, and reading around the subject and researching into Law. Useful websites for online learning:

- [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)
- [www.unitasterdays.com](http://www.unitasterdays.com)
- [www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find)
- [https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses](https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses)
- BBC Sounds (podcasts): [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds)
What can you do if you haven’t completed any work experience?

You can do an extra curricular activity with your school, or you could do some volunteering activity! For example, I am from Italy and I did take part in an association against Mafia but there are lots of different activities you could do related to law! Or in general you could read something which is law related.

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After doing an LLB, what other processes would you have to go through to become a qualified barrister?

Hi Vedant, you can then proceed to the next stage with us to become a barrister completing the Bar Vocational Studies course. [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies)

Can you specialise in criminal law or are the above 4 options the only ones available

The only specialisms we offer are Commercial, International, Human Rights and Professional Practice. You can still cover a number of modules linked to Criminal Law though, it will just be under the standard LLB Law degree title.

Who can we go to when we are struggling with an assignment?
Every student has a personal tutor assigned to them who you can contact whenever you need help with anything including assignments. You can also contact the academic delivering the module as they are always more than happy to help. Also, we have lots of support services available to City students: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/student-support

When will you talk about the course content?

We won’t specifically be talking about course content in this session as we don’t have time I’m afraid but you can always ask questions and check out the course page for more info.

does city provide or arrange any work placement or internship help?

City provides a micro-placement scheme for students in year 1 and year 2. This involves exploring a career different to your degree. Students will be sent to an employers firm where they will undertake work.

what are some key things you would look for in a student for you to offer them a place?

We are looking to see why you are interested in the subject, and any skills and experiences you have that you think are useful in preparation for a Law degree. For example, your sixth form studies, work experience, online learning, extra curricular activities.

hi im interested in taking law at uni i would like to pursue the career of a corporate lawyer in the future because its a appealed to me the more i read up on it should i mention my interest in corporate law when writing my ucas application and in interviews?

Hi there, yes by all means do! It is good to show an interest in an area, and perhaps explain why you find interesting/ what you would like to do.

What if you hate reading, is law a good option

Most degrees have reading as an element of study.
How do you specialise into a sector of law after your degree?

HI Hannah, you can then decide to specialise in a particular field by doing an LLM
https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses?query=llm

What are some skills in law unis might be looking for within our other A Level subjects?

This can vary, but you may want to consider things like essay writing, reading and debating/presenting.

What exactly does an LLB enable you to do?

An LLB essentially allows you to fast-track your law training allowing you to get straight onto a solicitor/barrister course rather than having to complete a conversion course.

What qualities would a person have that would mean they should pursue a law career?

I think that more than qualities, we talk about skills that we learn. You learn the skills you need for Law after you start the course but in general you would have an interest in politics, working and helping people from a law point of view, you like reading or researching, you want to solve problems but it all depends of course! There isn’t a specific set of qualities that are required.

What is the employment rate after gaining a Law degree at City?

88.9% of graduates are in employment or further study six months after completing the course.
A. Students’ Union: A Students’ Union is, as the name suggests, an organisation made of a united body of students who stand together to improve student life for all its members.

Are there any Canadian courses or modules to help students who are returning to Canada?

Hello, we do have the following Canadian modules available to choose in the third year:
- Canadian Constitutional Law – Foundational Principles
- Canadian Corporate Law

However, you will need to do more specific exams in Canada if you wish to practice there.

Where can I find more info regarding moot courts City law school participate in?

You can find activity on mooting here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law/careers/mooting](https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law/careers/mooting)

Does City help with finding work experience or is it all independant?
Our careers service is available to help support students when it comes to gaining work experience, but one incredible opportunity in particular available is our Micro-Placements Programme. City's Micro-Placements Programme offers students the opportunity to complete short-term, career-exploration projects at an employer's office for up to five weeks, subject to availability. The Programme builds on a highly successful pilot held last year with the Law School which helped over 30 students gain valuable work experience. Reflective reviews and blogs showcased how students developed ten employability competencies which a number of law firms outlined as being relevant to graduates wishing to succeed in a legal career. Micro-Placements can be part or full time between June and August, ensuring no interference with studies. Projects are available across a wide variety of industries which allows you to explore alternative options outside traditional legal career paths, gaining a concise insight into a different sector. Moreover, these placements give you the opportunity to develop core employability skills and gain real life experience by managing a project from start to finish. You have the chance to develop your commercial awareness, develop confidence and resilience as well as building a network of industry contacts. You can find out more information our Micro-Placements Programme here: https://www.city.ac.uk/careers/city-opportunities/the-micro-placements-programme. Hope that helps :)

Is not being part of any debating club likely to be an obstacle?

We do not require anyone to have been in a debating club at sixth form in order to gain entry to our course. You may want to consider if you can give examples in your statement of any other times you have presented or done public speaking.

What do you look out for during the interview process?

Hi there, we do not conduct interviews during the selection process.

Do you have any 1 on 1 time with any senior people in order to discuss your degree and what you think is going wrong?

Students are assigned a personal tutor who they can go to should they wish to discuss about their degree, electives or something else. Should you wish to speak to them then you are able to do so by booking a time with them for a meeting.

Was it easy to find a job in a law firm after graduating?

I personally haven’t graduated yet but I’ve been offered an internship this year (my second year) which could give me the opportunity of going into a training contract.
How do you select which candidates to make offers to?

We look at who meets or is close to meeting the entry requirements, and that their personal statement shows an interest in Law and discusses their skills and experiences.

For assessments, how do oral examinations work? Are these mootings?

Some will be done via moot, other methods will also include coursework, portfolios, tests, oral and written exams and also project work. You can find a rough breakdown on the course page here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law.

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Hi, what proportion of your personal statement should be focused on academics and how much should be focused on extra-curricular activities?

65-70% is academic content, which includes your studies and 'super curriculars' so things like taster days, online learning, extra reading. Extra curriculars (hobbies and interests) is a very short paragraph.

Thank you Zara!

I'm a current year 12 student, what research would you recommend I do for preparing to apply to universities for a law course?
I would say look at different universities that you are interested in and see what is unique about them and see what they can offer to you. I would make a list of potential universities that you like and start narrowing it down and speak to students at the university in order to get a taste of their university.

Zara and Nick, thank you for your answers but I couldn’t find a particular link where I can get info about 2020 selection process (Learnmore and Lawbore have very obsolete content regarding year 2014)

Hi if you are asking about entry requirements, you can click this link to find out more: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/law.

Hi, how competitive is this course to get into?

This can vary each year, but our usual message is that if you meet the entry requirements and have a good personal statement then you are likely to receive an offer.

As solicitors how would you deal with the emotional distress that comes with handling certain cases ie rape, murder etc?

Hi I believe that the passion we have for those cases we are handling would be more than the emotional distress! But when we study criminal law, we do learn how to cope with bad stories and facts and as a solicitor/barrister the personal satisfaction you would gain from winning a case like that would be more of a focus to you!

Typically, how long is a law degree course? Is it about 3-4 years?
Our law degree is 3 years long.

Apart from getting a career, is Law a good course for gaining a skill set useful for many many fields?

Yes of course, there are many transferrable skills that you will gain. Some have gone on to work for insurance companies or legal teams with blue chip organisations. The world is your oyster!

Is the law degree history based?

Not at all. We don't learn about history, we do learn old cases but they are about facts of the claimants rather than history. The only module where we do have a little bit of history is Government, Accountability and Administrative Law but believe me it is very interesting!

If LLB Law is seen as a fast-track route to becoming a solicitor/barrister, might some law firms see that as lazy and would prefer us to go through the longer route?

I do not think so - it is commitment to the subject from the beginning to undertake an LLB. Law firms are looking for students who have showed their commitment to the subject, work hard and achieve required grades and any necessary experiences, rather than being concerned about the length of their undergraduate studies.

What are some good ways of getting mooting practice (or a bettering understanding of what good mooting looks like) before going to a university?

You can find some getting started info on our Learnmore platform here: https://learnmore.lawbere.net/topicpage.php?id=Mooting.

How do I teach myself to write law essays?
I would say that writing law essays is different to something that I had done during my A-levels. Instead, I would recommend that you make sure that your spelling and grammar is very good because it plays a huge part when being assessed. Students are not also assessed just through essays but it may be a mixture of problem questions.

**How would you prepare for a university interview?**

We do not require an interview for Law at City, so this is difficult for us to advise on. There will be information available on university websites that do require interviews on how to prepare. Usually I would recommend read around the subject and know your personal statement as they will likely use that as a basis for discussion.

**Hi may I know how many days of uni for law students**

**Hi! That depends on each person's timetable. In my first year, I had three days a week, this year for example I have had four. Generally though, we do have 10 contact hours a week.**

C. A student who is in the first year of matriculation of their course

**Do we have our own rooms in accommodation or will we be with roommates?**

At City the majority of our accommodation is your own room, though you sometimes share a bathroom.

**What would you advice for someone interested in law? As in what to consider when study law at city**

I would say to start researching on it, what a law student has to do, their routine, read a book like "letters to a law student" for example which is very based on a law student's routine.

**can you recommend any reading materials to prepare for studying law?**

I would recommend that you read 'letters to a law student Nicholas mcbride'. This book is a guide for future law students and very good and useful.
**What is Varsity?**

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I am looking to become a barrister after university is doing an LLB law course the best route to take?

You would undertake a course called the Barrister Vocational Studies (here is the example of what we offer at City: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies))

What's the most difficult thing about law

The most difficult thing about law is that sometimes we do have a lot of reading and it could be quite challenging but you learn how to cope with it and how to manage your time as well! Moreover, academics do help us a lot if we are struggling or City Staff in general.

Is it hard to secure a training contract?

Securing a training contract is competitive but not impossible. Students have different journeys in securing training contract and this varies from person to person.

Is City known internationally? I'd like to work in Canada after receiving a degree from City

Yes, it is. This course is very popular with Canadian students.

Does city offer any years abroad/exchange programmes?
City Law students have the opportunity to study abroad during either one term or the entire of their second year of study or for the first term of their third year. You can find more on this here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/international/exchange-and-study-abroad/city-student-exchange.

**Student Exchange Opportunities**

Find out about Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students at City who have taken an international placement as part of their studies.

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What law books would you recommend we read to add to our personal statements?

Hi, I would suggest reading "Letters to a law student" by Nicholas Mcbride, "the rule of law" by Tom Bingham and "What about Law" by Catherine Barnard.

Is it an advantage to get your application in early?

At City, the deadline for this course is 15th January. However, you may find that by generally submitting your UCAS form early, you are likely to hear back more quickly from your chosen universities which will result in you having more time to decide which university offers to accept.

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A. A Varsity is a series of sporting fixtures between two local or rival universities

I am interested in taking law as a course. I would like to pursue the career of a corporate lawyer in the future because it is appealing to me the more I read up on it should I mention my interest in corporate law when writing my UCAS application and in interviews?

Yes of course! If you really have an interest in it and you really would like to pursue that path, definitely worth to mention!

Would a place still be guaranteed if you made the uni your insurance choice?

If you do not get into your firm choice, you are then considered by your insurance. If you meet the entry requirements, then this would become your firm choice. However, it’s not guaranteed if you don’t meet the entry requirements.

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What super curriculum activities would you advise to do for law
Reading around the subject, online learning, and work experience if you can get it (but we do not require this).

so if we wanted to do a year abroad we have the option of either one semester or a year?

Correct!

what are the oral exams like

Generally they would be presentations or mootings. I have only had mootings as an oral exam so far which consists of advocating in a court and there is a judge who is going to judge the case!

does city do any courses for the SQE exams?

Hi, as with all Universities, we are in the process of transitioning for the SQE. As you’ll know, the professional body at national level has not yet completely finalised the SQE arrangements, but City, like all other Law Schools, will be addressing these when they are finalised.

Thank you for taking part in our subject and university-life quizzes! We hope you enjoyed them. We still have some time left in the session so please ask any questions you may have and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible.

What accommodation would you suggest as students?

This is very much an individual decision. At City we have lots of accommodation options, some which are shared bathroom and some which are en-suite so this depends on your preference. Our accommodation is all a short walk from the university as well.

How useful have you found this session? (out of 5, 5 being the best)

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what make City stand out from other Universities?

Its location for one! We are nestled in the heart of London near the Old Bailey and top leading law firms. We have a long history of education, dating back to 1852. We have a brand new building dedicated to Law teaching and study spaces for law students. We use Lawbore, a portal for access to research, cases and learning materials. We have fabulous academics and a good ethos. I would definitely recommend it!

Why should I choose City for Law?

City gives you a lot of different opportunities, it is in the legal heart of London and it has an amazing reputation. You do learn all of the relevant skills at City and you have amazing career prospects. Moreover, the lecturers and academics in general are excellent and you can choose your own path to follow after Year 1.

Is there lots of cases to memorize in a law degree? If so, how do you revise the content?

This will be dependant on the module that you undertake. For example, for Constitutional Law there were cases but not as much compared to Criminal Law. You are expected to memorise cases should the exam be closed book. For constitutional Law the exam was closed book and I was expected to memorise the cases. I had done this by writing the fact summary on a flashcard as well as key judgements and then also transferred this to Quizlet where I could practice it on my phone whenever I was free.

What would be the benefit of studying the course abroad?

Experiencing living in a different culture can provide invaluable skills as well as being able to study other modules than what is just on offer at your home university.

What would you consider an apprenticeship in law a good route to take?

Unfortunately we cannot really advise on this as we are a Higher Education institution. This would need to be a personal choice. You would need to consider the level of apprenticeship and whether this would qualify you in the area you are interested in at the right level. There is some information here: https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-sector/law-apprenticeships
Is City known internationally? I'd like to work in Canada after receiving a degree from City.

Yes it is. We have many Canadian students on this course.

Hi all, just a reminder that I am still here as the 'academic', so any questions you may have about the structure of the course, etc, feel free to ask! :-)

What are the best and worst things about uni in your opinion?

The best thing about the university is the amount of support and help you get from your university. This means being able to take up part time job at the university which fits to my timetable as well as having a supportive personal tutor and helpful module leaders. I personally cannot think of anything bad about city.

How long is the total process to becoming a soliciter?

It usually takes around 6 years: https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/law-careers/becoming-a-solicitor/

If I did a specialised law degree e.g. international law, what is the difference in degree and workload and would I still be able to study abroad?

Hi

The workload would be the same, the different thing would be that you would specifically specialise in certain subjects e.g. related to international law and yes, you would still be able to study abroad but in your second year rather than third!

Is it a campus uni?

While City is not a campus uni, all undergraduate students are based in the main campus, Northampton Square where everything is very much close together and accommodation, the sports centre, etc. are all nearby.

Do you have magic/silver circle law firms attend the law fairs?

Yes we do! As I mention earlier, I was invited to a workshop in a very good law firm called Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner.
Hi not fully related with City University alone but a more general question, if we are not to gain the entry grade for the law course is there a way around this in gaining a place in the university?

Universities may accept students slightly under the entry requirements if they feel you will still be successful on the programme, but this varies across universities. You should look for universities with a range of entry requirements and likely wouldn’t recommend you apply for ones well above what you think you will achieve.

If I do my LLB and LPC at city, in which counties will I be allowed to work as a solicitor?

Hi, you would need to check locally, but often the English LLB gives exemption in so-called ‘common law’ countries - the English LLB can give professional exemptions in different countries. That list may be different if you have already qualified as a practitioner (Solicitor/Barrister)

Why should I pick City for Law?

Hi - many thanks for your question. Ultimately, the LLB is the same across many different providers, but there are a few reasons to select City:
Our location in the heart of legal London, our strong links with the Inns, law firms, our module offering - in the third year you can select from modules that are usually only available at a masters level and many other providers, our progression route - if you want to continue your legal training with us, we teach Bar training and the necessary training to become a solicitor. Our experienced and professional academics and teaching staff who embark on legal research, have practice experience and are friendly :) These are just a few benefits of choosing City.

What are the steps to become a barrister?

Hi - on successful completion of the LLB you can then progress onto the Bar Vocational Studies course [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies)

When comparing course structures of different unis, what are things to look out for?

I would say look at the course structure that the different university provides as well as the different electives available for you to undertake.
Do city offer the GDL?

Hi, yes we do offer the GDL: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/graduate-diploma-law-gdl](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/graduate-diploma-law-gdl)

Do you get paid if a firm offers you a place or work experience?

This depends on the firm itself.

Would City be considered as one of the best law schools in London?

The City Law School is very long standing and well respected, as it has been producing high quality graduates for many years. We are also located close to many law firms. You can find out more about the School here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law](https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law)

If I did a specialised course, what it take longer, would the workload be bigger and would I still be able to study abroad?

The specialised pathway course are still completed within the standard three years. The workload will be not so different to choosing any combination of modules, following a pathway means you just have to study certain modules rather than having complete free choice. You can still study abroad during your second year, but not your third as this when the pathway year takes place.
Is the course recognised globally? e.g. could I be a lawyer in USA for example

Hi, all different countries have different professional requirements: so, the Law degree, as the academic stage MAY give partial or full exemption to further legal training in other countries. Different countries have different rules

What if any, financial support is offered

We have various scholarships and bursaries that you could apply for. Please check here for all the options: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries?level=undergraduate

Can you give an example of what content might be in your average reading assignment?

Hi. That depends a lot but I can make some examples. For example, in my first year I had a lot of cases to study for Tort Law and Contract Law but not as much cases in Government, Accountability and Administrative Law. All of them have assigned readings, further readings, but they all vary and it all depends on your study method as well. I hope that helps.

We have 10 minutes left of the session, please post any further questions now!

How long does it take to become a barrister?

Hi. To become a barrister, you will need to complete Bar Training first - we offer this at City - The Bar Vocational Studies programme. This is a one year programme. After this, you will need to do something called Pupillage, which is basically working in a law chambers - a bit like work experience but you get paid.
Is there a focus on jurisprudence at all?

Yes there is! It depends on what modules you pick from Year 2 but for example I have had a lot to learn about jurisprudence in Further Issues in Tort Law.

Is City part of the ‘Russel group’?

City is not part of the Russel group. Hope that helps!

Would I need to do a special Canadian law degree if I want to work in Canada after university?

Hi, re: Canada, an English Law degree can be part of your academic stage training, but you then would need to undertake further approved study in Canada to be exempt - the Canadian professional body, the NCA = National Committee on Accreditation site, and our admission team, will be able to help further.

In your accommodation would you be placed with other law students?

We do not usually allocate accommodation like this, because it gives you less chance to meet new people from other courses.

Why do you want to study law?

I wanted to study law because when looking at the course structure that the different universities offered I was interested in the content. This made me want to study law because I wanted to commit to something that I would enjoy.

How is the law course structured within the 3 years of studying?
Can you do every step of becoming a solicitor at city?

Yes, as we offer the LPC course. You will then need to undertake professional training to qualify, which is done in the workplace.

Is there any facilities at city that help with mental health?

We have a lot of help and support available in regard to dealing with mental health. You can find more information about our services here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/student-support

Is LPC done in uni or law firms?

The teaching is done at university, but the professional training is in law firms.

How does the process work after receiving offers via UCAS next year?

Once you hear back from your chosen courses you will need to select a firm (first choice) and insurance (backup choice). It’s important your backup’s required grades are at least slightly lower than your firm so if things don’t go to plan you might still meet the requirements for your insurance.

Can civilians go to family court cases just to listen and watch the cases?

You would have to check individual court rules for this. We have lots of courts in the surrounding areas that you’ll be able to go to view cases.

Would taking a break after doing your LLB and BVS affect your chances of employment?
No of course not, if anything it could be a bonus as you would learn new skills

How do I know if I should pursue law

I would say attend taster sessions that are held by universities and see if you enjoy the content. Also, speak to different students who are studying law and see their opinion.

Thank you guys

Will I still be able to have the same employment opportunities if I chose City as my chosen uni compared to someone from Russel group?

Of course you would. In my personal perspective, it is not about the University you choose but on how motivated and ambitious you are, that is key!
Any tips you would give to a student that wants to go into law?

Hi, I would say ... 1. Be open-minded; 2. think about what you need to do and not do (be focussed); 3. Be prepared to work hard and 4. Enjoy it!

As a year 12 student what would you suggest to get prepared for? in a career in law and uni

I would say for university life make sure that you are organised because once you get into the habit of being organised it makes it easier when completing your assignments and readings on time.

As a year 12 student what would you suggest to get prepared for? in a career in law and uni

Hi, your personal statement may be a good place to start in preparing for uni. We have some handy blogs to help you in preparing for this [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/ask-a-student](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/ask-a-student)

I saw a court case in the old bailey - that's always good if you want to see a case

Definitely very good!

If I got a degree here, would the LPC be discounted?

Yes, you would receive a 10% alumni discount.

Thank you for attending, before we leave you, do our Students have any recommendation of how to engage with the subject further?
As we near the end, can I share some reading/films. TV series for you to dip into? Films: to Kill a Mockingbird; 12 Angry Men - TV; How to Get Away with Murder (good on process!); Books - ‘Is Eating People wrong - Great Legal Cases’

My main recommendation is to read ‘Letters to a law student Nicholas mcbride’. This book was extremely helpful for me before entering university. I would also recommend reading ‘What About the Law? - Catherine Barnard, Janet O’Sullivan and Graham Virgo’. This book provides you with an easy introduction to each core module.

What are the pros and cons of the GDL?

Pros: You can study any subject at undergraduate level. It only takes one year. Cons: It is a very intense year and you won’t have as much of an opportunity to specialise beyond the standard required modules.

Thank you everyone for attending! As I have mentioned to you, I would recommend reading "Letters to a Law student" by Nicholas McBride, "The rule of Law" by Tom Bingham and "What about Law" by Catherine Barnard. If tv series also fascinate you, Suits and Law & Order were very helpful to let me understand I liked Law!

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Also, Eve Cornwell who is a trainee lawyer also uploads YouTube videos and she provides with a good content into the life of a law student and trainee lawyer.

Do civilians have access to going to family courts? As I want to specialise in family law and want to gain some experience on it.
I believe they are private.

This session has now ended, we hope you found it useful! If you have any further questions please contact us via our website - https://www.city.ac.uk/about/contact or chat to our students and staff via our Unibuddy platform - https://www.city.ac.uk/study/ask-a-student

Thanks very much to everyone for taking part, and we hope very much to see you at City soon! If you have any further questions, then please let us know!