Graduate Entry LLB (GE LLB) online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our GE LLB at The City Law School. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course 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.

Thank you for joining us for today’s Online Chat session for students interested in our Graduate Entry LLB course. The sessions, which runs from 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT), is for you to ask any questions you have regarding the course and life at City, University of London.

During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents related to the 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 you question. Please be patient as it might take some time for us to respond to your question.

Hi everyone. My name is Zhuiyana Boyanova. I am UK Marketing and Recruitment Officer at City. Happy to answer any questions you might have today!

Hello everyone, my name is Dr Luke McDonagh. I am a Senior Lecturer at the City Law School and the Programme Director of the GELLB. I am happy to answer any questions you might have about the programme.

The City Law School: The Graduate Entry LLB

https://youtu.be/K6kvoEG093E

for the graduate entry LLB, how many students are on the course and do you take classes with the rest of the LLB intake?

Hi thanks for your question. One of the best things about our programme when compared to other institutions is that the GELLB cohort - which is usually about 40-50 students per year - is taught separately from the LLB undergrad students for all 7 core subjects. For the electives you choose e.g. Human Rights Law, Sports Law, Company Law, etc. you will be in the same class as LLBs. But for all core modules e.g. Criminal, Tort, Constitutional, Contract, Land, Equity and EU law, you will be in your own bespoke GELLB classes/lectures.

I was wondering about your opinions for an international student to study at your university in all general aspects
Can you be a bit more specific about what you mean by general aspects?

thanks. and what is the stricture of lectures like over the week? is there one day that is free for example?

the structure can vary. Generally there will be 2 hours of lectures per subject per week. So that would mean for the four core subjects in the first year, you would have 4 x 2 hour lectures so 8 hours in total. You would also usually do 2 hours of tutorials per week. So overall you would have about 10 hours of teaching per week. You would be expected to do quite a bit of reading as part of your studies, as the library for lawyers is kind of like the ‘laboratory’ is for scientists. The actual timetable will be worked out in September, but I can say that from prior experience students usually have one day without lectures/classes. And since there are only around 10 hours of actual timetabled lectures/classes per week, students can typically make their timetable work for them.

I was wondering about your opinions for an international student to study at your university in all general aspects. We welcome international students at City! We have students from more than 100 countries at City and obviously London is one of the most international cities in the world. More info can be found here https://www.city.ac.uk/international

International students
Learn more about City, University of London’s commitment to international students at the centre of one of the world’s most exciting cities.

You might find the Graduate Entry LLB course web page interesting. It includes a lot of valuable information about the course including entry requirements, how to apply, fees, funding, scholarships, timetables and student support.

https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/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.

thanks. How does the grading for the degree work - is it for example 40% for the 1st year, 60% 2nd year or how does it work?
That is exactly correct. The full programme specifications which detail this are on the website https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/411945/LLB-Programme-Specification-LAL/LLB01-Route-code-GSLLB0.pdf

thanks. Not like a normal degree where 1st year doesn't count (bar passing it!)

Yes - because it is an accelerated programme we have to assess you from the first year.

An introduction to The City Law School

https://youtu.be/BpeHCBg4lo8

what age range generally takes the GELLB?

All students are graduates, with the majority coming from Canada, with others from the US, India, Pakistan, Ghana, Nigeria, the Caribbean, etc. Average age is probably about 24 when starting the degree as most students have done a 4 year degree elsewhere. We do get some students who are in their 30s and 40s, but they are more rare. Most are in their 20s.

so it's not generally UK students doing this?

We always have about 3-4 UK students who do it. The UK students who are interested in graduate law studies often opt for the 1 year GDL, which we also teach at City.

thanks. I don't think I have any more questions today :)

Ok well good luck making your decision and you can email me at my city email luke.mcdonaph@city.ac.uk if you have further questions

What type of assessment can we expect on the course?
Thanks. We try to provide a diverse range of assessments. Most of the core subjects will be examined by the traditional closed book 2-hour or 3-hour exam. However, for the electives there is a wide range: long-form essays of e.g. 5000 words, open-book exams, online-based assessments, group presentations. Students can take the method of assessment into account when making their elective choice. Students can also opt to do a long dissertation (thesis) in their final year if they want to conduct a piece of research.

How many electives can we take on the course?

Students can take 6 electives in their second year. Each elective is 15 credits and lasts for one term. More details are available here: https://www.city.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/411945/GELLB-Programme-Specification-LALLLL01-Route-code-G5LLBD.pdf

Do you organise any events for students on the course?

Yes we organise GELLB social events - a welcome event, and an end of term event at the end of each term. Students like to socialise with each other and to meet the academics in a social setting.

What are the career opportunities for students after they finish the degree?

Good question. Since our GELLB programme has many students from abroad - especially from Canada and other common law countries - our students often go back to their home country to begin their professional law training. If students decide to stay in the UK, the two main options are solicitor and barrister. More info is available here: https://www.city.ac.uk/law/careers/become-a-lawyer/legal-careers

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City, University of London: Campus tour

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City, University of London: Student Experience - My Life at City

https://youtu.be/mSnyDZUFnk

City, University of London: Marking 125 years of research and education in London

https://youtu.be/tHjiJIDzw0Y

This Online Chat has now ended. If you have any further questions, please email pgenquiries@city.ac.uk