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The City Law School Prospectus 2016/17
With three levels of study – undergraduate, postgraduate and professional – The City Law School offers courses suitable for everyone interested in following a career in law, no matter what stage they are at.

Our LLB, Graduate Entry LLB and Graduate Diploma in Law are structured to provide you with not only an essential understanding of the core legal subject, but also the skills to use this knowledge in a real life environment.

We give our students the opportunity to put what they have learnt into practice by encouraging them to participate in internal, national and international mooting competitions.

As the original provider of bar training we have continuously met the evolving demands of the modern bar. Students studying our Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) can be confident in their abilities to perform in practice with our dedicated one-to-one advocacy training. On our Legal Practice Course (LPC) students can also experience what legal life is really like by taking part, alongside other law school students, in our Pro Bono programme working with real clients, like the Innocence Project, the National Centre for Domestic Violence and the Free Representation Unit (FRU).

Our LLM courses provide students with a deeper insight into a range of specialist areas of law, putting them a step-ahead of the rest in their chosen area of expertise. Designed with the needs of the profession at its heart our LLM programme seeks to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to work in governmental and non-governmental agencies, commercial law firms, NGOs and in-house legal departments of multinational corporations with concerns about corporate responsibility at an international level.

We offer a dedicated range of careers services to support you during and after your time at The City Law School. Our Career & Skills Development Service gives students individual guidance and support for interviews, mock interviews and job searching techniques. In addition, our Training Contract Advisory Service and Pupillage Advisory Service offers more bespoke advice on your chosen career path.

As a School we ensure that we remain relevant to today’s ever evolving legal world by staying active in both the profession and legal research. The majority of our lecturers are still involved in practice and we regularly invite members of the profession into the School to talk to our students. Many of our academics are also leading authors and we have been recognised by the Research Excellence Framework 2014 (REF) as producing research of world-leading quality.

With The City Law School you can be confident that you’ll be ready for practice.

Professor Carl F Stychin
Dean, The City Law School
The City Law School is one of London’s major law schools. Offering an impressive range of academic and professional courses, it was the first law school in London to provide courses for students and practitioners at all stages of legal education.
Innovative courses
Throughout our 150 year history we have been at the forefront of legal education. Our courses are designed to meet the needs of our students and the modern legal profession both today and in the future.
- We were the original provider of bar training and we developed the first BVC (now the BPTC) in 1989
- We were one of the first institutions to develop the CPE/GDL for non-law graduates in 1976
- We were one of the first providers of legal education to offer top-up LLMs to LPC/BPTC students in 2008.

World class research
The School takes an active role in the legal profession, legal research and the wider business community.
The School’s internationally recognised experts lead research across a diverse range of areas, including criminal law, human rights, intellectual property & information technology and public law. The primary purpose of this research is creating value for society, both locally (in London and the UK) and globally.

Our lecturers are leaders in their respective fields and the impact of our academic research helps inform the development of legal education, the practice of law and the development of UK and international policy.

- The City Law School’s performance in the Research Excellence Framework results 2014 was the second highest for City University London, with the overall percentage of 3* and 4* research increasing from 35% to 65%.
- Our academic staff have published many of the works used by the profession and future lawyers, including The Modern Law of Evidence by Adrian Keane and the BPTC manuals (published by Oxford University Press as the ‘bar series’)
- Academic staff also regularly advise UK and international governments on policy matters relating to their specialist areas.

Resources for success
Our learning resources give you everything you need to succeed while studying and as you prepare for your future in the legal profession.

We are committed to giving each of our students a fully integrated, modern learning experience. You will benefit from a range of learning tools and facilities designed to grow and improve your legal skills and knowledge.

- Our online learning environment, Moodle, gives you instant access to the materials and resources you need 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Our award-winning legal research portal, Lawbore also provides online access to all the legal reference material and hotspots, 24 hour PC labs and two specialist law libraries, your learning needs come first at City.
- With over 1,000 PCs, wireless hotspots, 24 hour PC labs and two specialist law libraries, your learning needs come first at City.

Support
We offer support throughout your course and beyond. We recognise that our students have individual needs and provide a range of specialist services to support you throughout your time with us. As part of City University London, our students have access to personal tutor schemes, counselling and financial advice. Perhaps most importantly, we offer extensive careers support.

- Our Training Contracts Advisory Service and Pupillage Advisory Service give advice to both intending solicitors and barristers and support them in transitioning into the profession
- The Career & Skills Development Service offers expert one-to-one guidance on everything from career opportunities, to preparing CVs and interview technique
- Our award-winning Pro Bono programme gives you the unique opportunity to work with real clients and organisations. Projects have included:
  – Amnesty International
  – The Innocence Project
  – The National Centre for Domestic Violence
- Our extensive legal links allow us to offer internships and other career-enhancing opportunities to many of our students.

Leading academics and alumni
Our relationships with the profession and leading academics give you access to the best legal minds available today. We involve practitioners directly in the delivery and development of our courses and many of our academic staff remain active in the profession, ensuring that you leave us with the skills and knowledge relevant to today’s legal world.

- Our courses feature visiting lecturers from the academic, professional and business worlds
- Our alumni includes leading figures in law and international politics:
  – RT Hon Tony Blair QC PC
  – Baroness Peta Buscombe
  – Shami Chakrabarti CBE
  – Dame Linda Dobbs DBE
  – MA Jinnah
  – MA Jinnah
  – Michael Mansfield QC
  – Robert Swannell
  – Baroness Margaret Thatcher LG OM PC FRS.

Legal London
Our location, history and links with the profession mean that The City Law School really is at the very heart of legal London. Historically the birthplace of the common law, London is the home of England’s major courts and tribunals, as well as the Inns of Court, the Law Society and the Bar Standards Board.

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Your career

With you every step of the way

The City Law School is dedicated to supporting you in achieving your career goals.
Whether you want to be a solicitor, a barrister, or to use your legal training in another profession, we have the support and links to help you reach the next step in your career.

**Career & Skills Development Service**

City University London's dedicated Career & Skills Development Service provides you with specialist guidance to advance your career. Career consultants can provide individual guidance and support for interviews, mock interviews and job searching.

**Becoming a solicitor**

As the original provider of bar training, we have a long history in training the barristers of the future. We help you to make contact with chambers, arrange mini-pupillages and gain real-life legal experience. Throughout the year members of the Bar come in and talk directly to our students. Barristers visiting the School in the past year have amongst others included members of:

- 5 Essex Court
- Littleton Chambers
- 2 Temple Gardens
- 11 Stone Buildings
- 12 Kings Bench Walk
- Hardwicke Chambers
- Coram Chambers
- 9-12 Bell Yard and Garden Court Chambers
- 4 Breams Building
- Old square chambers.

**Pupillage Advisory Service**

Students studying the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) have access to dedicated careers support from our in-house Pupillage Advisory Service (PAS). Specialists can provide you with individual advice about building links with the profession, applying for mini-pupillages, completing pupillage applications, preparing for interviews (including offering mock interviews) and getting ready for pupillage.

Graduates of The City Law School have moved into employment with some of the leading national and local legal organisations. For more information on the destinations of our graduates, visit: www.city.ac.uk/law.

**Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

Our Law CPD courses are available as in-house courses as well as public courses. The courses offer a “learning through doing” approach, ensuring you will develop exceptional skills, sustainable knowledge, after your studies and during your working career. Law CPD courses will help you to:

- stay informed about current practices by drawing on our specialist trainers knowledge
- get to grips with essential subjects using professional materials and expert advice
- build on your existing skills and develop new skills and knowledge with confidence
- gain personal support from a first class trainer, including detailed one-to-one feedback
- receive exceptional training from a fully accredited provider and gain CPD hours.

**Training Contract Advisory Service**

Students studying on our Legal Practice Course (LPC) have exclusive access to our in-house Training Contract Advisory Service (TCAS). Specialist advisors help you to build links with the profession, gain additional work experience and complete training contract applications.

Throughout the year representatives from firms and in-house legal services visit the School to talk and give advice about the profession to our students.

Past visitors include representatives from the following firms:

- Allen & Overy
- DMH Stallard
- Eversheds
- Leigh Day and Co
- Macfarlanes LLP
- Olswang LLP
- Travers Smith.

**City University London Law Fair**

Each year City University London holds a Law Fair, where students can speak directly with graduate recruitment advisors and representatives from leading law firms and chambers.

**Exhibitors at the 2014 Fair included:**

- Accutrainee
- Aspiring Solicitors
- Blackstone Chambers
- Blake Morgan
- Clifford Chance
- DLA Piper UK LLP
- DWF LLP
- EY Law
- Francis Taylor Building
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
- Government Legal Service
- Landmark Chambers
- Macfarlanes
- McMillan Williams Solicitors
- Monckton Chambers
- Police Now
- The Bar Council
- Travers Smith
- Weightmans.

**Careers outside the law**

Even for those who ultimately choose not to practise, the intellectual skills and knowledge acquired while studying for a law degree will stand you in good stead in a wide range of potential careers. The skills-base and confidence gained as undergraduate or postgraduate legal students is highly valuable to a wide range of employers and law graduates are often considered to be some of the strongest candidates in many types of employment.

Alternative career paths include:

- Academic posts
- EU institutions
- Hedge funds
- Investment advisor
- Judicial assistant
- Law Commission
- Licensed conveyancing
- Local Government
- Merchant banks
- Management consultancies
- Military
- NATO
- Regulatory bodies
- Trading standards
- UN.

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Your University

Be part of the bigger picture

Students at The City Law School benefit from the education, leisure and sporting facilities available to all City University London students.
Learning environment
As part of our commitment to academic excellence, we recently carried out a multi-million pound refit of our learning spaces, library and IT infrastructure. Many of the changes were informed by our students’ comments and they now enjoy the use of the latest facilities and equipment.

At our Gray’s Inn campus there are ten digital recording rooms and a play-back suite available for your use. The lecture theatre at Gray’s Inn has a computer-based classroom management system for a fully interactive learning experience.

IT Services
Cutting edge technologies, 24 hour IT support via telephone and widely available wireless access ensure students enjoy excellent connectivity. The IT Service Centre, open during term time from 8am to 8pm and outside term time from 8am to 6pm, provides a one-stop shop of expert help and advice, whether you are configuring your device to connect to the wireless network or purchasing print credit.

We provide over 1,000 PCs, 200 Apple Macs and 57 Linux workstations, located in accessible areas around the campus, with 24 hour access for specific areas. You can find out which machines are available at any time.

The following audio visual facilities are also available for student loan at no cost: digital video cameras, microphones, tripods, data projectors and MP3 recorders.

Centre for Language Studies
Foreign language skills can give graduates the competitive edge in the job market. City’s Centre for Language Studies offers courses designed to develop your communication skills in foreign languages as well as cultural knowledge about how to live, work and be part of a culturally diverse global society. Language courses offered in 2014/15 included: Arabic, French, German, Mandarin and Spanish.

Student Centre
If you are considering applying to City, have been accepted on one of our courses or are a current student, our award-winning Student Centre is there to answer your questions. From practical help with your finances, finding somewhere to live and travelling around London, to advice about your course, medical support and just about anything else, the Student Centre can help.

Students’ Union
City University London Students’ Union (CULSU) works to improve the experience of City students:
• It provides independent advice on academic issues through the Union Support Service (USS)
• It organises events and supports student clubs and societies, such as Raising And Giving (RAG) and student media activities, so that you can play a full part in the City community and make the most of your time here
• Elected student officers represent you before the University and nationally: they ensure that your voice is heard on key student issues and lobby to make sure that you have the support you need to excel
• It supports University academic representation by training and supporting student course representatives.

To find out more about CULSU, visit: www.culsu.co.uk.

Sport at City
CitySport, our brand new sports centre, is the largest student sports facility in central London. Fitted with the latest and most sophisticated fitness equipment across 3,000m2 of floor space, CitySport provides leading-edge sport and well-being facilities for our students at competitive rates.

With 100 stations of gym equipment spread over two floors, including the latest consoles with tablet-style screens, internet access and device connectivity are available at the touch of a finger. Both gym floors are fitted with bespoke training rigs designed to allow an almost limitless choice of body weight exercises – a match for any high-end gym in London. For those who prefer group exercise, there are purpose-built studios for mind and body classes, indoor studio cycling, martial arts and student team sports.

At the heart of the centre is the Saddlers Sports Hall, an elite, Olympic-standard competition space adapted to Sport England standards and able to accommodate basketball, badminton, five-a-side football, volleyball, cricket, netball and other court sports. With bespoke seating for up to 400 spectators and separate team changing rooms, the Hall is a hub for City’s representational sports teams and social sport.

For more information on City University London, visit: www.city.ac.uk.
Integrated learning support tailored to your needs

At The City Law School we provide an integrated learning experience, balancing face-to-face learning with an interactive online learning environment.
The education team at the School is comprised of leading legal practitioners and academic staff. All students are allocated a personal tutor upon arrival who can offer one-to-one support and advice. Courses are delivered through a combination of lectures, tutorials and seminars, and this face-to-face learning is underpinned by an online environment that allows you to access lecture notes, watch podcasts and contact academic staff. This integrated approach ensures that students develop the analytical, research and self-study skills needed for future career success.

Publications

Many of the School’s academic staff have written and contributed to key texts, including:
- English Legal System, (14th), (Pearson) Elliott, C. and Quinn, F. (2013)

Library Services

Law students based at both of City’s campuses enjoy access to extensive specialist library collections. At the main University campus at Northampton Square, academic law students make use of the law library, with its wide variety of law textbooks, journals, statutes, law reports and other legal reference tools and encyclopaedias. The library at the Gray’s Inn campus houses specialist legal collections and library services dedicated to law students undertaking our LPC, BPTC and LLM courses.

Our printed collections are enhanced by a suite of online legal databases with many resource journals, law reports and legal texts available electronically for easy access off-campus.

Both libraries also have facilities to support group study and independent learning. A team of professional staff, qualified in law librarianship and trained in legal research, are available to assist you with sourcing legal materials, researching the law and answering your queries.

Lawbore

We have our own legal resource portal, Lawbore which provides you with key resources to support your study. Features include:
- Extensive content from City staff, students and alumni
- In-depth legal content and reference material
- Legal research tools
- Mooting video guides
- Online tutorials
- Student and professional forums.

For more information visit: www.lawbore.net.

Putting your skills into practice

We offer our students a range of opportunities throughout their course to apply their skills in a real-life environment by taking part in mooting competitions and participating in our extensive Pro Bono programme.

Mooting

Mooting is one of the quickest and most effective ways for students to develop the skills they need to be successful lawyers. Mooting helps you to gain important legal skills, such as research and analysis, while also developing expertise in public speaking and argument.

We run several annual mooting competitions where you can act as counsel to argue a point of law before a senior practising judge. Our students also regularly participate in a variety of external national and international mooting competitions.

Pro Bono

Pro Bono is an integral part of life at The City Law School and participation provides the chance to practise your skills in a real-life environment.

Students interview and provide written advice to a range of clients. The project is incredibly popular, with many clients making repeated use of the excellent service they receive – a testament to our dedicated staff and high-calibre students.

Over the past decade, our Pro Bono programme has grown to include an ever-increasing number of partnership programmes at local, national and international levels. We have partnerships with organisations including Amnesty International Letter Writing Clinic, the Free Representation Unit (FRU) and the London Innocence Project.

To learn more about the Pro Bono opportunities available at the School and our partnership programmes, visit: www.city.ac.uk/law/support.

City Enterprise Service

Some students have the opportunity to volunteer at the City Enterprise Service – a free walk-in centre offering assistance for small businesses and technology start-ups. The service is run by law students and supervised by local professionals and experienced start-up owners. It provides advice on a range of business and legal matters.

Mooting success

The City Law School students were winners at the Senior Moot Competition 2015, the annual Oxford University Press national mooting competition 2014/15 and the University of Hertfordshire/Blackstone National Criminal Advocacy competition 2015.
For graduates holding a qualifying degree in English law, it will take a minimum of six years to qualify as a solicitor and five years to qualify as a barrister. For graduates with a non-law degree, an additional year of training will be required to qualify with a Diploma, or two years to qualify with a full LLB (Hons).

The City Law School offers courses for students and practitioners at all stages of legal education. At an undergraduate level, our LLB (Hons) provides a foundation in key areas of law. For non-law graduates wishing to convert to the legal profession, we offer the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) or the Graduate Entry LLB (Hons).

Our Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) and Legal Practice Course (LPC) prepare graduates for careers as barristers and solicitors respectively. Graduates of these courses may convert their course into a Masters degree by undertaking a dissertation upon completion of their course.

Finally, our Masters courses and Continuing Professional Development provision allows practitioners to develop their expertise in specialist areas and enhance their career opportunities.

The City Law School is firmly committed to a generous programme of scholarships awarded on the basis of academic excellence. Our scholarships range in value and include both partial and full fee waiver awards. They are open to students across all of our programmes and both home and international students are strongly encouraged to apply. An application form and further details can be found on our website. Through our scholarships, we celebrate academic achievement and we support outstanding students who choose to study with us. While the primary consideration for the award of scholarships is academic excellence, the School fully recognises that judging past academic performance must include consideration of the wider circumstances of an applicant’s achievements. The Law School’s Scholarships Committee looks carefully at the full range of qualities possessed by each individual and it closely considers the wider context in which academic excellence has been achieved. We also believe that it is important to value the potential of applicants to make a positive contribution to the Law School, the legal professions, and the broader community when we evaluate applications. At The City Law School, scholarships are central to our ongoing commitment to excellence in legal education.
Undergraduate courses

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Law
LLB (Hons)

The LLB (Hons) lets students explore the foundations and specialist fields of law. Students develop their legal skills in mooting, research and debating and graduates satisfy the entry requirements of the professional stage of legal training.

The LLB (Hons) provides students with the essential legal and academic skills to be successful in law. The degree gives students the knowledge and skills to go on to the Legal Practice Course (LPC) or Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) and become a solicitor or barrister. The LLB (Hons) prepares students for future careers by equipping them with a wide range of essential transferable skills.

Graduates leave confident in their abilities and equipped with the skills demanded by today’s employers.

Course content
In years one and two, students study the core legal subjects, common to all undergraduate law degrees:
- Constitutional and administrative law
- Contract law
- Criminal law
- Employability and the Graduate Market
- English Legal System
- Equity and trusts
- EU law
- Land law
- Legal Method
- Tort law.

Year three:
In their final year, students can choose from a wide range of elective subjects that allow them to study in a specialised field and gain important professional skills for their future career. The range of elective subjects offered, which is subject to availability and demand, includes several electives rarely offered at undergraduate level:
- Aviation law and regulation
- Banking law
- Canadian constitutional law
- Canadian corporate law
- Commercial and agency law

- Commercial property law
- Company law
- Competition law
- Constitutional law of the USA
- Criminal justice
- Employment law
- Family and child law
- Forensic science
- Human rights law
- Immigration law
- Intellectual property law
- International commercial arbitration
- International criminal law
- International economic law
- Islamic law
- Justice, law and history
- Law of evidence
- Legal ethics and professional responsibility
- Legal skills
- Maritime law
- Media law
- Public international law.

For a complete list of elective subjects offered, please visit www.city.ac.uk/law/llb.

How to apply
Applications open in September 2015 and must be submitted by January 2016. Late applicants run the risk that the course may be full after the initial offers have been made. All applications must be received through the UCAS applications system: visit www.ucas.com or www.city.ac.uk/law/llb for more information.

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The City Law School Graduate courses

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First developed in 1977, our nationally renowned Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) was one of the first of the Common Professional Examination courses for non-law graduates wishing to pursue a career in law.

**Duration**

- **Full-time:** one year.

**Entry requirements**

Applicants should hold a lower second class honours degree in any subject or the equivalent from an international institution.

Applications for the course must be made to the Central Applications Board. For more information, visit [www.lawcabs.ac.uk](http://www.lawcabs.ac.uk).

**English language requirements**

IELTS: 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in writing and 6.0 in all other components.

**International applicants**

The rules governing admission to practise law vary from country to country. Before applying, students wishing to take the GDL as a step towards becoming a lawyer outside England and Wales are strongly advised to check with the appropriate body in the country in which they wish to qualify and practise that the Diploma is acceptable for this purpose.

**Course content**

GDL candidates study the seven core foundation subjects that would normally be covered during a qualifying law degree. The academic programme and examinations are largely at first degree level with some postgraduate elements and involve material that is normally studied by undergraduates over at least 18 months. The course is delivered by The City Law School’s own lecturers and by visiting lecturers from other prestigious universities.

The foundation subjects are:
- Contract law
- Crime
- Equity and trusts
- European Union law
- Land law
- Public law
- Tort law.

In addition to the foundation subjects, students take another academic law subject unique to City: Introduction to legal ethics. This subject directs students’ attention towards the ethical challenges which lawyers might face in practice and to the values which characterise the profession.

Students have the option to convert their GDL to an LLB degree by taking further law modules.

**Career opportunities**

Successful completion of the GDL qualifies students to progress onto one of the two professional courses that all UK lawyers are required to take: the Legal Practice Course (LPC) for solicitors and the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) for barristers.

**Other courses you may like**

- Legal Practice Course
- Bar Professional Training Course

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Graduate courses

Graduate Entry

LLB (Hons)

The Graduate Entry LLB (Hons) allows non-law graduates to achieve an LLB degree in just two years rather than the usual three.

Students have the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge in the core legal subjects and learn about specialist areas of law. Students have the additional option of participating in mooting competitions to further strengthen their legal and debating skills.

Course content

In year one, Graduate Entry LLB (Hons) candidates study four of the seven core foundation subjects that are usually covered in an undergraduate law degree. In year two, students take the remaining three core subjects and have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of particular areas of law by choosing three elective subjects.

Year one:
- Constitutional and administrative law
- Contract law
- Criminal law
- English legal system
- Tort law.

Year two:
- Equity and trusts
- European Union law
- Land law.

Elective modules include:
- Aviation law
- Banking law
- Canadian constitutional law
- Canadian corporate law
- Commercial property law
- Company law
- Competition law
- Criminal justice
- Employment law
- Evidence
- EU law and the global legal order
- Family and child law
- Forensic science
- Government, law and democracy
- Human rights law
- Immigration law
- Intellectual property law
- International commercial arbitration
- International economic law
- Islamic law
- Justice, law and history
- Legal ethics and professional responsibility
- Maritime law
- Media law
- Public international law
- US constitutional law.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this course are qualified to progress to one of the two professional legal skills courses that students wishing to practise in England and Wales are required to take: the LPC or the BPTC. Graduates of the Graduate Entry LLB (Hons) from The City Law School are guaranteed a place on the School’s LPC course (subject to meeting entry requirements) and are strongly encouraged to apply for the School’s BPTC (please note that the Bar Standards Board does not allow providers to guarantee places on the BPTC).
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Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)

Our well-established and world-renowned Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) is designed to meet every demand of the modern Bar.

The course provides students with case analysis, advisory and courtroom skills that can be applied at the Bar and in a wide range of professional and commercial careers.

To give students the best possible chance of entering the Bar, we offer a specialised Pupillage Advisory Service. The Service provides students with advice about their cvs and information on the various chambers. It also offers mock interviews.

Course content
The BPTC consists of several core subjects and options developed to deliver the relevant legal skills and knowledge all newly qualified barristers need, along with the detailed knowledge required for chosen specialist areas and subjects. There is an emphasis on skills-based training and advocacy.

Core subjects include:
• Alternative dispute resolution
• Case preparation and analysis
• Civil advocacy
• Civil litigation, civil evidence and remedies
• Conference skills
• Criminal advocacy
• Criminal litigation, sentencing and criminal evidence
• Drafting skills
• Legal research
• Opinion writing skills
• Professional ethics.

Option subjects include:
• Advanced criminal litigation
• Commercial law
• Company law
• Employment law
• Family law
• Fraud and economic crime
• Landlord & tenant
• Professional negligence
• ‘Clinical’ options:
  – FRU Employment
  – FRU Social security
  – Domestic violence.

BPTC graduates may choose to convert their qualification to an LLM by completing a dissertation.

Accreditation
This course is accredited by the Bar Standards Board.

Career opportunities
On successful completion of the course, students receive the City University London Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Skills, which is required in order to be called to the Bar and to take the first steps into practice.

For students interested in alternative careers, expert advice is available from personal tutors and the University’s Careers Service. The Service can provide support for applications, organise mock interviews and give advice on job searching techniques.

Duration
| Full-time: one year. |
| Part-time: two years. |

Entry requirements
Applicants should have completed the academic stage of training, which consists of either a qualifying law degree or non-law degree followed by a law conversion course such as the Graduate Diploma in Law or the Graduate Entry LLB.

Additional requirements laid down by the professional regulator are:
• Lower second class honours degree
• Online application for the BPTC by the first week in January
• Passing the Bar Course Aptitude Test (BCAT)
• Applying for membership of one of the four Inns of Court by 31st May
• Fluency in English at a minimum of 7.5 in each category of the IELTS test (or equivalent).

While the minimum entry requirement is a lower second class honours degree, applicants to The City Law School generally hold at least an upper second class honours degree.

Online applications are made at www.barsas.com with a closing date in early January 2016. Further details about the BCAT and the English language requirement can be found at www.barstandardsboard.org.uk.

The four Inns of Court have well-established scholarship schemes, with closing dates on the first Friday in November.

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Our Legal Practice Course (LPC) is designed to ensure that students are fully prepared to meet the demands of the modern legal profession.

Offered in the heart of legal London at our campus in Gray’s Inn, the City LPC helps students to master the essential skills and knowledge needed to be a successful solicitor. Students can also take advantage of individualised careers advice, which is specially designed to support the process of obtaining a training contract.

On successful completion of the course, students are awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice. As our LPC is delivered at Masters level, students have the option to convert their final award into an LLM in Legal Practice by writing a dissertation.

Course content
Developed in consultation with practitioners, our LPC gives students the key skills and knowledge needed to become a trainee solicitor.

The course is delivered by experienced legal practitioners who are also trained educators. There is a strong emphasis on contact with tutors. All sessions are face-to-face with skills being taught in groups of no more than eight. There is also a full range of online materials including recordings of all of the lectures.

In addition to the core subjects, students choose three electives from the following:
- Advanced civil litigation
- Commercial dispute resolution
- Commercial law and practice
- Employment law and practice
- Equity finance
- Family law and practice
- Media law and practice
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Private clients.

Accreditation
This course is accredited by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Career opportunities
Both the course and careers teams are dedicated to assisting students in reaching their professional goals. There is a range of support services for those who are in the process of applying for training contracts or considering alternative careers, including the Training Contracts Advisory Service and the Careers Service.

Several extra-curricular opportunities are offered to enhance students’ cv and job prospects. These include involvement in external competitions, mentoring by practitioners, a wide range of pro bono work and commercial awareness seminars.

Duration
Full-time: one year.

Entry requirements
Students must have completed the academic stage of training, which consists either of a qualifying law degree or a non-law degree followed by a law conversion course such as the Graduate Diploma in Law or Graduate Entry LLB.

In both cases a lower second class honours degree is required.

Applications must be made through the Central Applications Board at www.lawcabs.ac.uk.

Students who have previously completed the BPTC/BVC within five years of starting the LPC may be eligible for Accreditation of Prior Learning for some modules.

Entry requirements
IELTS: 7.0

Other courses you may like
Bar Professional Training Course
LLM and specialist LLMs
International Business Law LLM

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## Taught Masters

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The LLM at The City Law School is a flexible Masters programme which enables students to develop a critical understanding of specialist or linked areas of the law through a combination of in-depth scholarship, practitioner contact and real-world insights.

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Students benefit from learning in small groups led by experienced academic staff who are leaders in their fields. Each year, the School also welcomes distinguished professionals, judges and government officials through its guest lecture programme, underlining the emphasis placed on the applicability of the LLM to developments in the legal profession. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the School’s extensive pro bono activities.

Scholarships are available to exceptional candidates.

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Modules for each of the specialist LLMs include those listed below.

Please note that module availability is subject to change: for up-to-date information, please visit our website or contact us using the email address and telephone numbers provided.
LLM in Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Civil dispute resolution options: strategy, risk and costs
- Civil litigation: process and tactics in preparing for trial
- EU litigation
- International commercial arbitration
- International dispute settlement
- Mediation and negotiation.

LLM in Criminal Litigation
- Advocacy in the criminal trial
- Advocacy: trial stories
- Criminal trials: evidence and proof
- Ethics for the legal practitioner
- Forensic psychology for the criminal practitioner
- International criminal law: crimes, courts and trials
- Sentencing: theory and practice
- The process of the criminal courts.

LLM in Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Civil dispute resolution options: strategy, risk and costs
- Civil litigation: process and tactics in preparing for trial
- EU litigation
- International commercial arbitration
- International dispute settlement
- Mediation and negotiation.

LLM in European Commercial Law
- EU banking law
- EU litigation
- EU tax law
- European business regulation I: foundations, goods, workers and citizenship
- European business regulation II: establishment, services, capital and harmonisation
- European intellectual property law
- Substantive EU competition law.

LLM in European Union Law
- EU litigation
- European business regulation I: foundations, goods, workers and citizenship
- European business regulation II: establishment, services, capital and harmonisation
- European integration: law, politics and institutions
- Human rights in the EU
- Substantive EU competition law.

LLM in International Banking and Finance
- EU banking law
- EU tax law
- International banking law
- International corporate finance law
- International investment law
- International tax law
- Money laundering
- Project finance.

LLM in International Commercial Law
- Admiralty law
- Carriage of goods by sea
- Comparative antitrust law
- Energy law
- Energy, environment and security
- EU banking law
- EU litigation
- EU tax law
- European business regulation I: foundations, goods, workers and citizenship
- European business regulation II: establishment, services, capital and harmonisation
- International banking law
- International commercial arbitration
- International corporate finance
- International energy litigation
- International insurance law
- International investment law
- International tax law
- Law of international organisations
- Marine insurance
- Project finance and law
- Substantive EU competition law
- World trade law.
LLM in International Economic Law
• Comparative antitrust law
• Energy law
• EU tax law
• European business regulation I: foundations, goods, workers and citizenship
• European business regulation II: establishment, services, capital and harmonisation
• International investment law
• International law and the global economy
• International tax law
• World trade law.

LLM in International Energy Law and Regulation
• Energy law
• Energy, environment and security
• International energy litigation
• Public international law.

LLM in International Human Rights
• International criminal law: crimes, courts and trials
• International human rights in law and practice
• International law and the global economy
• International law and the use of force
• Law and war
• Minorities and indigenous peoples in international law
• Public international law.

LLM in Maritime Law
• Admiralty law
• Carriage of goods by sea
• International commercial arbitration
• International law of the sea
• Law of international trade
• Marine insurance
• World trade law.

LLM in Professional Advocacy
• Advocacy in the criminal trial
• Advocacy: trial stories
• Civil litigation: process and tactics in trial preparation
• Ethics for the legal practitioner
• Mediation and negotiation.

LLM in Public International Law
• International criminal law: crimes, courts and trials
• International dispute settlement
• International human rights in law and practice
• International law and the global economy
• International law of the sea
• International investment law
• International responsibility of states and international organisations
• Law and war
• Law of international organisations
• Law of treaties
• Minorities and indigenous peoples in international law
• Public international law
• World trade law.

Career opportunities
In a highly competitive job market, the LLM provides students with a solid platform for establishing a successful career in general or specialist legal practice, business, finance, government, international organisations, NGOs, journalism, politics, education and research, among other professions.

By the end of the course, students have acquired advanced knowledge in key areas of law and transferable skills essential to understanding and succeeding in the world of legal work and professional practice.
Delivered via distance learning, the LLM in International Business Law is designed to help students develop their knowledge of the legal rules which impact international business today.

This degree provides students with specialist knowledge of key areas of law relevant to international business. The course enhances professional skills and the ability to locate, interpret, analyse and criticise the laws, rules, policies and practices that are essential to the functioning of international business.

Students have the freedom to study in their own working environment and at their individual pace. Technology-enhanced learning environments support the student experience and students also have access to the University’s extensive range of legal databases, including e-journals and e-books.

Applicants to the course are likely to be recent graduates seeking to improve career prospects in international business and law, or professionals working in international business, finance or international business law seeking to develop their expertise.

Course content
The course equips students with transferable legal and research skills to enhance their career prospects as international business professionals and legal practitioners. The course covers all aspects of international business law including:

- International banking/finance law
- International business transactions
- International commercial arbitration
- International corporate law
- International energy law
- Intellectual property law
- International sales law
- International transport and trade
- IT and e-commerce law.

Modules offered include:

- Foundations of law in international business (core)
- International corporation law
- Dispute resolution in international commerce
- E-commerce law
- Law of international trade
- Regulation of information technology and intellectual property
- Legal aspects of international finance
- International investment law
- Dissertation (core: 10,000 words).

Though the course is structured around self-directed study, there is an emphasis on interactive engagement. Learning activities use discussion forums and chat rooms to help students discuss and extend learning while working collaboratively. Each module is facilitated by an e-tutor who offers technical and academic support, helping students learn from course material, assignments and wider literature. Distance learning students receive virtual tutorials and are able to contact academic staff by email, discussion board, webcam or telephone.

Career opportunities
Students graduate from this LLM with specialist knowledge in key areas of law from an international business perspective and transferable skills essential to understanding and succeeding in the world of international business law.

Duration
Part-time: distance learning.
Minimum: 15 months. Maximum: five years. Three intakes per year: September, January and May.

Entry requirements
Applicants should normally hold a lower second class honours degree or the equivalent (or better) from a recognised international institution. Applicants who have graduated with an undergraduate degree in a subject other than law are encouraged to apply.

Applicants who hold a relevant professional qualification and/or extensive relevant professional experience will also be considered.

English language requirements
IELTS: 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in each category.

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Students who undertake the Legal Practice Course (LPC) at The City Law School can convert their LPC into an LLM in Legal Practice.

Our LPC is delivered at Masters level, so students can gain an LLM by completing a dissertation after their LPC. The primary focus of this LLM is professional legal practice.

Course content
Students are asked to make a written proposal for their dissertation. This is an opportunity to undertake research in an area of their choice, which relates to legal practice, procedure or skills. The choice of topics is therefore wide. Examples include:

- A critical consideration of an aspect of practice in a specialist area, such as the use of alternative dispute resolution options in commercial cases
- An analysis of how a particular skill is developed and applied in legal practice, such as techniques in questioning a client or a witness
- A topic linked to work experience or pro bono.

To complete the dissertation, students work independently with supervision from a member of staff.

Career opportunities
The course has been developed to enhance the employability of its graduates. Students who have a training contract can use the dissertation to demonstrate commitment to an area of practice. Students seeking a training contract or pursuing an alternative legal career can use the qualification to strengthen their cv.
Bring justice to victims

Dinah Rose QC studied Law at City University London. Voted barrister of the year in 2009, she battles against injustice and protects those who cannot fight for their rights.

Dinah has appeared in many high-profile human rights cases, including that of extraordinary rendition victim Binyam Mohamed.

She challenged the Attorney General’s decision to drop an investigation into alleged bribery at arms company BAE Systems and helped Julian Assange fight his extradition from the United Kingdom to Sweden.

We recognise that our law students are people with individual needs and offer many services to support you and your study.

We support our students during their time studying at The City Law School and beyond. On coming to the school, you will be assigned a personal tutor who will monitor your progress throughout the course. Our Course Administrators provide a one-stop-shop for all of your queries about the course or for advice on other issues, like finance.

City University London Alumni Network

When you embark on a course at City you begin a lifelong association with the University. On the day you graduate you automatically become a member of the City University London Alumni Network, which is made up of over 100,000 former City students. Our alumni live and work in more than 100 countries worldwide and many of them are now leaders in their fields.

Membership of the Alumni Network is free and includes access to:

- Career and employment services for up to three years after graduation
- News: keep up to date with the latest news from your School with our annual magazine and bi-monthly e-bulletin
- Events: receive invitations to events which give you the opportunity to socialise, network and hear from a range of expert and high profile speakers
- International alumni groups: if you leave the UK after your studies, the group in your home country will offer opportunities to meet up and network with other City alumni
- Discounts: take advantage of a wide range of free and heavily discounted benefits and services exclusive to City alumni. This includes continued access to the library and 10% student loyalty discount if you study another course at City University London
- Social networking: join our large, active alumni groups on all three of the main social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn)
Student testimonials

Read about the experiences of former law students.

Alex Flather
Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) – Class of 2014

Having secured a training contract with a law firm, Alex chose the GDL at City to convert his non-law degree into a law degree.

“City University London has a reputation in the field for a demanding GDL which encourages students beyond their competitors. Practitioners I had talked to had all recommended City as more rigorous and giving a more thorough legal education than other providers, and as I had the choice, I chose The City Law School.”

Alex was a GDL student representative during his time at The City Law School and was chosen to be the Student Speaker at the 2015 graduation ceremony for The City Law School.

Fabrizio Garcia Bacigalupo
Master of Laws (LLM) – Class of 2014

After completing a LLM in Maritime Law at The City Law School, Fabrizio is now a Partner at his own law firm in his native country Ecuador.

“I chose City for its international reputation, for its outstanding alumni and due to the fact that it is located in the heart of legal London, where everything happens. Furthermore, I chose it because it is one of the few universities across the UK and the world offering a high quality master’s course in Maritime Law, facilitated by prominent professors specialised in the subject.”

Fabrizio is a partner at Garcia & Asociados - Attorneys at law, which specialises in Maritime Law, Customs and Port litigation.

Niresha Umaichelvam
Legal Practice Course (LPC) – Class of 2015

“I chose to do my LPC at City as I did my LLB there too, and wanted to stay on for my LPC. What I really liked is that it is taught at the Gray’s Inn Place Campus, which is in the heart of legal London, so the whole setting of the campus is very inspirational.”

“I was also really keen to stay on at City because some of the lecturers who taught on the LPC also taught me in the third year of my undergraduate LLB, on the Legal Skills elective, and I found them to be some of the friendliest and most helpful lecturers I have ever had.”

Niresha has plans to become a human rights solicitor and to one day become a legal advisor for a NGO.

Natalie Bird
Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) – Class of 2015

“Working with pro bono allowed me to use the drafting skills that I learnt on the BPTC, with real-life clients as opposed to hypothetical cases. I would recommend that you sign up for as many projects as you are interested in, to reaffirm what you learn studying the BPTC and to help prepare you for actually working with clients once you qualify.”
Masters courses

Maritime Law (Greece)
LLM

Our LLM in Maritime Law is an academically demanding and satisfying course for anyone working in shipping law.

The course is designed to give students a detailed understanding of maritime law, building upon their existing knowledge and enhancing their career prospects.

Taught in Athens, the course gives students the unique opportunity to undertake an equivalent programme to the specialist Maritime Law LLM programme offered in London. Students graduate alongside our UK LLM students.

Course content
Students explore key areas of maritime law and issues relating to shipping.

Modules include:
- Admiralty law
- Carriage of goods by sea
- International trade law
- Marine insurance.

The course is delivered in English by experienced British academics, legal practitioners and occasional specialist lecturers of other nationalities. Each module is provided in three eight-hour weekend blocks usually over a Friday and Saturday afternoon, allowing students to fit their study around professional and personal commitments.

Career opportunities
The LLM in Maritime Law provides students with a sound basis for developing a career in shipping and maritime law; whether with a national or international firm or in-house.

Duration
Full-time: one year.
Part-time: two years.

Entry requirements
Applicants should normally hold an upper second class honours degree in law or the equivalent from an international institution. However, credit is given for relevant work experience, for example in the shipping professions in roles such as ship’s officers, shipbrokers and claims handlers.

English language requirements
IELTS: 7.0.

Other courses you may like
LLM and specialist LLMs
International Business Law LLM

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Students undertaking the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) at The City Law School can convert their BPTC into an LLM in Professional Legal Skills.

Our BPTC is delivered at Masters level, so students can gain an LLM by completing a dissertation after their BPTC. This LLM satisfies all the requirements of a traditional LLM, with a unique primary focus on practice. This LLM gives students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of legal professional practice through research on an area of particular interest to them.

Course content
Students are asked to make a written proposal for the dissertation, which should be based on an area of legal practice, procedure or skill. The choice is wide but could include:

• An in-depth examination of a particular area of procedure, such as financing litigation or using interim applications strategically
• A critical consideration of an aspect of practice in a specialist area, such as the use of alternative dispute resolution options in commercial cases
• Socio-legal studies/legal theory
• A topic linked to their work experience or pro bono.

To complete the dissertation, students work independently with supervision from a member of staff.

Career opportunities
The course has been developed to enhance the employability of its graduates. Students who have a pupillage can use work on their dissertation to show their commitment to an area of practice. Students seeking pupillage or going into other areas of legal work can use the qualification and the dissertation to strengthen their cv.

Duration
Full-time or part-time: one year.

Entry requirements
Applicants must have registered to take the BPTC at The City Law School within the last five years. It is not possible to apply for the LLM conversion before registering for the BPTC, but we provide places for all students who make dissertation proposals of sufficient quality.

There are two application rounds each year, one between October and December and another in February.

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MPhil/PhD

An MPhil/PhD allows an individual to stand out as a thought-leader in his or her area of expertise in both academia and practice.

Duration

- **MPhil full-time**: one year minimum, three years maximum.
- **PhD full-time**: two years minimum, four years maximum.
- **MPhil part-time**: two years minimum, five years maximum.
- **PhD part-time**: three years minimum, seven years maximum.

Entry requirements

Applicants should contact the School before making an application to find out if they meet our entry requirements and to check that we are able to support the proposed research.

Applicants should have a track record of high academic achievement, demonstrated by an LLB degree with an upper second class honours classification (or international equivalent) and a Masters degree in Law or a related discipline with a merit or equivalent. Applicants are expected to demonstrate a suitable aptitude to undertake a course of independent research.

English language requirements

IELTS: 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in the reading and writing components.

Course content

All students are initially registered for the MPhil degree. Students who wish to proceed to a PhD must upgrade within 18 months (30 months for part-time students). Students are assigned two supervisors to support them throughout their research, with one of these supervisors taking primary responsibility for their progress. The award of an MPhil or a PhD requires the submission of a thesis for examination at a *viva voce* (oral examination) by two examiners, at least one of whom is external to the University. A PhD thesis (up to 100,000 words) must be an original and substantial piece of work which makes a contribution to the relevant literature. An MPhil thesis (up to 50,000 words) must be an original work or a critical exposition of existing knowledge.

At The City Law School we offer research opportunities in a wide range of areas in a supportive and vibrant environment. We specialise in the following research clusters:

- Commercial and corporate law
- Criminal law/criminal justice
- European law
- Human rights
- Intellectual property and information technology
- Legal professions/professional practice
- Maritime law & transport
- Public international law
- Public law
- Socio-legal studies
- Trade and competition law.

We are committed to the provision of high-quality graduate education and provide a stimulating research environment in which to study. The School runs a Training Programme for MPhil/PhD students focused on research skills and methodologies. Research students also have the opportunity to present their work in progress at weekly seminars and the annual School Postgraduate Forum. The School also seeks to produce PhD graduates with strong employability skills. The Training Programme therefore gives students the opportunity to acquire both core research expertise and a range of transferable skills.

Career opportunities

An MPhil/PhD can help students to pursue a range of career options. It shows employers that a student has been independently motivated to gain a prestigious and demanding qualification and expertise in a specific area of law.

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Visit www.city.ac.uk/events to register your interest.

### Reaching City from within London

The nearest Underground stations are Angel on the Northern line (Bank branch) and Barbican and Farringdon on the Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith & City lines.

Bus routes that pass close to City include the following: 4, 19, 30, 38, 43, 55, 56, 63, 73, 153, 205, 214, 243, 274, 341, 394, 476.

Secure parking for bicycles is available on campus.

Parking in central London is limited and can be expensive. There is metered parking available on the roads surrounding Northampton Square and the nearest National Car Park is on Pear Tree Street. Please also note that almost all of City’s sites are within the congestion charging zone and drivers are liable to a daily charge.

### Reaching City from outside London

- Coach and train terminals in London link with Underground and bus networks
- Rail services connect Gatwick and Luton airports with Farringdon station
- The Heathrow Express train service connects Heathrow Airport with Paddington station
- The Docklands Light Railway (DLR) connects London City Airport with Bank station
- The Stansted Express train service connects Stansted Airport with Liverpool Street station.

To plan your journey to City, visit our website at www.city.ac.uk/visit.

The Transport for London website also provides up-to-date information on public transport: www.tfl.gov.uk.

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