Bar Vocational Studies (BVS) online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our BVS 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.

Hello welcome to the Bar Vocational Studies online Chat session. We welcome any questions you have.

Do you offer accommodation to bptc students

Hello we do have accommodation options across all Postgraduate programmes, but not just specific to the BVS.

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The University has a range of accommodation, including some specifically for post-graduate students and for which our BVS students may apply once they have accepted their offer of a place. More information can be found on the University’s website: [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/living-in-london/accommodation](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/living-in-london/accommodation)

Accommodation

Find out about accommodation options and halls of residence for students at City, University of London.

Hi what’s the minimum requirement after LLB and is there need based scholarship available?

We are primarily looking for students with or on track for a 2:1, however students with a 2:2 will be fully considered.
**The City Law School Bar Vocational Studies Scholarship**

An award of £3000 given to postgraduate and professional programme students who exceed our entry requirements.

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Hello. Thank you. I have a place offered for the part-time BVS course. Will there be an opportunity to visit City Law School please?

Hello, yes you can visit the Law School at our next Postgraduate Open Evening, however from September you will be based in the new Law School Building, which isn’t open as yet so you won’t be able to see that as yet.

Hello, I’m Lisa Laurenti, BPTC Deputy Course Director. Welcome everyone.

when will exams be held and how are they assessed?

Hi, the assessments are spread across the duration of the programme you wish to undertake rather than happening exclusively at the end unlike traditional academic programmes. The nature of the assessment will vary depending on the subject module, there will be both unseen and unseen exams at an exam hall, others will be take home, some will involve live skills performances.

Hi, would like to ask how different will the new course structure be from the traditional BPTC?

Hi, there will be three different options available: Full time, part time and a two part option - https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/law/courses/professional/bar-training

**Bar Training at City**

Designed for aspiring barristers, City’s Bar Vocational Studies Course programme is for those individuals dedicated to a professional legal career as well as people seeking a career change.
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The full and part-time course also have 3 options: (1) PGDip Bar Vocational Studies - allowing Call to the Bar, (2) PGDip with Specialism, which allows for additional study in 2 areas relevant to your practice interests and (3) LLM in Bar Vocational Studies (with Specialism) in respect of which you also undertake a dissertation.

The part 1 online of the BVC is its scheduled sessions that have compulsory attendance.

Hello - as Part 1 is online, you can study at your own pace, to fit in with your other commitments. [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies-two-part/2020/](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies-two-part/2020/)

**Bar Vocational Studies (Two-part) 2020**

The City Law School has created a two-part course to allow you greater flexibility in the way you qualify for Call to the Bar of England and Wales.

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Hello

Hello welcome

Hi, where exactly would the new law school be in September? This is so that I could find the nearest/most accessible accommodation to the law school

Hello, the new law school will be based on Sebastian Street which is more or less next to our main university campus in Northampton Square

Thank you. That sounds exciting.

Many thanks.

When will the scholarship applications for BVS be open?
They are open now, but you must hold an offer from us first in order to apply - https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries?level=postgraduate&school=%22The%20City%20Law%20School%22

**Scholarships and bursaries**

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

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My immediate concern is that I am not yet a member of an Inn. I am visiting Middle Temple this week. I have not heard back from Gray's. Is there any advice you could give please?

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Hi you still have time to sort out your Inn membership. Applications for a place do not need this, so long as you are a member of an Inn approximately 1 month before you join the programme.

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Can you please explain the new course structure?

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Hello Which option in particular are you interested in? Full time, part time or the two part option?

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There are three learning options available: Full time, part time and two part option, which is a mix of online learning and classroom based learning.

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And which is the nearest postgrad city accommodation to the new bar school?

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iQ City will probably be the closest - https://www.city.ac.uk/accommodation/postgraduate

**Postgraduate accommodation**

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

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hi good morning kindly shed some light on two part bptc
The two part option is for those who want to complete the vocational stage of training in the shortest time possible. So Part 1 is based online so you have the flexibility to study when you can. Part 2 will be classroom based - https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/bar-vocational-studies-two-part/2020/

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Many thanks!

Thanks! Also, how big/small are the classes usually conducted in? Is it in seminar/tutorial sizes or lecture style?

Hi classes will mostly be seminars/tutorials comprising 6 or 12 students. There will also be some workshops of 24 students. We will have a few lecture style sessions but these will be used more for other aspects such as assessment preparation, dissertation preparation etc

Hello, The two part BVS online part 1, Would it require compulsory online attendance at scheduled times?

Hello You must be available for registration on a specific day and there will be some induction activities taking place at that point which you need to be available to undertake. Otherwise, the rest of the activities can be undertaken at your own pace.

When will class be starting?

Hello. The full-time course is provisionally scheduled to begin on 7 September 2020.

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The next intake for Part One is provisionally scheduled to begin on 27 July 2020.

Is it possible to convert a PG Dip BVS with specialism to an LLM half way through the course or not?

Hi you can ask to move to the LLM programme up to the date of registration if you are a home or EU student. If you are an international student, the last date to switch is when CAS is issued.
what is the difference between the full time and two part option?

Hi  
the only difference is the duration of the programme.

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The full time option is classroom based and runs through the academic year. The two part option gives you the flexibility to gain the qualification in two stages. The first stage is based online and the second stage in a classroom setting.

On completion of the two part BVS, if I would like to specialize in family law, do I have the option of doing a specialist module?

Hi  
The 2-part course is a self-contained programme and so you can not undertake additional modules.

Thank you

Thank you

How long does it usually take for an offer to be sent out upon submission of application? Haven't heard back in around 3 weeks, not sure if I should send a follow up email to make sure the application has gone through

Hi, we'd expect to process applications within 1-2 weeks of receiving both of your references in support of the application. Please feel free to contact our Admissions Officer, Sean Carrigan, to check on the status of your application, and in particular whether we are waiting for 1 or both of the references. sean.carrigan.1@city.ac.uk

There are 10 minutes left of this chat session. Please ask any further questions you have now.

Does it mean therefore that I would have to apply to do an LLM to gain specialisation?

Hi, you have 2 pathways to choose from: the PGDip with Specialism, which allows for additional study in 2 areas relevant to your practice interests and the LLM in Bar Vocational Studies (with Specialism) in respect of which you also undertake a dissertation. Both of these pathways can be undertaken as a full-time or part-time student.

I've been advised to take a big holiday before the course begins, would you advise the same?

Doing something this summer that will mean you are well rested but energised is probably good advice
This session has now ended. Thank you so much for joining us today. If you have any further questions, please email law@city.ac.uk

Oh dear, thanks for that! Will follow up from there.

Thank you

Thank you!