Many students select law with a view to a legal career, or employment in a related area. Others see it as an opportunity to learn about fundamental aspects of our society. Our course offers excellent analytical training. The academic study of law involves the ability to understand and apply legal concepts, principles and rules; to assimilate, sift and organise large quantities of data; and to offer reasoned, constructive criticisms of the law from a reforming standpoint.

Set in the iconic surroundings of the Wills Memorial Building, the University of Bristol Law School is one of the largest and most successful in the UK. The school has over 50 academic staff, many of whom are acknowledged leaders in their fields. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, the Law School was ranked fifth in the country on the ‘research intensity’ measure. We have expertise and influence in all areas of law and policy.

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Courses

Single Honours

LLB Law
three years M100

LLB Law with Study Abroad*
four years

LLB Law with Study in Continental Europe*
four years

Joint Honours

LLB Law and French
four years MR11

LLB Law and German
four years MR12

LLB Law and Spanish
four years MR13

*Entry by transfer from M100 at the end of the first year.

Why study law at Bristol?

Our students are much sought-after by employers. We have successful mooting and debating competitions which enable students to develop their key legal skills and interact with legal practitioners. Other important features of life within the Law School include the Law Clinic and the Human Rights Law Clinic.

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The Law School is a centre for intellectually demanding, research-informed legal education. We aim to produce well-rounded, enquiring graduates with a rich, ethically grounded appreciation of law in business and society. Our degrees are accredited by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority. This means that students are exempt from the academic stage of professional legal training in the UK.

We are committed to the personal and professional development of our students, with small-group teaching throughout. Teaching takes the form of lectures, seminars and/or tutorials. You will have ten to fifteen hours per week of timetabled study. Most of your day will be spent in private study, preparing for tutorials. Assessment is based on a mixture of examinations and coursework.

The undergraduate Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree takes three years. The curriculum incorporates all the core compulsory subjects required by the legal profession, such as criminal, land and tort law. There is also a wide variety of optional units to choose from. Because we believe in research-led teaching, these optional units reflect the wide variety of work and different approaches to legal research conducted in the school (including doctrinal, socio-legal/interdisciplinary and theoretical research). In the final year, our students complete a 5,000-word research project on a legal topic of their choice.

At the end of the first year of study for the LLB Law, you can apply to transfer to the LLB Law with Study in Continental Europe or the LLB Law with Study Abroad. Selection is based on first-year performance and, where applicable, language proficiency. If you are accepted for transfer you will continue with the LLB course but spend your third year taking law units at one of the University’s overseas partner institutions, before returning to Bristol for a fourth year. Some places are available at European universities where classes are taught in English.

At present, the Law School has established student exchanges with universities in Belgium (Antwerp), Denmark (Aarhus), Finland (Helsinki), France (Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris, Poitiers and Tours), Germany (Göttingen and Würzburg), Hungary (Budapest), Italy (Bologna and Siena), the Netherlands (Groningen), Spain (Granada and Valencia) – also Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombia and Australia.

Our Joint Honours degrees are four-year courses designed to give you training in the core English legal subjects, and knowledge of the legal system, language and culture of another European country. The third year of the course is spent studying French, German or Spanish law at a university in France, Germany or Spain. During the three years in Bristol, students devote approximately 60 per cent of their studies to law and 40 per cent to French, German or Spanish, studying alongside modern languages students.

‘Law is a tough but really interesting course that will allow you to go on and work in almost any industry. Employers will appreciate the academic rigour of the course and studying it here at Bristol is a great experience.’

Sam Unsworth (LLB Law)
Our graduates are highly sought after in the employment market. Most enter legal practice, with many securing training contracts with City solicitors firms and pupillages at barristers chambers, as well as in key provincial centres such as Bristol. Our courses are also an excellent foundation for working in a variety of other sectors including business, the civil service and the media.

Many top law firms regularly give presentations at the University and attend the two-day Law Fair held every autumn. Support and sponsorship from leading law firms for Law School prizes and societies such as University of Bristol Law Club, mooting, Law Clinic and Student Law Conference, to name but a few, provide valuable bridges into the profession and potential training contracts.

Before applying to study law it is a good idea to visit courts, undertake a work placement with a practising lawyer, talk to lawyers and read introduction to law books to get a better sense of what the study and practice of law entails. You will also have to sit the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT), a test which must be taken by all candidates applying to an undergraduate law course at participating institutions, including the University of Bristol. The test is designed to provide an assessment of a candidate’s potential for law degree courses. You can find more information about the LNAT and how it is used in the admissions process on the following websites:

- bristol.ac.uk/law/ugdegrees/ugadmissions
- www.lnat.ac.uk

**Making your application**

*Typical offer for LLB Law*

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug18-law for Joint Honours and other qualifications.

- **A-levels** AAA or A*AB (contextual AAB†). LNAT required.
- **IB Diploma** 36 points overall (contextual 34†) to include 18 points at Higher Level (contextual 17†). LNAT required.
- **English Language Profile** B††
- **GCSEs** No specific subjects required.

A-level and IB offers are under consideration at the time of printing; please check bristol.ac.uk/ug18-law for the latest information.

†For information on contextual offers visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-apply/#typical-contextual-offers

††For details of English language profiles, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements

**Selection** UCAS or Common Application and LNAT.

**Deferred entry** Welcomed.

*The typical offer is indicative only and the University accepts a wide range of qualifications. The information is correct at the time of printing (June 2017); however, we recommend you check the University’s website for the most up-to-date information: bristol.ac.uk/ug-study.

**Careers and graduate destinations**

The University of Bristol has one of the best employment records in the UK. We are rated sixth in the UK in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2016/17 and are the third most targeted university by top UK employers (High Fliers Research, 2017).
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