Welcome to the Law School Visit Day 2020
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Outline

Studying Law at Bristol: The Experience

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Congratulations on your offer to study law at Bristol!

Our standards are high; our processes are transparent
Study at Bristol: The Experience
Creating a hotbed of talent and achievement

• Sixth in the UK for graduate employability (QS World Employability Rankings 2019)
• Fourth most targeted university by top UK employers (High Fliers 2020)
• Top 10 Law School in England and Wales (Guardian University League Tables 2019; The Complete University Guide 2020)
• Most alumni reaching partner status in Magic and Silver Circle law firms after Oxbridge*
• A top 5 UK University for research excellence (REF 2014)

Study at Bristol: The Experience
Wills Memorial Building

Our facilities blend tradition with innovation; historic buildings, state of the art technology and a vibrant atmosphere
Dedicated to employability: Additional facilities, expanding resources
Access to facilities across the University
Our Undergraduate Students

- Annual intake of 400 undergraduate law students into Year 1
- Most of our students are school leavers, aged 18-21, but we do have a small number of mature students joining us each year.

One in three of our students are international – with 40 countries and every continent represented, creating an exciting community that celebrates differences and all that can be gained from them.
We believe every student is unique, with different strengths and different ambitions.

Diversity

- International and inclusive
- Widening participation
- Providing support
  - Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)
  - Bursaries/Scholarship Schemes
  - Mentoring programmes

Widening participation: our recruitment stats from the 2018/19 domestic intake reflect our diverse student body
Our work helps to recruit, support and promote talented individuals from different backgrounds and heritages. This in turn helps to build a diverse and inclusive University community where people from the broadest possible range of backgrounds can reach their full potential and thrive at work.
“My tutors and lecturers are inspiring, sitting at the top of their respective fields of legal specialism. As a Bristol student you will often find that your teachers will have literally written the book on your subject.”

George Aubrey (LLB 2018), awarded Advocacy Scholarship with BPP

Study at Bristol: Our Staff

Left to Right: Sir Professor Malcolm Evans, Professor Joanne Conaghan and Professor Phil Syrpis
A fundamental aspect of a Bristol legal education is small group tuition.

“Supportive staff and small tutorial and seminar groups have given me the confidence to work with others and develop my ideas in a group.”

Phoebe Hirst, (LLB 2018) secured Training Contract with Pinsent Masons
The Law School offers the following courses:

- LLB Law (M100)
  - LLB Law with Study in Continental Europe
  - LLB Law with Study Abroad
- LLB Law and French (MR11)
- LLB Law and German (MR12)
- LLB Law and Spanish (MR13)

“You have a lot of optional units you can choose. I chose medical law and criminology which brought in aspects of ethics and sociology – even psychology. You have the freedom to explore what you think you might like.”

Annabelle Allen (LLB 2015), trainee solicitor
Year 1: you will study 6 mandatory law subjects, including a new ‘Law in Action’ unit.

Year 2: you will study up to 5 units, comprising mandatory and optional units, including research focused options with coursework assessment to further develop your legal research skills.

Year 3: you will study 2 compulsory units, plus additional optional units. Students can choose between a 5,000-word project, or a longer higher weighted 10,000 word dissertation on a topic of their choice.
Law with Study Abroad/Continental Europe

A 4 year programme with the same course structure as LLB Law, but Year 3 is spent at a university abroad, and the final year of study is back in Bristol.

55-60 students are accepted onto the various study abroad programmes each year.

Application process at the end of Year 1.

“My biggest tip for students starting their journey into Law at Bristol: go on a year abroad. It made my University experience over and above anything I expected.”

Lana Murphy (LLB Law with Study in Continental Europe, 2018)
Law and Languages (4 year programmes)
Law & Spanish, Law & French, Law & German

Year 1: Law units - 80 credits; Language units - 40 credits

Year 2: Law units - 80 credits; Language units - 40 credits

Year 3: Year abroad - subject choices will vary depending on the destination of study.

Year 4: Final year research project - 20 credits; Mandatory Law units - 40 credits; Mandatory Language units - 20 credits. Remaining credits - either 20 credits of optional Law units AND 20 credits of optional Language units OR 40 credits of optional Language units.
Current* study abroad destinations:

- Australia (Perth, Queensland, Sydney)
- Belgium (Antwerp)
- Colombia (Bogota)
- Denmark (Aarhus)
- Finland (Helsinki)
- France (Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris, Poitiers, Toulouse)
- Germany (Göttingen, Würzburg)
- Holland (Groningen)
- Hong Kong
- Hungary (Budapest)
- Italy (Siena, Bologna)
- Japan (Nagoya, Niigata, Kyoto, Kyushu)
- Mexico (San Andrés Cholula)
- Poland (Kraków)
- Singapore
- Spain (Granada, Madrid, Valencia, Zaragoza)

* Please note that these may vary from year to year.
Optional Units  (NB. Availability will vary each year)

Year 2 / Final year
- Company Law
- Comparative Law
- Evidence
- Family Law
- General Principles of International Law
- Medical Law
- British Immigration, Nationality and Citizenship Law
- Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
- Roman Law
- Crime, Justice and Society

Final year additional
- Advanced Family Law
- Banking Law
- Clinical Legal Studies
- Commercial Law
- Criminology
- Legal History
- Employment Law
- Rich Law, Poor Law
- Information Technology Law
- Policing and Police Regulation
- Advanced Company Law

- Corporate Law Simulation
- Environmental Law
- Issues in Corporate Governance
- Human Rights in Law, Politics and Society
- Law and Race
- Sex, Gender and the Law
- International Dispute Settlement
- International Intellectual Property Law and Human Rights
High quality staff, passionate academics
Course content stimulates creativity in thinking
WMB Library is inspiring place to study
Personal tutor has been wonderfully supportive
Interesting and intellectually challenging
Lecturers and tutors are enthusiastic
The Law School provides a lot of opportunities
Excellent careers support

Your Bristol Student Survey 2018-19
A lifelong journey: Bristol Law School Alumni Support

- Careers support/mentoring
- Financial support - scholarships /bursaries
- Reconnect - networking opportunities e.g. Thinking about Thinking event
- Distinguished Alumni Lecture series
- Law School Advisory Board
“Beyond the teaching that we have received in formal contact hours, one thing that has struck me as most inspiring has been the readiness of tutors to dispense fantastic advice both with regards to their subject and potential careers paths.

What is undeniable here is a mutual respect that exists between students and staff and it is this characteristic that I hope to reflect going into the future.”

Jack Brett (LLB 2018), Best Final Year LLB Student prize winner
“The key things that Bristol gave me were an excellent legal education in a supportive and enriching learning environment, a place for self-discovery, and many, many lifelong friendships.”

Goh Siu Lin (LLB 1993), first woman to become chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Bar committee

“For employers in and out of law, if you have been through the Law School at Bristol University, if it doesn’t open the door, it will facilitate your way in.”

Dan Schaffer, (LLB 1986, LLD 2016) Partner, Slaughter and May
“If you want to study at an institution where the quality of teaching is brilliant, where you will be taught by passionate, enthusiastic, and internationally acclaimed academics – and where there is a strong commitment to your future career, this is the place to come.”

Professor Ken Oliphant, Head of School
Thank you for listening

....any questions?