Legal Education in UK

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Why a Law Degree from UK?

- **UK law Schools & Law libraries**
- **Legal Academics**
- **Teaching Expertise**
- **Research**
- **Staff Student Relationship**
Degree Courses

- Undergraduate Degree Courses
- Postgraduate Taught Degree Courses
- Postgraduate Research
  - MPhil
  - PhD
Undergraduate Degrees

• LLB Single Honours
• LLB Law with Politics
• LLB Law and Accounting
• LLB Common and Civil Law with Languages
• Bachelor of Legal Science
LLB Single Honours

- 3 years Degree
- To be awarded this degree, a student must obtain credits in 18 modules of study
- 3 modules in each Semester
- Examinations are normally held at the end of each semester
  - Written examination
  - Assessment by Essay
LLB Single Honours

1st year five modules:

• Introduction to Law
• Introduction to Jurisprudence
• Contract Introduction to Property Law
• Constitutional Law and History

2nd and 3rd Year Modules:

• Optional Modules
Entrance Requirements

Each institution has its own criteria

Queen’s: AAA at A-Level (Home)

International students: Offer of 75% at A Level equivalent

Application Procedure

UCAS Information for International Students

http://www.ucas.ac.uk/studyuk/index.html
Postgraduate Taught Courses

- LLM in Computers and Law
- LLM in Human Rights Law
- LLM/MSSc in Corporate Governance and Public Policy
- MSSc in Criminal Justice
- MSSc in Criminology
- LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice
- LLM in Commercial Law
Entrance Requirements

- Applicants must have a good degree in law
- 2.2 or above, or equivalent
- or have substantial experience in working in a legal environment
- Able to prove that they have sufficient legal expertise to deal with advanced legal topics at the postgraduate level
- Length of Course: 1 year
A Typical Course Structure

Module 1: Introduction to Information Technology
Module 2: Introduction to Applications Software
Module 3: IT and Legal Practice
Module 4: IT Law

Research Project/Dissertation

Assessment: Essays and Final Dissertation
Postgraduate Research Degrees

- PhD and MPhil degrees are awarded on the basis of original research work
- A good first degree in law is usually required for entry to this programme
- Short synopsis (100-200 words) of your proposed research area to the Postgraduate Advisor
- Usually PhD students are enrolled as “undifferentiated”
- There are no length limits to the dissertation but an MPhil thesis is usually around 50,000 words and a PhD around 80,000 words
MPhil

- Thesis must demonstrate that he or she has acquired an advanced level of knowledge and understanding in the field of study and an understanding of research methods appropriate to the chosen field

- An MPhil is "normally submitted" within 2 years
PhD

• Thesis must make a distinct and original contribution to scholarship and afford evidence of originality as shown by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical powers.

• It must contain an acceptable amount of original work by the candidate which is of publishable standard

• PhD within 3 years, though - in truth - it usually takes slightly longer to complete
When to Apply

Early application is encouraged to enable arrangements to be made for tests, interviews and collection of confidential reports where appropriate

Taught Courses: 1 April 2005
Research: 30 April 2005

• Application Procedure
• Postgraduate Research Awards
English Language Requirement

- It is important to ensure that your spoken and written English is good enough for you to cope with your studies
- IELTS (the International English Language Testing System)
- Grades are awarded on a scale of 0 to 9
- For more information please see www.ielts.org
Student Life

- Student Services
- Student Mooting Society
- Student Law Society
- Student’s Union
- Sport & Recreational Services
- International Students Overview
- Entertainment: QFT
- Clubs and Societies: SASS
- Indian Community Centre
Career Prospects

• Careers for Law Graduates
  – Solicitors and Barristers
  – Academic after a PG Degree
• University Careers Service
  – Undergraduate
  – Postgraduate
  – Careers Talk
• The Law Society of England and Wales
• The Bar Council
• Law Careers Advice Network
Sources for Further Information

• **British Council's Education UK**
• **Higher Education and Research Opportunities in UK**
• **Graduate Prospects** - offers advice for international students looking to undertake postgraduate studies in the UK
• **UCOSA**
• **Directory of legal education in the UK**
• **Lawcareers.net** - includes a comprehensive database of courses
• **International Office**