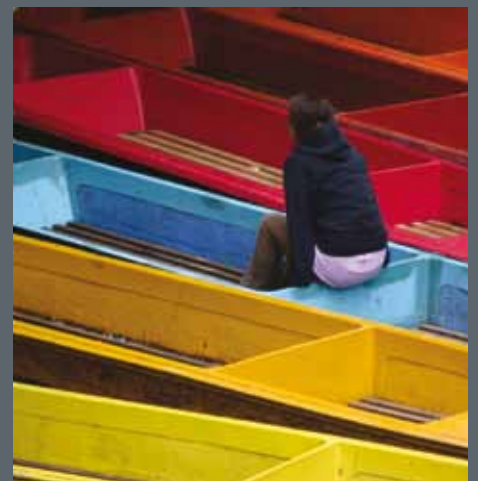


SCHOOL OF LAW PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

Educating Lawyers in Oxford



GDL
LPC
LLM in
LEGAL
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The School of Law is located in Headington Hill Hall, a beautiful Grade II listed mansion dating back to 1771. Situated just a mile from Oxford's beautiful and historic city centre, the hall has extensive gardens for students to enjoy which command stunning views over Oxford.



OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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WHY CHOOSE OXFORD BROOKES?

Oxford Brookes University is home to one of the UK's leading Law Schools. We offer full-time and part-time academic courses and professional training. We are one of the few universities in the UK where world-class law academics teaching on research-informed programmes work alongside experienced practitioners offering top-quality training for lawyers.

UNIVERSITY STUDY

Undertaking your legal studies at Oxford Brookes means you will be learning from experienced, qualified university teachers. You will also have access to the many other university facilities such as student accommodation, unparalleled library and IT resources, a fully-fledged student careers service, a nursery, medical and dental services and other student support services such as academic and personal counselling. You will also have the opportunity to take advantage of the range of outstanding sporting facilities and leisure activities that Oxford Brookes has to offer. For more information visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/studying

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

The Oxford Institute of Legal Practice (OXILP) is part of the professional arm of the new School of Law. OXILP was established in 1993 by both Oxford Brookes University and the University of Oxford to specialise in the delivery of the Legal Practice Course (LPC).

Widely regarded as one of the best LPC courses in the country, it is jointly validated by both founding universities. Staff on the LPC are experienced teachers, qualified solicitors and barristers with high quality relevant experience of practice.

A REPUTATION FOR QUALITY

Oxford Brookes has a long-established reputation for top-quality teaching. Students on our GDL and LPC enjoy exceptional pass rates. A significant proportion of those GDL students who intend to become barristers gain prestigious scholarships with the Inns of Court.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our LLM (Legal Practice) and our suite of LLM courses in International Law are underpinned by research being undertaken by staff in the School. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, the School of Law performed exceptionally well with 85% of research activity in Law judged to be international and 10% 'world leading' in terms of originality, significance and rigour. Consequently we now outrank many high achieving research universities in the UK.



Nearly 35% achieved a distinction grade. This is an impressive result.

External Examiner, 2011

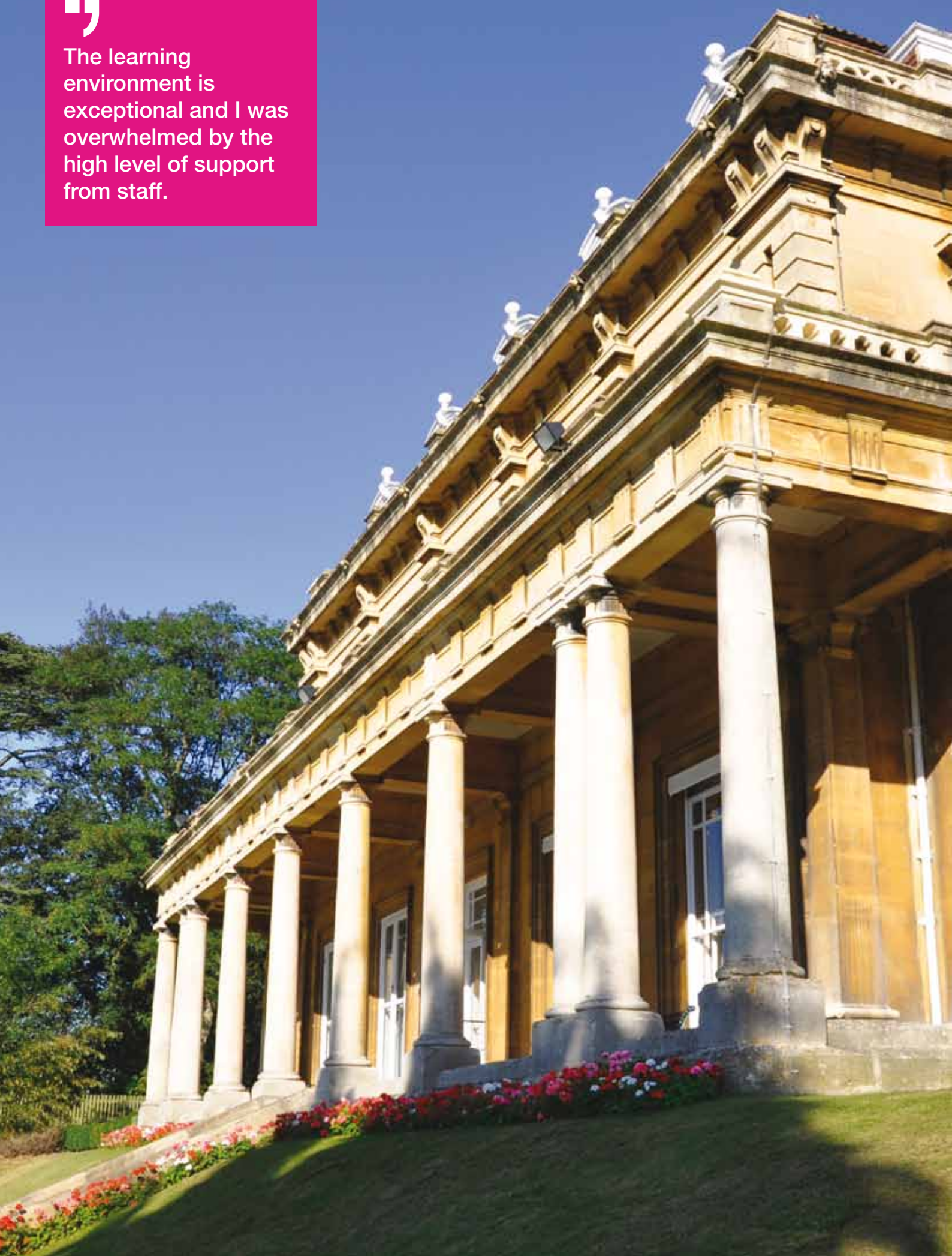
A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

You will be joining a thriving and welcoming community of academic lawyers and legal practitioners. Our students form strong working relationships with tutors and benefit from a collegiate atmosphere and supportive, collaborative culture. The peer networks you form during your studies will serve you well in your future career and you will also have the opportunity to benefit from our established links with local and national partners. The Law School hosts an annual Thames Valley Law Fair attended by leading law firms in the region, providing you with the opportunity to make yourself known to potential employers, and possibly secure a training contract.



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The learning environment is exceptional and I was overwhelmed by the high level of support from staff.



STUDYING IN OXFORD

With its mix of ancient and modern, there is so much to enjoy in Oxford – whether it's exploring a museum or gallery, or looking to unwind after a hard day's studying.

LIFE IN OXFORD

Oxford is one of the world's most beautiful cities with an abundance of historic buildings that would take a lifetime to explore. With over 30,000 students, Oxford is not only a centre of education and learning but it is also a rich cultural hub with a wealth of cinemas, theatres and museums, far exceeding any other city of its size.

With its culturally diverse population, Oxford offers a world of dining opportunities as well as bars, clubs and typically English pubs famous for their legendary customers including JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis. Performances of live music range from classical concerts at the intimate Holywell Music Room to jazz, reggae, rock and indie at



venues such as the O2 in Cowley Road – the heart of the city's music scene.

Oxford has over 50 parks, meadows and nature reserves to discover as well as Britain's oldest botanic garden – ideal spots for a quiet walk or picnic with friends. Of course, your time in Oxford wouldn't be complete without a spending a summer's afternoon rowing or punting on the river.

OXFORD: A CITY THAT ENHANCES YOUR LEARNING

Oxford has much to offer lawyers and is known throughout the world for its heritage, its beauty and most of all as a city of learning. It is a key centre of debate, with conferences, seminars and forums taking place across a range of law topics within the university, the city of Oxford and in nearby London.

In addition to our own excellent libraries and resource centres, students on our professional courses have access to the unparalleled legal holdings at the world-renowned Bodleian Law Library and may also attend the Careers and Law Fairs held at Oxford University where you can meet some of the country's top recruiters and employers.



Whether visiting a quirky bar in Jericho or taking part in May Day celebrations, Oxford has a tangible 'buzz' which is very exciting.

AN ECONOMIC HUB WITH EXCELLENT LINKS TO LONDON

Oxford has a thriving legal community and is attractive to many leading law firms due to its position in the Thames Valley and its proximity to London. Being right at the centre of the UK's most successful economic region means you are ideally placed to approach this range of local and City of London legal firms for training contracts and future employment. Regular buses link Oxford to the centre of London – so making contact and attending interviews is easily achieved.



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The city itself is beautiful, compact enough to really get to know but sufficiently large with enough young people to avoid being dull.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

In addition to skills training covered in your course, you will have the opportunity to hone your practical legal skills and take part in national and international competitions. You can participate in a wealth of sporting and social activities and you can also attend research seminars where our legal scholars share the findings of their latest law research.

PRO BONO

Winner of the National Pro Bono prize, the School of Law pro bono scheme was set up in 2001–2002 by two LPC students, with the aim of harnessing their fellow students' skills for the benefit of the community. Pro Bono provides a valuable introduction to the world of legal practice and involvement in pro bono work helps to demonstrate your commitment to potential employers.

Students on the scheme have collaborated with a large number of charities including:

- Amicus
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Family Courts Service
- Human Rights and Citizenship Teaching
- Oxford Brookes Translation Service
- CAFCASS (Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service)
- Oxfordshire Family Mediation Service

CLIENT INTERVIEWING

Client interviewing is one of the key skills which every lawyer needs and features prominently on the LPC. Students on the GDL can take part in our annual client interviewing competition. In recent years Oxford Brookes students have gone on to win the regional and national finals of the Client Interviewing Competition of England and Wales.

In 2010 the Oxford Brookes Team represented England in the finals in Hong Kong, coming second in the world.

MOOTING ON THE GDL

Mooting is a must on the CV of any aspiring barrister, or solicitor advocate. It gives you the chance to test your advocacy skills in a safe but exciting environment and the opportunity to hear other students argue and learn from the questioning of the judges. In recent years the School of Law has performed consistently well in national mooting competitions.

RESEARCH SEMINARS

During semester time you can attend seminars and conferences hosted by the Centre for Legal Research and Policy Studies. Oxford Brookes also offers a full calendar of guest lectures across a wide spectrum of interests. See www.brookes.ac.uk/about/events



SPORT

Whether you want fun, affordable exercise, enjoy team sports or aspire to compete at national level, Oxford Brookes has first class facilities across its three main campuses including one of the UK's best climbing walls, a 25-metre indoor pool and our recently upgraded gym at the Centre for Sport. There are also a number of grass and all weather pitches for football, rugby, hockey, lacrosse and netball.

LEGAL BEAGLE

Launched by LPC students, The Legal Beagle is the Law School's first ever student newspaper and seeks contributions from students across the School of Law. Each edition features legal news and landmark legal cases along with department news, music and film reviews and light-hearted articles and cartoons contributed by the students.

LAW SOCIETY

There is a lively Student Law Society to widen your interests and introduce aspects of law not covered formally. Examples of events hosted by the Law Society include:

- Wine tasting
- Annual Christmas ball
- Talks from leading lawyers
- Visits to the Old Bailey and the Royal Courts of Justice
- Trips to the European Parliament and the European Court of Human Rights

For more details, follow the Oxford Brookes Law Society on **Facebook**.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Oxford Brookes has many clubs and associations covering a wide range of interests and activities. Whatever your hobby or pursuit you are sure to find like-minded people with whom to share your interests. Visit **www.thesu.com**.



DEVELOPING YOUR LEGAL CAREER

We recognise that undertaking further study and training is a significant investment and we take your career aspirations very seriously. Careers support is offered both within the School of Law and as part of the wider university support services.

Many GDL and LPC students come to their course having already obtained training contracts with solicitors some of whom cover the cost of their studies. Many others obtain training contracts during their time at the university. Some students continue their legal training through the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) before taking up pupillage in chambers, with a significant proportion gaining prestigious scholarships through the Inns of Court.

GETTING PUPILLAGE OR A TRAINING CONTRACT

It is vital when seeking a training contract to have some experience of a legal environment to show both your commitment to a career as a solicitor and that you are aware of the work and the demands it will make on you. You can gain legal experience by:

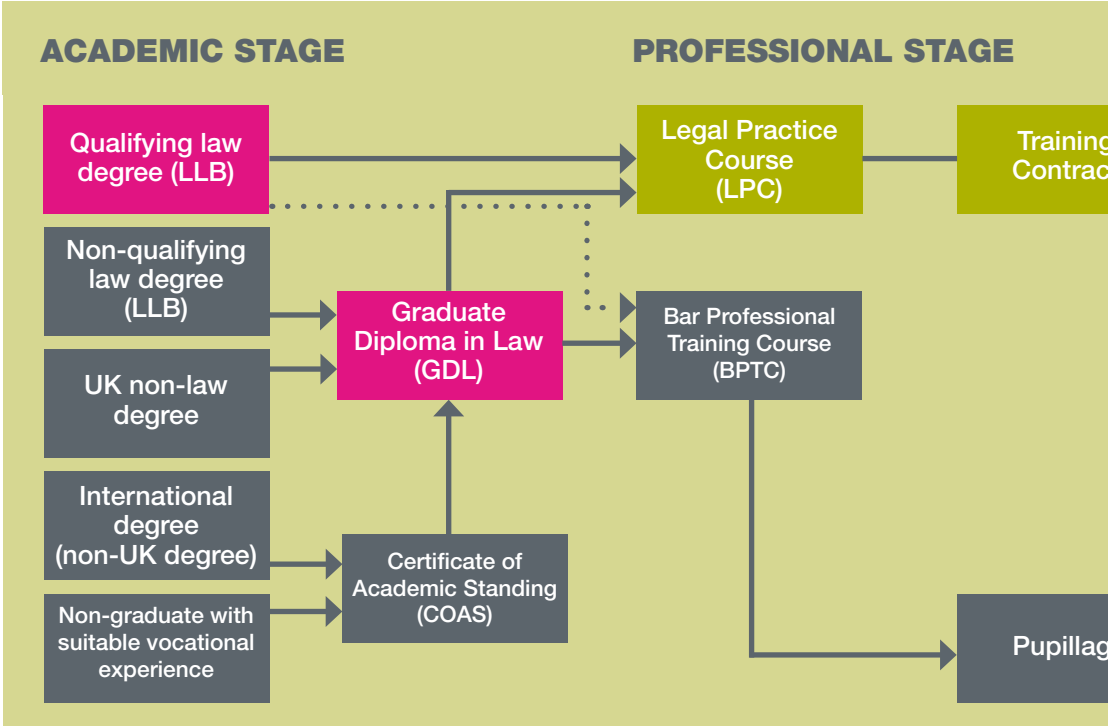
- Undertaking vacation work
- Gaining a place on a formal scheme at a large law firm
- Shadowing a solicitor at a local firm
- Working in a Citizens Advice Bureau or Legal Advice Centre
- Undertaking paralegal work
- Taking part in a Pro Bono scheme
- Undertaking a mini-pupillage in a set of Barristers' chambers

Each year, LPC students who have not yet obtained a training contract are assigned a personal careers

tutor who can offer tailored advice, helping to identify career goals and job search strategies. Details of current training contracts and other vacancies are circulated via email and we have strong links with employers some of whom come direct to us to recruit.

As well as being able to offer informed, practical and personalised advice, we also ensure that the skills you learn as part of your training are those that are the most valued by the legal profession. In addition to practical and academic skills you will be able to gain valuable experience through our award-winning student Pro Bono scheme.

ROUTES TO LAW



UNIVERSITY CAREERS SERVICES

Specialist Careers Counsellors at our Careers Centre offer a range of activities and support from mock interviews and workshops, through to employer events, help with applications and even psychometric testing. Visit:

www.brookescareerscentre.co.uk.

Joint validation of the Legal Practice Course, by Oxford Brookes University and the University of Oxford, means that LPC students also have access to the University of Oxford Careers Service.

LINKS WITH THE LEGAL PROFESSION

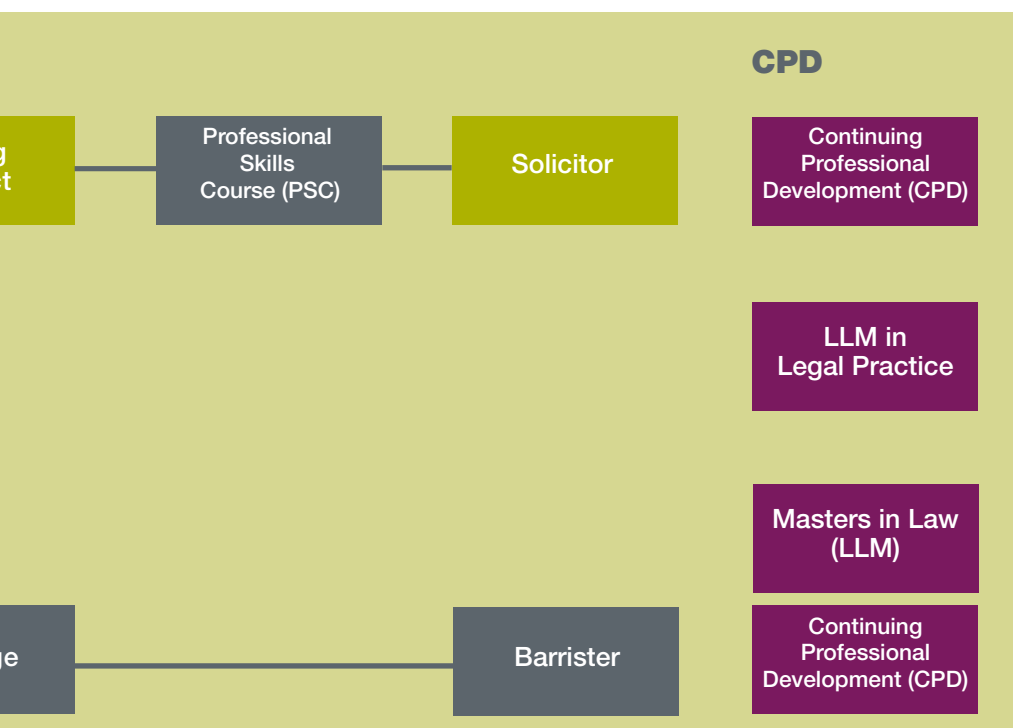
The School of Law enjoys excellent links with leading law firms as well as an international community of legal researchers. Staff on the LPC have worked closely with law firms to develop a course that meets the

needs of today's legal practitioners, resulting in endorsements from a range of local and national partners who recommend our LPC to trainees.

OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK

Visiting speakers from partner firms such as Henmans and Morgan Cole participate in our LPC induction programme and contribute to specialist modules.

Each year the School of Law hosts the Thames Valley Law Fair at Headington Hill Hall. This gives students the valuable opportunity to meet and network with potential employers many of whom will be able to offer training contracts to promising candidates.



The following law firms are a selection of some of the firms who recommend the School of Law at Oxford Brookes University.

HENMANS

INCE & CO

ORRICK

MORGAN COLE

MANCHES

CLARKE WILLMOTT

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (GDL)

The GDL (formerly CPE) is a conversion course for both non-law graduates and graduates with non-qualifying law degrees. Once you have completed this academic stage of your legal training, you can begin your professional training for a career in law either as a solicitor or barrister.



firms. Many others obtain training contracts during their Graduate Diploma year. Other students continue their legal training through the Bar Professional Training Course before taking up pupillage in chambers.

Each year a significant proportion of GDL students gain prestigious scholarships through the Inns of Court.

The GDL at Oxford Brookes University provides a solid academic foundation from which to proceed into the legal profession. You will enjoy exceptional levels of support from experienced teachers, many of whom are leading researchers in their field. We place a great emphasis on the essential legal skills of problem solving and legal research which are so highly valued by employers.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- Top-quality teaching by experienced university academics
- Close, supportive and collegiate learning environment with extensive contact time
- Focus on essential legal skills such as problem solving and legal research
- Opportunity to develop practical skills such as mooting and client interviewing
- Part-time students fully integrated with two full days teaching per week
- Validated by the Joint Academic Stage Board of the SRA and Bar Council

TEACHING AND LEARNING

There is no substitute for regular face-to-face contact with tutors. As a university we understand the need for greater teaching contact time through lectures, workshops and tutorials. The course is taught over three terms and assessment (coursework and examination) is spread throughout the year to enable you to monitor your progress effectively and to allow your tutors to provide you with the support you need.

A CAREER IN LAW

The majority of our students go on to take up training contracts with solicitors' firms or go to the Bar. A small number of students use the legal knowledge and analytical skills gained through the Graduate Diploma course to pursue a business, public sector or financial career or continue on to further academic study.

FUNDING

Many students come to the course having already obtained training contracts with solicitors and both their GDL studies, and the subsequent Legal Practice Course (LPC) are funded by these



COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW	
INDUCTION A one-week course to supplement pre-course reading on the English Legal System which will introduce you to:	■ Legal theory ■ Legal study skills necessary for successful completion of the GDL including legal problem solving and essay writing ■ Practical legal skills such as mooting and client interviewing
FOUNDATIONS OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE	You will cover the foundations of legal knowledge as required by the professional bodies: ■ Criminal Law ■ Contract Law ■ Tort Law ■ Land Law ■ Equity and Trusts Law ■ Law of the European Union ■ Public Law (including Constitutional and Administrative Law and Human Rights)
LEGAL RESEARCH PROJECT	As part of your legal training, you will write a research project on a topic of your choice where you will develop the essential skills of: ■ Legal research ■ Problem solving

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You will normally have or be predicted an upper second class honours degree, although all applications are considered on their merits.
- If you are an applicant with an overseas degree or have non-standard qualifications, the Solicitors' Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board require a Certificate of Academic Standing (CAOS)
- If your first language is not English an IELTS score of 7.0 is normally required. If you do not meet this language requirement, Oxford Brookes International offers a number of preparation courses designed to improve your use of English in an academic context. For more information visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/international

All potential applicants, especially those with non-standard qualifications, are advised to consult the Guide to Common Professional Examinations published by the CPE/Diploma in Law Courses Central Applications Board, PO Box No. 84, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 1YX. Visit: www.lawcabs.ac.uk.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for full-time places are made through the Central Applications Board.
www.lawcabs.ac.uk.

Part-time applications are made direct to the university. Please contact the GDL Programme Administrator on 01865 434931 or law@brookes.ac.uk or download an application form found on our website.

LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE (LPC)

The Legal Practice Course (LPC) is part of the vocational stage of the training required to enable you to qualify as a solicitor. OXILP is one of the foremost providers of the LPC. All members of our teaching staff are qualified solicitors or barristers with extensive experience in both commercial and high-street law. The LPC is also available to study part-time.

We pride ourselves on our personal approach and we maintain a collegiate feel where every student is treated as an individual. Each student is allocated a personal tutor to provide assistance and guidance. Help is also always available from our student support co-ordinators and counselling services. Students who complete the LPC at the Oxford Brookes School of Law will be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice jointly by Oxford Brookes University and the University of Oxford.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- Top-quality teaching by experienced legal practitioners
- Small teaching groups with an emphasis on interactive, collaborative learning
- Flexible modes of study
- Unparalleled student support
- An established, historic collegiate environment
- Excellent links with many leading law firms in the surrounding area and in the city
- Ability to progress to the LLM (Professional Legal Practice)

TEACHING AND LEARNING

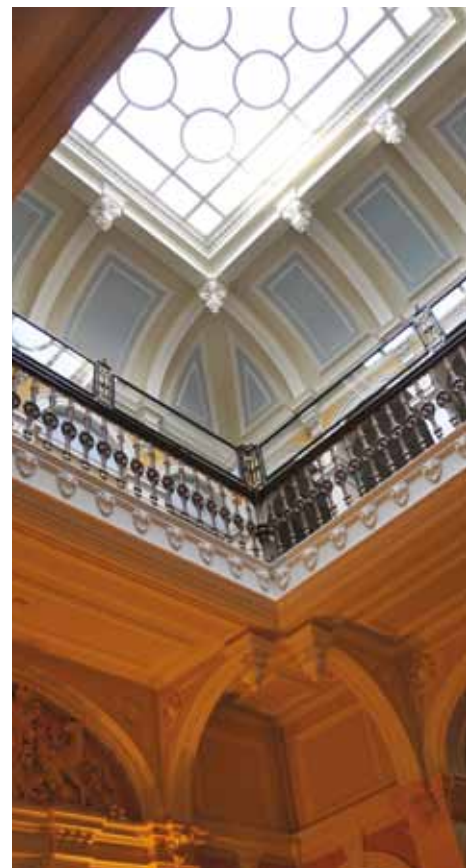
We understand the importance of ensuring students get as much face to face time with tutors as possible. LPC students benefit from a range of teaching styles including lectures, workshops, seminars and one to one sessions. Most teaching takes place in small, interactive groups, which foster an inclusive and collaborative course ethos. We take a supportive approach to your learning, monitoring your progress throughout your studies to enable us to provide you with any extra help you may need. Assessments take place throughout the course with major examination points at the end of Terms 2 and 3.

SUPPORT WITH YOUR LEGAL CAREER

At Oxford Brookes we do our very best to help you progress into your first professional post. Staff in the School of Law can provide guidance on applications and can also hold mock interviews. Students not only have access to all of the resources at Oxford Brookes University such as our wider aimed Careers Service but also have access to the Oxford University Careers Service which organises an extensive programme of talks and visits from recruiters.



I particularly enjoyed the hands on parts of the course such as practising advocacy and giving presentations.



COURSE CONTENT

The content of the course is the same for all modes of study. If you are studying part-time, the Business Law and Practice and Wills and the Administration of Estates modules are compulsory in Year 1. You will also choose one elective from the list below, with the exception of Commercial Property, Advanced Criminal Litigation and Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury, which are reserved exclusively for Year 2. You will take compulsory modules Property Law and Practice and Litigation in Year 2, along with two more elective modules. Skills are taught and assessed throughout the course.

CORE SUBJECTS	ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	SKILLS
■ Business Law and Practice ■ Wills and the Administration of Estates ■ Property Law and Practice ■ Litigation	Choose three from: ■ Commercial Law ■ Equity Finance ■ Debt Finance ■ Employment ■ Family Law ■ Private Client ■ Private Acquisitions ■ Commercial Property ■ Advanced Criminal Litigation* ■ Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury*	■ Advocacy ■ Drafting ■ Legal Writing ■ Legal Research ■ Interviewing and Advising ■ Accounts

* Subjects available to part-time students only in Year 2



COURSE STRUCTURE

The one-year course is taught over three terms on the Full-Time mode. Part-Time students complete their studies over six terms (two years). Part-Time weekend students attend the university for eleven weekends per year, with the course structured as either Friday to Sunday or Saturday to Monday. Part-Time weekday students attend for one day during the week.

FULL-TIME (ONE YEAR)

The Full-Time LPC is a one-year course taught over three terms and is available to study two, three or four days a week (subject to availability).

- Four day attendance – live lectures and small group sessions.
- Three day attendance – live lectures and small group sessions concentrated into three days.
- Two day attendance – podcast lectures with small group sessions concentrated into two days.

PART-TIME (TWO YEARS)

The Part-Time LPC offers the same quality of teaching, resources and standards as the Full-Time course but with added flexibility. The only difference from the Full-Time course is that lectures are delivered on a podcast giving you the option to fit learning around your other commitments.

- Weekend attendance – podcast lectures with small group sessions taught over 11 three-day weekends per year
- Weekday attendance – podcast lectures with small group sessions taught one day per week.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
Induction Core subject and skills	Continuation of core subject and skills	Elective subjects

See above for list of subjects

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Normally a second class honours degree
- Qualifying law degree (minimum 2:2) or Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) along with evidence of your motivation to become a solicitor
- If your first language is not English an IELTS score of 6.5 is normally required. If you do not meet this language requirement, Oxford Brookes International offers a number of preparation courses designed to improve your use of English in an academic context.
Visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/international.

All potential applicants, and especially those with non-standard qualifications, are advised to consult the Central Applications Board, PO Box No. 84, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 1YX.
Visit: www.lawcabs.ac.uk.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for full-time places are made through the Central Applications Board.
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Part-time applications are made direct to the university. Please contact the LPC Programme Administrator on 01865 484931 or email law@brookes.ac.uk or download an application form found on our website.

LLB LEGAL PRACTICE

If you choose Oxford Brookes University for both your GDL and LPC courses, you have the option of receiving an LLB (Hons) (Legal Practice) degree. The LLB Legal Practice completes both the academic and vocational stages of your legal training, and is an internationally recognised qualification. It is particularly

attractive to students who wish to work for multinational organisations or as lawyers in other countries around the world.

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Knowing that many law firms are increasingly global in their outlook, it was important for me to make sure my CV could be understood internationally.



LLM IN LEGAL PRACTICE

The LLM in Legal Practice is designed to enhance your career progression by developing highly-valued legal research skills along with specialist knowledge of your chosen area of practice. Our programme structure has the advantage of enabling you to gain a master's level qualification whilst continuing your employment.

The School of Law has an excellent research profile and performed exceptionally well in the government's most recent Research Assessment Exercise. As a research university we have a proven track record for supporting our postgraduates' research needs. You will develop independent research skills under the guidance of internationally recognised research academics and benefit from first-rate library services.

FLEXIBLE ROUTES TO ENTRY

The LLM in Legal Practice at Oxford Brookes University offers two entry routes depending on the stage you are at in your legal career. You can begin at Part One by studying for the Oxford Brookes LPC, alternatively, practising solicitors, barristers and those about to enter the profession are able to raise their existing qualification to a master's level by completing Parts Two and Three of the programme.



DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- Flexible course entry route depending on your professional and academic level
- Research-led teaching by legal professionals in a university environment
- Opportunity to develop advanced self-study and research skills
- Individual supervision provides support for research and dissertation writing
- Access to exceptional legal holdings and electronic resources both at Oxford Brookes University Library and at the Bodleian Law Library
- Accredited by Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) of the LPC stage of the LLM in Legal Practice

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The research methods part of the LLM in Legal Practice is taught in seminars and workshops over an intensive two-week study programme. Traditional lectures and seminars take place during the first week when you will need to

be resident in or close to Oxford. You will meet with your supervisor towards the end of the first week and begin preparing your research proposal during the second week.

Your supervisor will support you through the process of agreeing a research topic and the subsequent writing of your dissertation. Work on your research proposal begins during the second week of the course. You may choose to undertake research into an area of practice with which you are familiar, or that will be of commercial benefit to your employer or sponsor.

Alternatively, you may select new and emerging research themes in a hitherto unexplored area of legal practice.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The LLM will help you enhance your employability through the in-depth study of an area of legal practice. You will be demonstrating your commitment to legal practice whilst developing highly-valued specialist knowledge and expertise. With many law firms taking an increasingly global outlook, a qualification that can be understood internationally offers a competitive advantage in the job market.

PROGRESSION TO FURTHER STUDY

The research methods course and the dissertation elements of the programme fulfil the research criteria often required to begin higher degrees.

COURSE STRUCTURE

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW	
Part One Legal Practice Course (LPC) * 120 M level credits	Full details of our LPC are on page 12. Please note: you must begin Part Two of the LLM within five years of completing your LPC.
Part Two Advanced Legal Research Methods 10 M level credits	An intensive two week programme taught at the end of June/ early July (accommodation in Oxford will be needed in your first week). By the end of the two week programme, you will have agreed the principal terms of your research project with your dissertation supervisor. You will then be required to submit a written research proposal of up to 2,000 words by 30 September.
Part Three Dissertation 50 M level credits	Submission of dissertation of up to 12,000 words by 30 September in the following year (15 months after commencing Part Two)

*or equivalent, see entry requirements.

As courses are reviewed regularly, details may vary from those shown here.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants entering the programme at Part One or Part Two will normally be required to have a first or upper second class honours degree in law or its equivalent, or alternatively a distinction or merit on the Graduate Diploma in Law. You will be eligible to join the LLM in Legal Practice at Part Two if you have an LPC equivalent to 120 M-level credits or if you have one of the following professional legal qualifications and can show appropriate experience in legal practice. This includes:

- Bar Professional Training Course
- Bar Vocational Course
- Law Society Finals
- Certificate of Eligibility for Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (QLTT) issued by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA), together with successful completion of the QLTT or its successor qualification.

The University will also accept, as incoming credit, professional legal qualifications which are entry pathways to common law jurisdictions outside England and Wales.

All students (including those with an overseas professional qualification) who have a professional legal qualification other than the LPC, should be able to demonstrate that they have either a professional legal qualification or have taken a course of study leading to a professional legal qualification in at least two of the areas of substantive legal knowledge and at least three legal skills listed below, or have practice experience of at least two of the areas of legal knowledge listed below, or in professional conduct and an appropriate specialism (eg employment law, family law, corporate finance).

Legal knowledge	Legal skills
■ Business law and practice ■ Civil litigation ■ Criminal litigation ■ Professional conduct ■ Probate law and practice ■ Property law and practice	■ Advocacy ■ Legal drafting ■ Legal research ■ Legal writing ■ Negotiation ■ Interviewing

International students must have a qualifying English law degree (or the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice) and must have successfully completed the LPC. If your first language is not English an IELTS score of 7.0 is normally required. If you do not meet this language requirement, Oxford Brookes International offers a number of preparation courses designed to improve your use of English in an academic context.

For more information visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international.

ENROLMENT CHOICES

There are three ways of commencing the LLM in Legal Practice:

- 1** Enrol on the LLM in Legal Practice before you start the LPC at Oxford Brookes University (Category 1 students).
- 2** Enrol on the LPC at Oxford Brookes University first and then decide to progress to the LLM in Legal Practice or you may have already successfully completed your LPC here at Oxford Brookes (Category 2 students).
- 3** Enrol on the LLM in Legal Practice with 120 M-level incoming credits from an LPC or other equivalent professional legal qualification. (Category 3 students).

HOW TO APPLY

PART ONE

To commence Part One of the LLM you should first make an LPC application via the Central Applications Board (CAB) online at www.lawcabs.ac.uk

Once your application has been accepted, you will be invited to apply for the LLM.

PARTS TWO AND THREE

You should apply online at www.ukpass.ac.uk or follow the link from our website where you will find application guidance notes.

Applications can be made at any time up to 31 March prior to commencing Part Two of the programme.

There are a limited number of places on the programme and applicants may be interviewed.

You are advised to make an early application if you intend to stay in Oxford for the Advanced Legal Research Methods Course, as accommodation in Oxford can be in high demand both during semester time and over the summer months.



LLM IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

The School of Law offers a suite of LLM courses in International Law. With a more academic focus, these courses allow you to develop the specialist knowledge and legal research skills that will equip you for a career in a rapidly globalising world. Our taught LLM programmes and our LLM by Research provide an excellent foundation for those wishing to progress to MPhil and PhD.

LINKING TEACHING WITH OUR RESEARCH

In the government's most recent research assessment exercise, 85% of our research was judged to be internationally recognised with 10% world-leading, so you will be taught and supervised by research-active staff who are leading the field. We include aspects of our research in all our courses, teach specialist modules in our areas of expertise and supervise dissertations in our specialist subjects.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Knowledge of international law in all its aspects is becoming ever more necessary for careers in law, in business, in government and in NGO agency work. This knowledge coupled with training in legal research methods offers a valuable proposition to potential employers. LLM graduates from the School of Law succeed across an impressive range of international careers, from policy makers and human rights activists through to diplomats and commercial lawyers.

TAUGHT COURSES

The School of Law offers a choice of six named awards and you can also elect to undertake the LLM by Research where you will have the opportunity to carry out a detailed examination of a particular area of law.

- LLM International Law
- LLM Public International Law
- LLM International Human Rights Law
- LLM International Trade and Commercial Law
- LLM International Economic Law
- LLM WTO Law
- LLM by Research

A major part of your taught LLM is research orientated including designing and researching your dissertation. You will learn how to apply theoretical perspectives and research methodologies to a legal problem and you will be encouraged to explore your own research ideas.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Semester 1	Semester 2	Summer
International Law	Specialist module	Dissertation
Advanced Legal Research Methods	Specialist module	
	Specialist module	

SPECIALIST MODULES

- European Union Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Labour Law
- International Trade Law
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