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Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford

Oxford's Faculty of Law has a history of over 800 years of teaching and writing law. It is one of the most prestigious law schools in the world, consistently ranked among the top three law schools worldwide, and it is unique in its use of personalised tutorials at all levels of instruction. The BA in Jurisprudence is Oxford's undergraduate law degree and graduates are in high demand both in the legal professions and beyond. Oxford's Faculty of Law is renowned for the size, strength, and diversity of its community of legal scholars who are drawn from around the globe. Oxford has the largest graduate research programme in Law in the English-speaking world, with a community of about 200 research students engaged in master's and doctoral research across a wide range of legal and interdisciplinary areas.

The Faculty of Law also hosts a number of research centres including:

• The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights
• The Centre for Socio-Legal Studies
• The Institute of European and Comparative Law
• The Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre

Degrees

• Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) (1 year)
• Magister Juris (MJur) (1 year)
• MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice (9 month)
• MSc in Law and Finance (10 month)
• MSc in Taxation (2 year)
• MSt in International Human Rights Law (Part time 22 months)
• Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice (1 year)
• MPhil in Law (1 year), MPhil in Criminology (1 year), MPhil in Socio-Legal Research (1 year)
• DPhil in Law (3-4 years), DPhil in Criminology (3-4 years), DPhil in Socio-Legal Studies (3-4 year)

Data year | Degree course | Subject/Dept | Applications | Offers | Admitted
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2017-2018 | BCL, MJur, MSc, MSt, MPhil, PGDip | Law | 1585 | 456 | 337
2017-2018 | DPhil | Law | 414 | 125 | 78

Investing in tomorrow's leaders

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Degree | 2020-2021 per degree cost | Example multi-year scholarship | Endowment per student
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BCL, MJur | £39,415 (Home) / £51,420 (Overseas) | £154,259 (3 students) | £1,285,489
MSc L&F | £30,675 (Home) / £39,415 (Overseas) | £118,244 (3 students) | £985,364
MSc & MSt | £54,855 (Home & Overseas) | £109,709 (2 students) | £1,171,364
MSt | £69,328 (Home) / £88,311 (Overseas) | £176,623 (2 students) | £2,207,781
MPhil | £23,880 (Home) / £37,960 (Overseas) | £113,879 (3 students) | £948,989
PGDip | £24,155 (Home & Overseas) | £72,464 (3 students) | £603,864
DPhil | £76,023 (Home) / £120,848 (Overseas) | £241,696 (2 students) | £3,021,200
Student and Alumni profiles

Christopher Monaghan, BCL in Bachelor of Civil Law

Christopher completed his undergraduate studies in Law in 2018, and is currently at Oxford studying for his BCL. This opportunity was possible with a scholarship from One Essex Court. He intends to practice law as a barrister specialising in commercial law at the London Bar.

“Through the scholarship I have received I have been able to gain invaluable experience from completing a mini-pupillage at a chambers in London. This enabled me to work closely with a variety of barristers and has given me a great insight to what life at the Bar would entail. I have also been able to help raise awareness for different events the barristers have been organising. This has included an important event about increasing access for women at the Bar. The opportunities the scholarship has opened for me are immense.

Chen Chen, BCL in Bachelor of Civil Law

Chen completed her BA in Jurisprudence with Law Studies in Europe (French Law) in 2018 and is continuing her studies at Oxford with a BCL with the assistance of the 3VB Scholarship. She has aspirations to combine a career at the Bar with academia, and aims to specialise in English and French private law in the field of responsibility for environmental harm.

“I find it incredibly rewarding to be studying in a programme that encourages us, and equips us with the skills, to draw connections between seemingly disparate areas of law, and combine knowledge acquired from multiple existing legal fields into techniques that can be mobilised to solve new problems. Problems in today’s society are increasingly complex, global, and technology-oriented, and require us to build on existing legal infrastructure in new ways. The BCL encourages us to think beyond the material and envisage new situations, which I find incredibly rewarding.”

Marco Cappelletti, DPhil in Law

Marco is a DPhil student and Stipendiary Lecturer in Law at St John’s College, where he teaches Torts and Roman law. This has been made possible with support from the Graduate Assistance Fund and the Roy Goode Scholarship.

“What I find most exciting about my legal studies in Oxford is that I am pushed to think creatively about the law and to develop my own views without anyone trying to indoctrinate me! Furthermore, there are lots of events such as discussion groups or lunch seminars where anyone is welcome to share his or her thoughts about all sorts of legal issues. As a research student, I also have the privilege to have frequent academic exchanges with my supervisor, thus receiving constant feedback on my work as well as careful support and guidance whenever necessary. In brief, I cannot imagine a better place where a student may wish to spend three or more years of his or her life doing research and writing his or her doctoral thesis.”

Elspeth Windsor, MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Elspeth is the first generation of her family to attend University and was awarded The Kalisher Trust Studentship at Oxford to continue her studies. Her research interests include domestic homicide, gendered constructs of criminality and victimology. She has aspirations to practise at the Criminal Bar.

“Undoubtedly the best part of studying at Oxford is being taught by, and spending time with, the exceptional academic community here. I feel incredibly privileged to continuously find myself sat around a table with a vast array of brilliant minds engaged in the most stimulating conversations. A day rarely passes where I do not learn something new, and I am acutely aware of what a privilege that is.”

Katie Ratcliffe, BCL in Bachelor of Civil Law

Katie studied for her BCL with funding from the South Square Scholarship. She is currently undertaking the BPTC at City Law School and teaching Land and Trusts Law part time at LSE. From September 2019 she will be a pupil at Essex Court Chambers.

“Being awarded a scholarship for the BCL meant that I was able to spend less time the summer before the BCL working to save money for the BCL and more time doing preparatory reading, which made the transition to the BCL workload more manageable. The scholarship also gave me the confidence to apply for the commercial Bar. Without the confidence that such applications might not in vain, I would not have dedicated the necessary hours to writing applications and preparing for interviews.”

Luckystar Miyandazi, MSc in Taxation

Luckystar graduated in 2018, her studies were supported by the a scholarship from Field Court Tax Chambers. Her aspirations are to be an authority in taxation policy making and research. Specially, providing support to African countries in their efforts towards improving national tax systems and building necessary capacities to negotiate on international tax rules.

“The diversity of students in the class that allows for sharing different experiences, perspectives and engaging in debates on “hot tax topics”. The MSc in Taxation not only covers matters of the law, but also incorporates core elements of economics. It is taught by leading academics and practitioners, who challenge us to think through the topics and critically deconstruct them rather than just absorb teachings and reading materials. The course and faculty create a learning environment in which, we, as students, get to question, compare, analyse and come up with our own positions on the various topics of study.”

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