English and German Law Dual Degree LLB /

With growing demand in Europe for lawyers qualified in more than one jurisdiction, this four-year dual degree programme involves two years of study both at UCL and at the Universität zu Köln in Germany, leading to the award of a Bachelor of Laws degree from each institution.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// This programme leads to the award of both the LLB English and German Law honours degree from UCL and the Bachelor of Laws from the Universität zu Köln.

// You will be taught by distinguished academics who are cutting-edge researchers in their fields. Their knowledge of law and their significant experience and influence will enrich your learning.

// The international scope of our degrees is reflected in the content of different topics, itself reflecting the expertise of our staff in international and comparative law.

// Students joining from the 2017/18 academic year will experience studying in cutting-edge teaching and learning rooms and new social and common spaces, following a £20 million two-year redevelopment of Bentham House.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 84% rated 4* (“world-leading”) or 3* (“internationally excellent”)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Accreditation

All UCL Laws undergraduate programmes are recognised as qualifying law degrees (QLDs) by the two main legal professional bodies—the Bar Standard Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority—for the purpose of exemption from the academic stage of their professional examinations.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The first two years of study for this programme are the same as for the three-year LLB degree, with these exceptions:

First-year students are required to take a module in German law, taught in German and including law, legal institutions and legal terminology. The department does not offer language tuition and students will be responsible for maintaining, or, if necessary, improving their linguistic ability in German to meet the academic demands of the degree.

Second-year students are required to take the European Legal Studies module, which includes tuition in German about the law and legal system of Germany.

The third and fourth years of study are spent at the Universität zu Köln studying towards the German Law degree in accordance with the host university’s requirements for the degree programme. During this time, students will be registered as full-time undergraduates of the host university.

The German Law degree is not a fully qualifying law degree in Germany but students are given the opportunity to remain enrolled at the Universität zu Köln after completing the UCL LLB and Köln Bachelor of Laws in order to take the German First State Exam.

Please note, to be eligible to enrol on and satisfy all academic requirements for the German First State Exam, in the instance you are applying on the basis of UK A level qualifications, you must have studied mathematics or a natural science subject as one of your three A level subjects.

Students enrolled on this programme will not be permitted to transfer to the three-year LLB degree (subject to exceptional circumstances).

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Contract Law
// Criminal Law
// European Legal Studies (German) I
// Property Law I
// Public Law

Optional modules

// All first-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// European Legal Studies (German) II
// European Union Law
// Property Law II
// Tort Law

Optional modules

// All second-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR THREE

Study in Germany

// Students are registered in the Bachelor of Laws degree programme as full-time undergraduates of the Universität zu Köln.
Your learning

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials comprised of eight students. We encourage substantial student participation and class discussion in seminars and tutorials, on the basis of prepared work. Considerable emphasis is placed on small group teaching where you will benefit from individual attention and advice.

Assessment

You are required to pass written examinations each year for most modules. In some cases an essay also counts towards the final module mark.

Your career

As a law student you will be encouraged to develop a critical awareness of how the law works and how it may be changed, to sharpen your powers of reasoning, and to develop both the technical expertise to solve legal problems and the capacity to determine whether a solution is fair and just.

The wide range of skills and subjects learned throughout your degree open up many opportunities when you graduate. Many UCL Laws graduates move directly to further vocational study and train to become solicitors or barristers. Recent graduates have also chosen employment in government, political service and commercial management. Some have selected to undertake further academic study.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

// Full-time student, LLM at University of Cambridge
// Full-time student, Law LLM at UCL

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We are seeking dedicated candidates who have an aptitude for exploring arguments and ideas. Your ability to formulate and express thoughts and opinions is critical, as is demonstration of the reasoning skills that are at the heart of a legal education. You should possess an informed interest in current affairs and the world around you.

Candidates are assessed through their UCAS applications, the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT) and, in some cases, by interview. You are required to take the LNAT as soon as possible after submitting your UCAS application and no later than 20 January in the year in which you are applying. Applicants must link LNAT registration details to UCL.
Entry requirements

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**
A*AA

**Subjects**
Complete fluency in German required.

**GCSE**

English Language and Mathematics at grade B. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**IB DIPLOMA**

**Points**
39 overall.

**Subjects**
A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. Complete fluency in German is required.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

**UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)**

The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

- **UK & EU:** £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
- **Overseas:** £18,300 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

FUNDING

For a full list of departmental scholarships available in Law, please visit our website for full information

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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