This three-year programme combines theory and research with practical application and skills-based training. Students may also have the opportunity, after year two, to extend their studies by a year and spend part of their degree studying abroad in the USA, Australia or Singapore. No previous knowledge of law is assumed or required.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// 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.

// Transfer may be possible to the four-year joint LLB/JD degree (where years three and four are spent at the University of Columbia, New York) or the Law with Another Legal System LLB, where year three is spent at the University of New South Wales in Australia or the National University of Singapore.

// This degree is recognised by the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority. If you graduate from this degree you will be exempted from the academic stage of professional qualification.

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 Standards 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).

In the first year of the programme, following an introduction to legal method, you will study compulsory modules in Public Law, Contract Law, Property I and Criminal Law. Progression to the second year of study is contingent upon passing all first-year examinations.

In the second year you will take four more compulsory modules: Tort, Property II, EU and Human Rights Law, and Jurisprudence. As in the first year, progression to the final year is contingent upon passing all second-year examinations.

In the final year, you will choose four subjects from the list of optional modules. One of them could be a research essay on a legal subject of your choice, subject to approval by the department.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Contract Law
Criminal Law
Property Law I
Public Law

Optional modules

// All first-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// European Union Law
Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
Property Law II
Tort Law

Optional modules

// All second-year modules are compulsory.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// All final-year modules are optional.

Optional modules

// You will select four modules from options which may include:
Access to Justice and Community Engagement
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Commercial Law
Company Law
Conflict of Laws
Corporate Insolvency Law
Crime and Criminal Justice
Criminology
Employment Law
Environmental Law
Family Law
History of English Law
Intellectual Property Law
Law of Evidence
Law of Taxation
Lawyers' Practice and Ethics
Medicine, Ethics and the Law
Public International Law
Research Essay
Roman Law
Unjust Enrichment
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:

- Associate, Milbank Tweed
- Civil Servant (Foreign Service Officer), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Master of Laws (LLM), New York University
- Trainee Lawyer, Drew & Napier LLC
- Trainee, Allen & Gledhill LLP

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 a 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 will be 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
No specific subjects.

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.

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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