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 2020

**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.

**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 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 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 30-credit module 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.

Please note: students enrolled on this programme will only be permitted to transfer to the three-year LLB degree in 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.

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**

**Standard Offer:** A*AA. Complete fluency in German required.

**Contextual Offer:** AAB. Complete fluency in German required.

**GCSE**

English Language and Mathematics at grade B or 6. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 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**

**Standard Offer:** 39 points. A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. Complete fluency in German is required.

**Contextual Offer:** International Baccalaureate Diploma with 36 points overall, and a combined score of 17 achieved in three higher level subjects with no score lower than 5 points. Complete fluency in German required.

**CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME**

As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

**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)**

UCL 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 2020/21 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2020/21 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- UK & EU: £9,250 (2020/21)
- Overseas: £22,080 (2020/21)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

**Additional costs**

If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

**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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**Brexit**

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/brexit

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