

# LAW SCHOOL

Full-time and Part-time Undergraduate study at the Buckingham Law School



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Law at Buckingham

**Buckingham Law School** provides a stimulating environment for the study and teaching of law. Whether students are from Britain or overseas, the School aims to produce confident, competent lawyers, able to practice or undertake research anywhere in the world. Teaching is by small seminar groups, which encourage students to develop their potential.



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#### **FACTELLE**

The following LLB (Hons) are offered:

Access to Law Direct Application Ian or July Law M100 Ian. July. Sept Law with Business Finance M1N3 Jan, July, Sept Law with Economics M1L1 Jan, Sept Law with English Language Studies (EFL/ESL) M1Q1 Jan, July, Sept Law with French M1R1 Jan, Sept Law with Management Studies M1N2 Jan, Sept Law with Politics M1L2 Jan, July, Sept

M1R4 Jan, Sept

Law (part-time) Direct Application Sept

#### **Entry Requirements**

Law with Spanish

LLB-Normally, you will be required to have

- At least 300 points at A level or the equivalent school leaving qualification (although the School is able to be flexible for mature students)
- Certain approved professional qualifications may be considered in the absence of these requirements
- If English is not your first language, an IELTS score of 6.5 is required or computer-based TOEFL score of 233+

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### LLB

All Buckingham LLB programmes (whether single honours or combined honours) lead to the award of a Qualifying Law Degree – that is, one which satisfies the requirements for completion of the Academic Stage of training laid down by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board of England and Wales for entry into the legal profession, thus qualifying a student to proceed to the Vocational Stage. These requirements stipulate (amongst other things) that certain "foundation" subjects must be covered by the degree.

Of the 360 units that make up a Buckingham LLB, 240 are devoted to Introduction to Legal Studies Skills and the foundation subjects. These are:

- European Law
- · Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Criminal Law
- · Law of Contract
- Law of Torts
- Land Law
- Law of Trusts

Some countries have additional requirements and so, if you are an overseas student, you should confirm exactly what subjects you must take in order to qualify for your jurisdiction. (The Buckingham Single Honours programmes will qualify students for most common law jurisdictions.)

"Buckingham offers an innovative and dynamic law degree with a strong legal practice base. The LLB in Buckingham gives me the opportunity to learn about the law and the operation of the English legal system and also provides exemption from the academic stage of training for both intending barristers and solicitors.

You don't have to intend to practise as a lawyer. Studying for an LLB at Buckingham develops intellectual and personal skills that are relevant to a broad range of careers.

Moots are organised to prepare us for the future, how to face the court, and how proceedings and arguments are handled in courts."

Rashida Owoseni Law undergraduate

# Do I have a choice of Qualifying LLB degrees?

Single Honours Law is the most popular choice and consists of Introduction to Legal Studies, the 7 core foundation subjects plus four Law options.

#### Options currently offered include:

- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- · Criminology
- E-Business Law
- EU Law (including competition)
- · Law of Evidence
- · Family Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Jurisprudence
- Sex and Gender
- Sports Law

Students may choose to study one non-law subject, which can be a modern language, computer skills, psychology or a wide range of others. Further details are contained on the relevant department's web pages.

Combined LLB Honours allow students to take the core foundation subjects and devote the remaining one-third (120 units) of the degree to another subject area.

#### Combinations available are:

- · Law with Business Finance
- Law with Economics
- · Law with English Language Studies (EFL/ESL)
- · Law with French
- · Law with Management Studies
- Law with Politics
- · Law with Spanish

See overleaf for available start dates.

# Assessment LLB

Students are generally expected to complete 90 units of study every 6 months. Assessment within the Law School is predominantly through written examinations held at the end of each 6-month period, although continuous assessment is used in some subjects. The part-time degree has a larger element of continuous assessment and examinations are held once a year in lune.

#### Study options

#### What if I do not want to take a Qualifying LLB?

If you are not thinking of practising Law, you may consider our BA (Hons) in Politics, Economics and Law. This programme enables you to take four modules of each subject, giving students a great introduction to the political and legal worlds.

You may also take Law as a minor element, with two-thirds of the degree in some other subject area such as Business or Psychology. For further details, refer to the relevant major subject in our prospectus.

#### · Can I study for an LLB part-time?

Single Honours Law (part-time) may be taken over 4 years. The programme follows a more traditional academic year, starting in September with examinations each June. The courses are similar to those in the full-time programme and are generally taught by the same members of staff. Teaching takes place on Wednesday evenings over 30 weeks each year. There is a separate booklet on this programme available directly from the Law School.

# The Staff

The Buckingham Law School consists of around 20 experienced full-time staff, assisted by a number of part-time tutors and Visiting Professors. Between them, they are able to offer a broad range of specialisms, as well as full coverage in the "foundation" subjects.

Full-time faculty include:

Jae Sundaram, Senior Lecturer in Law, Dean: specialist in Maritime Law, International Trade Law and Commercial Conflict of Laws

Dr Carol Brennan, Senior Lecturer in Law: her teaching specialisms are Tort Law, Law of Evidence and Criminology. Dr. Brennan is the author of several popular Tort textbooks. Her current area of research is governmental responses to historic institutional child abuse.

**Dr Susan Edwards**, Professor of Law, Barrister, Director of the Centre for Multi-Cultural Studies in Law and the Family: is the author of several books including Sex and Gender in the Legal Process. She is a consultant to the Home Office and a Rapporteuse for the Conseil de l'Europe.

Dr Francis Grimal, Lecturer in Law: specialises in International Law and is a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Non-Proliferation & Contemporary International Law. His research interests include: the use of force; nuclear

proliferation, self-defence, collective security humanitarian intervention and International Humanitarian Law.

John Hatchard, Professor of Law: his teaching interests include the Law of Evidence, Law and Governance in the Developing World and Combating Transnational Corruption and Money Laundering. He has published extensively in these areas, as well as in Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Evidence, Constitutional Law and human rights, with particular reference to the Commonwealth and Anglophone Africa

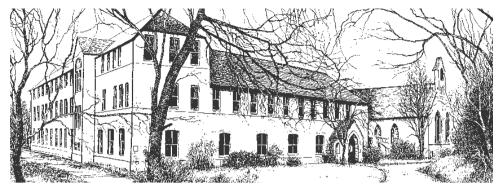
Dr Gregory Ioannidis, Senior Lecturer in Law: specialises in Sports Law, a field in which he enjoys an international reputation (Dr Ioannidis was counsel for the well-known Greek sprinters following their dispute with the IAAF in 2006). He has published wisely, particularly on issues such as doping, drugs and health in sports.

Dr Sarah Sargent, Lecturer in Law: has had extensive practice and litigation experience in the area of Family Law, and Poverty Law issues. Her research and teaching interests include Company Law, Business Law, indigenous rights in International Law, children's law and international human rights.

**Dr James Slater**, Senior Lecturer in Law: teaches and researches in Criminal Law and Jurisprudence, he also teaches Law of Torts and Contract.

(For a complete list of Law School staff, please visit our website.)

"I found that former students had excelled in their chosen fields and that the law degree programme was recognised and respected"



# Undergraduate Law at Buckingham

#### Buckingham is different...

- Access to Law: It is generally recognised that studying Law is not easy and Buckingham Law School does expect
  applicants to have good A-levels or their equivalent. Where this is not the case, perhaps because higher education
  in your home country does not extend to 18 years of age, or you have not been engaged in full-time study for
  some time, we may recommend that you take our 6-month Access to Law programme, starting in January or July.
  Unlike most Access programmes elsewhere, this is taught be academics who also teach on our LLB programmes.
  They understand which skills you will need in order to be successful at LLB level, and they will help you to acquire
  those skills.
- Careers: The Law Careers Tutor is available for individual career counselling and can draw on the numerous
  professional contacts that the Law School has developed over the past thirty years.
- Student Centred: At The University of Buckingham the learning process is student centred. The LLB students and their lecturers get to know each other very well due to our small class sizes, creating a unique and stimulating learning environment.
- Fast Track to Success: As Britain's only independent mainstream University, we pioneered the two year Law
  degree. The success and student care have been recognised by the National Student Survey of which we came top
  for four consecutive years, and we are proud to be one of Britain's top 25 Law Schools in accordance with the
  Guardian League Tables of excellence.



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