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What do you study?

Interdisciplinary:

- English
- Politics
- Policy
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- History

“At school I had always enjoyed maths and science but also arts subjects and languages, and I had this idea that Law would combine something of everything.”
How do you learn?

- Academic, not vocational
- Engage with the subject material
- Question the status quo
- Consider new applications

“The biggest difference between any course at university and school is the amount of independent study that has to be done.”

“You can challenge what is right and wrong. Even though it looks black and white, it’s actually not.”
How do you learn?

Lectures
• Large group teaching
• At the Faculty
• 200 students per lecture
• 1 hour per lecture
• Typically 10-12 per week

Supervisions
• Small-group teaching
• Ask questions and discuss some written work
• Organised in your college
• 2-4 students
• Typically 2-3 per week

“What I really liked about Cambridge was the supervision system. It’s very engaging.”

“You will probably be supervised by the authors of the textbooks you are reading!”
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7 Foundation Subjects

- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Tort Law
- Contract Law
- Land Law
- Equity
- EU Law
The Structure of the Course

Your 1st Year

1. Tort Law
2. Constitutional Law
3. Criminal Law
4. Civil (Roman) Law
5. Legal Skills and Methodology half-paper

4 Subjects + ½ paper → Exams
The Structure of the Course

Your 1st Year
1. Tort Law
2. Constitutional Law
3. Criminal Law
4. Civil (Roman) Law
5. Legal Skills and Methodology half-paper

Your 2nd Year
1. Contract Law
2. Land Law
3. Option 1
4. Option 2
5. Option 3
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Your 1st Year
- Tort Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Civil (Roman) Law
- Legal Skills and Methodology half-paper

Your 2nd Year
- Contract Law
- Land Law
- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3

Your 3rd Year
- Equity
- EU Law
- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3

Exams
| Your First Year… |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| **Criminal Law** | • How do we define a crime?  
                     • How do we decide who is responsible? |
| **Tort Law**     | • What duty of care do we owe to members of our society?  
                     • How can the law moderate conflicts between two individuals? |
| **Constitutional Law** | • How do our laws separate and regulate powers of the state? |
| **Civil (Roman) Law** | • How do different parts of the legal system interact?  
                             • How does the law function within its historical and cultural context? |
# A Typical First Year Time Table

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LAW STUDENT

It might be difficult to imagine what your life as a Cambridge Law student might look like, especially if you have not studied Law before.

Every student’s experience of Cambridge will be different, owing to the huge range of opportunities and activities on offer. Typically, however, a Law student’s study time will be divided between:

- Attending lectures (8-11 hours per week in the first year)
- Attending supervisions (2 hours per week in the first year)
- Studying privately and in informal groups, to prepare for supervisions

In this video, three first year Law students – Robbie, Katie and Scott – give us an insight into a typical day in their lives, using hand-held cameras. The day they chose to film was at the end of their second term in Cambridge.

“Academically, we have a heavy workload... but our life isn't just about law”
Your Second Year...

Examples of Optional Papers

- Legal History
- Civil Law I & II
- Administrative Law
- Criminology, Sentencing and the Penal System
- Family Law
- Criminal Procedure and Criminal Evidence
- Jurisprudence
- International Law
- Comparative Law
- Human Rights Law

“I chose to take international law in my second year, and liked it so much that I’m writing an international law dissertation in my third year”
Your Third Year…

### Equity (Trusts)
- Intellectual Property
- Commercial Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Company Law
- Aspects of Obligations
- Labour Law
- Competition Law

### EU Law
- Banking Law
- Civil Procedure
- Legal and Political Philosophy
- European Environmental and Sustainable Development Law
- Landlord and Tenant Law
- Law of Succession
- Personal Information Law
- European Legal History
- Historical Foundations of the Constitution

### Examples of Optional 3rd Year Subjects
- Intellectual Property
- Commercial Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Company Law
- Aspects of Obligations
- Labour Law
- Competition Law

### Example of Dissertations
- Public Law
- Law and Ethics of Medicine
- The Family in Society
- Tax Law and Policy
- Justice and Human Rights
- Women and the Law

“One of the key things I’ve enjoyed about doing a dissertation is the freedom to work on your own idea”
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### Alternative Course Structures: Erasmus Option

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“For me, Erasmus was definitely about experiencing new things”
Alternative Course Structures: Senior Status Degree

Undergraduate degree
- In a non-law subject

1st Year
- Tort Law
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Land Law
- Option 1

2nd Year
- Criminal Law
- Equity
- EU Law
- Option 1
- Option 2 (or dissertation)
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Why study law as an undergraduate?

Saves you time and money

More time in Law means more opportunities to specialise

More time to consider internships and work experience

Choose what is right for you

“What I really liked about studying law as an undergraduate was it would let me start my career a little bit earlier”