

Studying Law at the University of Birmingham

# LLB Programmes

### **Undergraduate**

- LLB Law
- LLB Law with Business
- LLB Law with Criminology
- LLB Law with French
- LLB Law with German

## **Graduate Entry**

LLB Law for Graduates

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## LLB Law

We aim to provide you with a thorough grounding in the main areas of English law whilst offering the maximum amount of variety and flexibility.

In the first weeks we introduce you to the core skills and knowledge you'll require:

- Structure of the legal system
- Reading legal cases
- Interpreting legislation
- Writing legal essays



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## LLB Law

#### **First Year**

- Public Law
- Law of Contract
- Criminal Law
- Law of Torts

#### **Second Year**

- Land Law
- Legal Foundations of the EU
- Law of Trusts & Equity
- Jurisprudence

#### **Final Year (6 options)**

- Advanced Administrative Law
- Advanced Constitutional Law
- Advanced Law of Torts
- Advanced Property Law
- Bioethics
- Canadian Constitutional Law
- Child Law
- Civil Procedure and Evidence
- Company Law
- Comparative Administrative Law
- Counter Terrorism Law

- Criminal Evidence
- Criminology
- Domestic Sale of Goods
- Environmental Law
- Human Rights and Criminal Justice
- Intellectual Property
- International Economic Law
- International Human Rights
- International Sale of Goods
- Labour Law
- Law and Policy of the WTO
- Law of Adult Relationships
- Law of Health and Safety at Work
- Law of the European Union
- Legal Issues in Health Care
- Mooting
- Political and Legal Theory I
- Political and Legal Theory II
- Public International Law
- Regulation of the Legal Profession
- Tax Law
- Women and the Criminal Justice System
- Youth Crime and Youth Justice



# LLB Law with Business

#### **First Year**

- Public Law
- Law of Contract
- Law of Torts
- Optional Business Modules

#### Second Year

- Land Law
- Legal Foundations of the EU
- Law of Trusts & Equity
- Optional Business Modules

#### **Final Year**

- Criminal Law
- 3 Optional Law Modules
- 2 Optional Business Modules

### **Optional Business Modules**

- Understanding Organisations
- Managing Organisations
- Introduction to Financial Reporting
- Introduction to Business Economics
- Advanced Finance
- Advanced Business Economics
- Human Resource Management
- Managerial Finance
- Marketing Communications
- Research Skills
- Retailing
- Strategic Management



# LLB Law with Criminology

#### **First Year**

- Public Law
- Criminal Law
- Law of Contract
- Law of Torts
- Crime, Social Harm and Social Justice
- Criminal Behaviour I

#### **Second Year**

- Land Law
- Legal Foundations of the EU
- Law of Trusts & Equity
- Jurisprudence
- Criminal Justice I
- Criminal Behaviour II

#### **Final Year**

- Criminal Justice II
- Youth Crime and Youth Justice
- Dissertation
- 3 optional modules from the LLB final year

To be a qualifying law degree one of your final year options will need to be in a foundation subject such as advanced constitutional law or write the dissertation on a foundation subject



# LLB Law with French/German

#### **First Year**

- Public Law
- Law of Contract
- Law of Torts
- French/German Language
- Introduction to French/German Law

#### **Second Year**

- Land Law
- Legal Foundations of the EU
- Law of Trusts & Equity
- French Property Law/ German Law
- French/German Language

#### **Third Year**

Year spent in partner university abroad

#### **France**

- Bordeaux IV
- Orléans
- Paris II
- Strasbourg II
- Université Laval

#### Germany

- Berlin
- Beyreuth

#### **Final Year**

- Criminal Law
- French/German Language
- Optional Law/French/German Modules
- Optional Dissertation in French/German Law



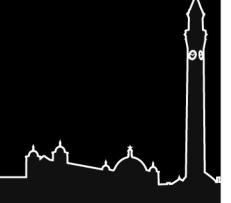
## Assessment

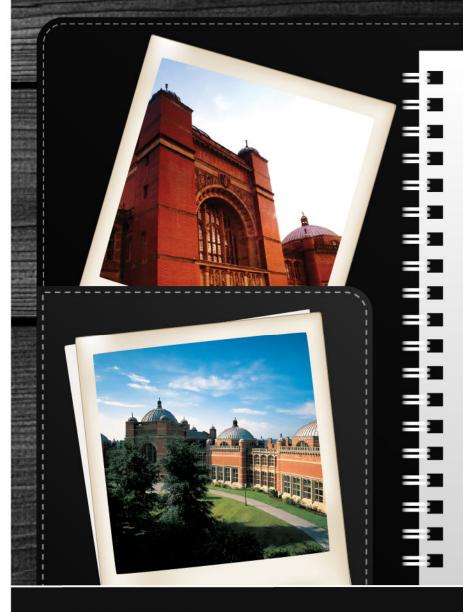
#### **Assessment**

- Most of the core modules are assessed by traditional examinations in May/June.
- Optional modules and projects are often assessed by an essay
- All modules count towards the overall classification of this Honours level degree

### Weighting

- Second Year 25%
- Third Year 75%





## Contact hours

### Each week you will have...

- Lectures 10-11 hours
- Supervisions 2-3 hours
- Independent study 30 hours

Academic staff also have office hours set aside each week for any additional assistance you may need.

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## What do we offer?

### **Harding Law Library**

Located in the law school

#### **Holdsworth Club**

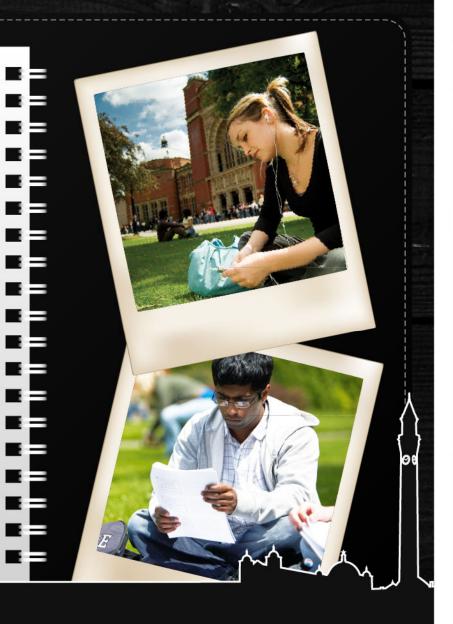
Oldest University Law Society

### **Mooting**

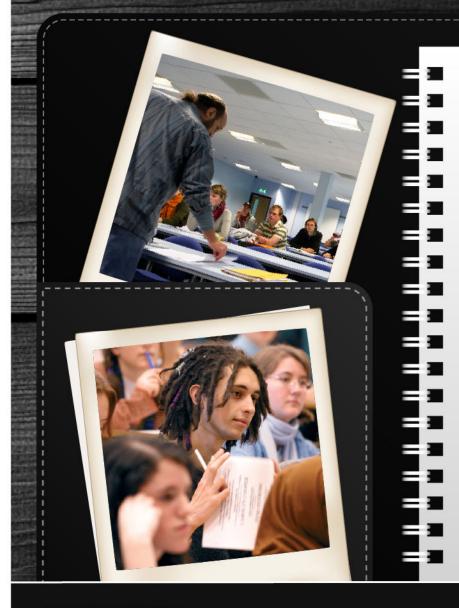
- Four internal competitions
- Compete nationally

### **Pro-bono activity**

- Law Clinic
- Pro-bono Lecture Series
- StreetLaw Project



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## Careers assistance

#### **Annual Law Fair**

Over 50 firms attend each year

#### **Law in Practice Seminar Series**

- Medical Law (Irwin Mitchell)
- European Law (DLA Piper)
- Tort Law (Ince & Co)

### **Employability Fortnight**

- Applications process panel
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Careers advice sessions

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# Entrance requirements

#### A-Level

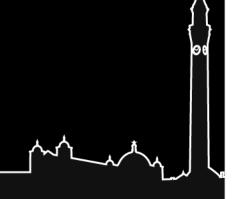
- Grades AAA excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking
- Including language grade A for Law with French or German
- GCSE grade B in Maths for Law with Business

#### IB

- 36pts overall with 6,6,6 at higher level
- Higher level language grade 6 for Law French or German
- GCSE grade B in Maths for Law with Business

#### **LNAT**

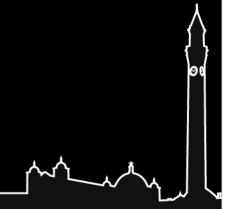
Satisfactory performance required

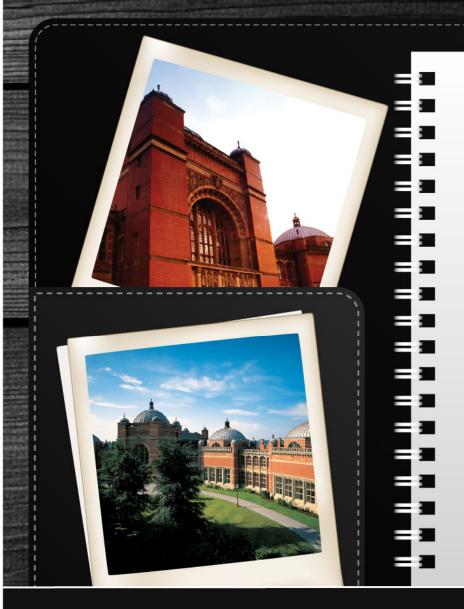


# Universities requiring LNAT

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University College London
- Durham University

- Glasgow University
- Kings College London
- Nottingham University
- Oxford University





## Careers

Only 50% of Law students nationally and 2/3 from Birmingham go into practice after graduation.

An LLB equips you for a variety of different careers

- Legal Profession
- Government
- Social Services
- Business
- Industry

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# Legal Careers

#### To become a solicitor

• Legal Practice Course (LPC)

#### To become a barrister

 Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)

Followed by 1-2 years on the job training



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# Student Life

Consistently ranked amongst the top UK sporting universities

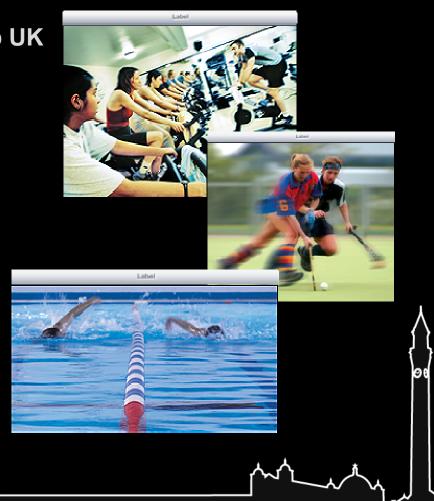
- Swimming pool
- Three sports halls
- Athletics track
- International standard pitches
- Activity centre in the Lake District

#### The Guild of Students

- 160 student groups and societies
- Live music
- Freshers' balls
- Firework extravaganzas

#### **Job Zone Guild of Students**

- Student-friendly jobs
- Earn while you learn



# Campus & Accommodation





### **University Campus**

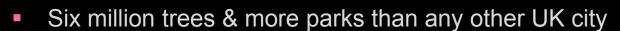
- Open & green 250 acre site
- Striking architecture
- Bars & cafes
- Train station
- Doctors surgery & dentist

#### **Accommodation**

- CCTV & 24 hour security
- Student Villages
- Student Mentors

# Birmingham

- City of one million people
  - Six million living within 50 miles
  - The safest major UK city
- Great transport links
  - International airport
  - Major road & rail links
  - Central easy to travel across the country



I was astonished when I saw how beautiful Birmingham was. The buildings, the art, the use of water. It is an extraordinary jewel of a city... I was bowled over when I was there. It is quite wonderful.' (Bill Clinton)





# Birmingham

#### Entertainment

- Music NIA, NEC, Symphony Hall
- Comedy Glee Club, Jongleurs
- Restaurants Balti Triangle, Chinatown
- Museums, Galleries & Theatres

#### Sport

- Football Aston Villa, WBA, Wolves
- Cricket England & Warwickshire
- Golf The Belfry
- First city in Europe to be awarded title of 'European city of sport'

### Shopping

- The Bullring Largest inner city retail development in Europe
- Mailbox
- Rag Market





## LNAT

- No legal knowledge required
- Practice through the LNAT website www.lnat.ac.uk
- Take the test before January 20<sup>th</sup>

#### The LNAT test

- 95 minutes to do 42 multiple choice questions
- 40 minutes to write a 600 word essay from a choice of three topics

#### What we look for...

- A good score in the multiple choice section
- A well argued essay



# Preparing to sit LNAT

- Read quality newspapers
  - The Daily Telegraph
  - The Guardian
  - The Independent
  - The Times



- What assumptions are being made?
- What info is being relied on to draw conclusions?
- Think about arguing against the article





#### 1. Freedom

The words 'free' and 'freedom' are in many contexts emotional rather than meaningful words. They are useful for making rousing slogans: political slogans such as 'Set the people free'; educational slogans such as 'Give children more freedom'. A slogan was originally a Highland war-cry. Many people today are shouting out the battle-cry of freedom. Slogans have their uses; otherwise they would not be so popular, especially amongst advertisers and politicians. Educationists too need to rouse people, and they should not therefore despise the use of emotional words. But highly emotional words like 'freedom' should be used with an understanding of their meaning as well as with an appreciation of the power of their emotional overtones. They will then have power to arouse thought as well as emotion. The only real justification for the use of slogans especially in education, is to stir people to think and act, not to stir them to act without thinking. There is a danger that classroom slogans like 'free activity' and 'free discipline' may lead to unthinking, unwise practice. It is necessary to consider carefully what the word 'freedom' means.

If it is to convey meaning with even a slight degree of precision it must be used with a preposition: 'freedom for' as in freedom for children or oppressed peoples; 'freedom from' as in freedom from want, fear or irritating interference; 'freedom in' as in freedom in education or the classroom; 'freedom of as in freedom of action, conscience, opinion, speech, will or worship; and with a slightly different meaning in freedom of the library, of the city or of the seas.

Next (N)

Which of the following is implied in the argument:

- C A. Freedom is a meaningless word
- O B. Freedom in education is especially important
- C. People in education should not use emotional words
- O D. We should use terms carefully
- C E. 'Freedom to' is better than 'freedom from'

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End Exam (E)

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# Multiple choice section

### The questions are always about the passage

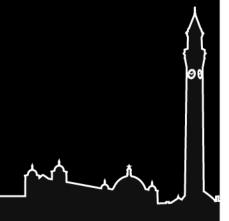
Ignore what you know from outside

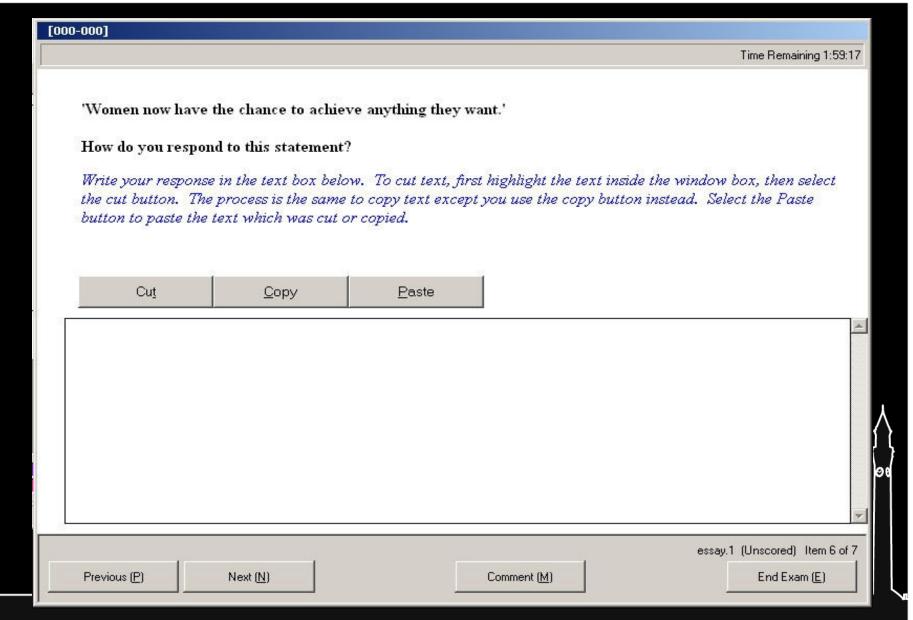
### There is only one right answer

- There are no trick questions
- We are trying to establish your ability of discrimination

### Ninety-five minutes to complete 42 questions

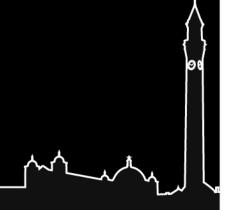
- Timing is critical
- Pace yourself practice will help





# Sample essay questions

- Does it matter if some animal and plant species die out?
- Is it right that students should contribute to the cost of their degrees?
- What disciplinary sanctions should teachers be allowed to use?
- "We must be prepared to sacrifice traditional liberties to defeat terrorism."
  Discuss.
- Should the law require people to vote in general elections?
- Should private cars be rationed? If so, how?
- What is 'political correctness' and why does it matter?



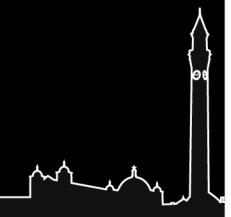
# Essay section - tips

### Form a convincing argument

- We want to see if you can defend a position
- You do not have to believe in the argument
- You do not need data about the topic
- Don't sit on the fence

#### Think about what to write

- Organise your thoughts
- Try to keep to 600-700 words
- Compose and edit



# We are looking for...

- A high score in multiple choice questions
- Well constructed argument in essay:

INTRO - FOR - AGAINST - CONCLUSION

- We want to see someone who can:
  - write well
  - show self-confidence
  - communicate well

