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Why Choose Birmingham?

I chose to study at the University of Birmingham because it is one of the premier universities in the UK The faculty and teaching is amongst the best in the country and as a member of the prestigious Russell Group Birmingham boasts excellent ties with leading law firms providing me with the opportunities to successfully pursue my career goals. Completing a 2-year accelerated programme at Birmingham allows me to obtain a qualifying law degree that is valued and has a strong reputation in the legal community without doing a full 3-year programme.

Facilities & Teaching

The facilities at Birmingham are impressive and have had a great impact on my learning. The Harding Law Library, for example, is unique in the sense that it offers law students exclusive and specialised materials. Computer clusters are located throughout the law school and are equipped with the latest software allowing you to do research and quickly complete assignments. The Law School also has newly renovated lecture theaters and classrooms providing us with comfortable facilities befitting a top Law School.

The teaching at Birmingham is excellent, staff will go to great lengths to ensure that you understand the materials presented. This ranges from actively asking questions to students in lectures to holding office hours where you can speak to them on a 1-1 basis right through to twitter-based question hours.

Careers & Pro Bono Activity

Careers plays an important role for students at Birmingham. The biggest and the best law firms from both the UK and the rest of the world host exclusive events and training workshops specifically for students here. Rather than just turning up for an hour at a careers fair they run detailed, in-depth sessions which shows the strong links the School has with the legal community. The advice and guidance given to students at Birmingham really enhance the chances of submitting a successful application to the firm you wish to work with.

Being involved with the the Pro Bono group has allowed me to give back to my community and actually make a difference in the life of someone. I was involved in a child custody dispute and it was very satisfying to see a positive result and knowing that you played a vital role in that.

With a law degree from the University of Birmingham, I feel that there are many open doors for me to pursue. From being a barrister or a solicitor to completing a LLM or even doing something totally different outside of legal practice. The LLB for Graduates programme at Birmingham is an excellent choice for anyone wishing to pursue a legal career. The tools required to both get a job in law and succeed within it are actively taught here

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