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WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL



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 Saturday 18 March 2017
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A UNIQUE PLACE TO STUDY LAW



WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL IS BASED IN LITTLE TITCHFIELD STREET IN THE HEART OF LONDON. THE CAMPUS HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE A £3.5M TRANSFORMATION, INCLUDING NEW LIBRARY AND STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE AND SOCIAL SPACES, AND PROVIDES A FRIENDLY, DIVERSE AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY LAW.

Westminster Law School is a leading provider of legal education, and we are proud of both our practical and professionally relevant approach to teaching and learning, and the friendly and supportive environment we offer to all students. We have a family atmosphere where everyone can get to know you personally. We're also based in the heart of London very near Oxford Circus, right in the centre of a vibrant commercial district with easy access to courts, key legal employers and legal institutions and some of the largest international law firms in the world.

Our flexible courses are designed to help you develop rapidly into a confident professional and we aim to provide you with a host of opportunities to boost your career and develop your professional and transferable skills.



TEACHING AND SUPPORT



AT WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL YOU CAN STUDY A WIDE RANGE OF DISTINCTIVE MODULES, MANY OF WHICH REFLECT THE RESEARCH INTERESTS OF THE STAFF.

You will be taught by academic staff who are leaders in their field, and you'll study in a supportive environment with a high degree of individual attention.

As well as personal academic tutors, our dedicated student support tutors will be on hand to help you if you need to discuss any difficulties you might be facing at University.

In addition, as a first-year student you will also be allocated a member of staff to work with, on a one-to-one basis, to develop your research and writing skills.

EMPLOYABILITY AND TRANSFERABLE SKILLS



Students and staff continue to be highly successful. Last year 60 per cent of our undergraduates obtained a 2:1 or above; 92 per cent of graduates from our law courses go on to work or further study within six months of graduation.

Our alumni go on to work for some of the UK's leading legal services providers. Others pursue careers in fields such as accountancy, the Civil Service, education and government.

For a list of just some of the institutions and companies where our alumni have built successful careers, turn to p12.



"We have a strong focus on employment and we spend a lot of time supporting you to develop your career. We concentrate on professional and transferable skills, employability and personal development planning. We also offer innovative modules to prepare you for the realities of working in modern law practice and the changing profession, which will allow you to progress after you graduate."

Liz Duff,
Head of Westminster Law School

21st CENTURY PRACTICE



As part of your undergraduate course you'll have the opportunity to study our innovative module, 21st Century Law Practice in the UK, which will give you a headstart in understanding:

- the use of technology in law firms, barristers' chambers and other legal entities
- how legal practice is changing as a result of the Legal Services Act and the introduction of alternative business structures.



"To anyone thinking of applying for a Law course at the University of Westminster, I would give one piece of advice – do it! I could not recommend the University enough. Westminster is a very forward-thinking university which, on top of the outstanding teaching, offers numerous law fairs, career events, and student advisors to help with networking and applications.

You are genuinely treated as an individual and given the time and attention that you need to help you to succeed, both while at university and in the future."

Katie Sills, GDL and LPC alumna

DIVERSITY AT WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL



Diversity is integral to the success of Westminster Law School. Our students and staff come from a very wide range of backgrounds and we have a member of staff who sits on the Law Society's Diversity and Equality Committee; the School also participates in the Law Society's Diversity Access Scheme. Diversity in the legal profession is an area of research for a number of staff at the School.



"What's really unique about our courses here at Westminster Law School is that our practice-based academics work together with our researchers to develop courses that are highly relevant, up to date and geared to employability.

What's more, our friendly team of academics are experienced and highly approachable individuals who aim to provide personal and academic tutoring support to every single student."

Jeanette Nicholas, Senior Lecturer

AN INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOOL



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The University of Westminster has been named one of the top 100 international universities in the world, and among the top 10 in London, in the Times Higher Education's global university rankings. We have a strong strategic focus on internationalisation, a rich pool of global partnerships, a 3,889-strong international student undergraduate body from six continents, and international staff members from 81 countries. One in five of our undergraduate students and one in three postgraduate students are from an international background, contributing to a diverse and vibrant learning environment.



The School has extensive international links with academic institutions and the legal profession. We have students from across the globe studying with us and the University provides comprehensive help and assistance specifically for international students, including a whole range of services and activities. Our Law with French Law LLB Honours and European Legal Studies LLB Honours courses also enable you to study abroad for 10 months as part of your degree.

For more information visit:
westminster.ac.uk/international

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH



We have an international reputation for research into the legal profession and legal practice, international law and human rights, and commercial and financial law. Our courses are developed with this research in mind to offer you the very latest in academic and practical learning.



"My course is unique in London, it means that I don't need to go to law school later on to become a qualified solicitor... I like the fact that it's a close-knit group and we get to study on real-life client cases."

Sultana Nahar, Final Year student



"The high quality of teaching coupled with the Law School's perfect location in central London was crucial in enabling me to achieve my goals. Having tutors passionate about what they do not only makes the lectures and tutorials fun but also easier to learn."

The location of Westminster Law School is particularly important for attending conferences and seminars, so you can meet practitioners and make connections."

Dogan Gultutan,
LLB Honours alumnus

LIFE OUTSIDE THE LECTURE THEATRE



Westminster Law School has two flourishing law student societies: the Law Society and the Bar Society. They hold workshops and invite key speakers to talk to students, as well as organise social events, law balls, and career and fundraising events.



"Having subsequently talked to colleagues from other universities, it's clear that the Law School has got a really good work placement programme at the end of your second year, and that makes a huge difference. The work placement module we did made sure that we went out and got 100 hours work experience, so Westminster opened a lot of doors by pushing you into particular areas."

Jifree Cader,
LLB Honours, graduated in 2005



All of our undergraduate students have the opportunity to specialise in specific areas of law during the degree courses. You will also be able to get involved in our various research centres:

- Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality
- Centre on the Legal Profession
- Centre for Law, Society and Popular Culture
- Westminster Law and Theory Lab



"The quality of the teaching and the approachability of the lecturers were the two main reasons I decided to stay at Westminster to complete my Legal Practice Course. I have a great relationship with the staff – it is a really friendly team. Without the friendliness and approachability of my lecturers and tutors I would not have obtained a First Class Honours in LLB Law and a Distinction in the LPC."

Mansoor Malik, Law LLB (2012),
completed the Legal Practice Course (LPC) in 2013

ALUMNI



Large numbers of our graduates enter the legal profession and enjoy highly successful careers. Our alumni include presidents of the Law Society, judges and QCs, as well as young lawyers or barristers of the year. Many of our Masters and PhD students have chosen careers in international tribunal and commercial institutions or as academics.

These are just some of the institutions or companies that our graduates have found work in:

- Addleshaw Goddard
- African Voices
- Ali Sinclair
- Allen and Overy UK
- Aspen Re
- AT Law
- Azam solicitors
- Baker & McKenzie Consultancy Services
- BCL Legal
- Berwin Leighton Paisner
- Bhogal Partners Solicitors
- Bindmans
- Blavo & Co
- CLC Solicitors
- Cost Inc Ltd
- Ealing Council
- Fadiga & Co Solicitors
- Freshfields
- Hamptons Solicitors
- Hodge Jones & Allen
- International Law Centre
- Kidd Rapinet
- Latif Adams Solicitors
- Law for All
- Lawrence and Co
- Legal Services Commission
- Malik Law Chambers
- Nabas Legal
- Noble Solicitors
- Research in Motion, BlackBerry
- Ropes & Gray
- Swedish Home Office
- Taylor Haldane Barlex LLP
- Thompson Dorfman
- Sweatman LLP
- University of Arts
- Weightmans
- White & Case LLP



"Westminster Law School taught me the importance of networking, attending extra-curricular events such as seminars and talks, and – most importantly – making contacts. In the legal industry your reputation is so important and Westminster really encouraged me to make the most of every opportunity, such as being active in the University Law Society and various mooting competitions. I am still in contact with many legal professionals who I met while at Westminster."

Azara Roger,
LLB Honours alumna

COURSES

LAW LLB HONOURS

Length of course: Three years full-time; four years part-time, three days a week

UCAS code: M100z

Campus: Regent, Little Titchfield Street site

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – ABB (we only consider General Studies and Critical Thinking as a fourth subject at A Level); International Baccalaureate – 32 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM. Overseas students whose first language is not English will need an IELTS of 6.0, with 6.0 in each part. See also entry requirements on p17.

This course offers you an exciting and dynamic educational experience as well as providing you with the core requirements of a Qualifying Law Degree. The modern legal profession needs graduates with more than just academic training, and the course explicitly addresses this with a structured programme of skills development to enable you to launch a successful career.

You can choose from an extensive range of subjects covering diverse areas of law to suit your individual interests. These subjects can be linked to form one of six coherent streams; commercial law, criminal law and justice, entertainment law, human rights, law and theory, and welfare law. You can also add a further year of law study abroad in one of the School's partner institutions in Europe and overseas.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/law

EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES LLB HONOURS

Length of course: Four years full-time

UCAS code: M125

Campus: Regent, Little Titchfield Street site

Typical offer for September 2016: Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – ABC (we only consider General Studies and Critical Thinking as a fourth subject at A Level), plus GCSE in a European language; International Baccalaureate – 30 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM. Overseas students whose first language is not English will need an IELTS of 6.0, with 6.0 in each part. See also entry requirements on p17.

Studying European Law has become increasingly important as the influence of the European Union and international organisations continues to grow and develop.

This course provides you with the core requirements of a Qualifying Law Degree, along with an exciting opportunity to spend a year studying at one of our partner universities in Europe. You will gain knowledge of other legal systems, experience another legal culture, enhance your European language skills and develop international links. The course will prepare you for a range of legal careers including barrister or advocate, solicitor, clerk, officer of the court or legal executive.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/law

LAW WITH FRENCH LAW LLB HONOURS

Length of course: Four years full-time

UCAS code: M1R1

Campus: Regent, Little Titchfield Street site

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – ABC including Grade B in French (we only consider General Studies and Critical Thinking as a fourth subject at A Level); International Baccalaureate – 30 points, to include 5 in Higher Level French; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM, plus Grade B in A Level French. Overseas students whose first language is not English will need an IELTS of 6.0, with 6.0 in each part. See also entry requirements on p17.

If you have a passion for French and an interest in French Law, this course provides you with the core requirements of a Qualifying Law Degree, along with an exciting opportunity to spend a year studying at one of our partner universities in France (Bordeaux, Nancy, Nice, Paris Ovest Nanterre or Toulouse).

You will gain invaluable experience of another legal culture while acquiring knowledge of its legal language and legal system. Depending on your language skills and overall performance, while in France you may have the opportunity to study for a Licence en Droit and obtain an additional qualification.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/law

M-LAW (INTEGRATED MASTERS IN LAW)

Length of course: Four years full-time

UCAS code: M190

Campus: Regent, Little Titchfield Street site

Typical offer for September 2016: A Levels – ABB (we only consider General Studies and Critical Thinking as a fourth subject at A Level); International Baccalaureate – 32 points; Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – DDM. Overseas students whose first language is not English will need an IELTS of 6.0, with 6.0 in each part. See also entry requirements on p17.

This course is one of only six in the country, and the only one in London and the South East. It provides you with the core requirements of a Qualifying Law Degree and a Masters qualification as well as exemption from the Legal Practice Course (LPC). The course is geared to professional practice, and you can start your training to become a solicitor as soon as you graduate.

The course introduces you to the skills required by lawyers. This prepares you for the clinical experience in Years 3 and 4, where you will work with real clients on real cases, offering you invaluable experience which will make you highly attractive to future employers. Ninety-five per cent of our graduates are in work or further study six months after graduation.

For module information and further details, please visit: westminster.ac.uk/law

HOW TO APPLY

For full-time courses you must apply online via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), at ucas.com

If you are resident outside the UK, you can get advice from your school or college, or one of the University's official representatives, at westminster.ac.uk/international. We also have teams in Beijing and Delhi who can support you through the application process.

If you are a mature applicant resident in the UK, you can seek advice from careers organisations. Please feel free to contact us.

If you are applying for a part-time degree, a certificate or diploma, you should apply directly to the University – either online at westminster.ac.uk or by sending an application form. This form can be obtained from the Course Enquiries Team:
T: +44 (0)20 7915 5511
E: course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk

Entry requirements

You will find the typical offer given to applicants starting their law course in September 2016. These may remain the same for 2017, but up-to-date information can be found on our website or on the UCAS website. As well as qualifications, we will look for additional evidence of suitability for a course; if your qualifications or experience indicate that you are more suited to a Foundation-level course at Westminster or an associated institution, you will be advised of this.

A LEVEL AND GCSE REFORMS

We do not expect to make major changes to entry requirements in relation to the forthcoming changes to A Level and GCSEs from September 2015. Any changes that are made to entry qualifications will be updated on our website as soon as they are confirmed.

A Levels

We consider each application on its merits and, although we do look at AS grades (if available) as part of our selection process, we also consider the applicant's predicted grades, GCSEs, personal statement and reference when making an academic decision. We understand schools will be adopting a number of approaches to the reforms and we would not expect all applicants to have AS Level qualifications.

GCSEs

We have yet to confirm what our grade requirements will be under the new GCSE grading structure but will publish this shortly. We will continue to require GCSE in English Language and Mathematics for all courses.

Standard entry requirements:

- three GCE A Level passes plus two GCSEs at Grade C or above including English Language and Maths; or
- two GCE A Level passes plus three GCSEs at Grade C or above including English Language and Maths; or
- five passes in the Scottish Certificate of Education, of which three are at Higher Grade including English Language and Maths; or
- four passes in the Scottish or Irish Certificate of Education, all at Higher Grade including English Language and Maths; or
- a pass in Edexcel BTEC National award or HNC/HND; or
- a pass in an Access to HE Diploma (passes in English and Maths at GCSE Grade C or equivalent may be required); or
- Foundation course; or
- an International or Welsh Baccalaureate.

These should be seen as benchmarks; we recognise that a variety of other qualifications and learning may provide appropriate evidence of an applicant's suitability for admission. The University will use its discretion to interpret such formal attainment levels in terms of equivalence, with advice from external agencies.



International entry requirements

We have extensive experience in evaluating non-UK qualifications. For country-specific information, please email course-enquiries@westminster.ac.uk or visit westminster.ac.uk/international



HOW TO APPLY

International visa requirements

Unless you hold an EU/EEA passport you should apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa. Before you apply for your visa you must have accepted our unconditional offer of a place and have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Study (CAS) from the University of Westminster. The CAS is a unique reference number which confirms that you will be studying at Westminster. You will need this number for your visa application form.

Please remember that if you have a Tier 4 visa for a different institution, we will not be able to enrol you until you have applied for a Tier 4 visa for the University of Westminster.

Your CAS will be issued once you have paid the minimum deposit towards your tuition fees.

If you need to apply for a student visa in order to study with us then please read the information on our website at westminster.ac.uk/visas

Admissions process

We take care to ensure the confidentiality of your application information. All details are held on the University computer system for internal administrative purposes and the compilation of statistics. However, if requested, we may provide information to UCAS, local education authorities, police forces and government departments (eg UK Visas and Immigration).

You can request access to your computer file with payment of a fee. If you have any comments about our admissions procedures, please contact us by email, at admissions@westminster.ac.uk

If you prefer, you can write to the Associate Director, Admissions, University of Westminster, 101 New Cavendish Street, London W1W 6XH.

Students with disabilities

We encourage applications from people with disabilities. If you have a disability that might affect your studies, please indicate this clearly on your application form. The procedure for admission of disabled applicants is in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Equality Act, and you may be invited for an interview to discuss whether any special arrangements or equipment you need can be provided. Some courses might be unsuitable for applicants with particular disabilities.

If you are applying late, for example through UCAS Clearing, you may be required to defer for a year to allow the University to make reasonable adjustments. For more information, contact our Disability Learning Support Service at dls@westminster.ac.uk

westminster.ac.uk/disability