

For the attention of the Head of Law

University Law Departments and A-Level Law

Law teachers may be aware of press speculation about whether university law departments accept students with Law A-Level. There has been an implication that, contrary to information given in prospectuses, some universities are reluctant to make offers to applicants studying Law A-Level. These stories do not match with our experience, so we decided to conduct a survey on this issue with a view to producing a list of institutions that have confirmed that A-Level Law will be perfectly acceptable as an entry qualification for their law courses. We wrote to all the 153 institutions which offer law degrees and asked them two questions:

When making conditional offers, does your institution view A-Level Law in the same way as other A-Levels such as English or History?

Are you willing to let AQA include your institution on its list of institutions which regard A Level Law as an appropriate A-Level to count towards offer requirements for law courses?

We had a very good response rate for questionnaires of this type and, with the exception of two institutions, all replied positively to both questions. Below is the list of all the institutions who wished to be included in the list of those who regard A-Level Law as an appropriate entry requirement for law degrees.

Aberdeen University	Queens University, Belfast
Aberystwyth University	Regent's College, Oxford
Anglia Ruskin University	Robinson College, Cambridge
Balliol College, Oxford	Selwyn College, Cambridge
Bangor University	Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
Birmingham City University	Somerville College, Oxford
Bournemouth University	Southampton Solent University
Bradford University	St Anne's College, Oxford
Brasenose College, Oxford	St Catharine's College, Cambridge
Buckinghamshire New University	St Catherine's College, Oxford
Cardiff University	St Edmund Hall, Oxford
Christ Church, Oxford	St Edmund's College, Cambridge
Christ's College, Cambridge	St Hilda's College, Oxford
Churchill College, Cambridge	St Hugh's College, Oxford
City University	St John's College, Cambridge
Clare College, Cambridge	St John's College, Oxford
Corpus Christi College, Cambridge	St Peter's College, Oxford
Corpus Christi College, Oxford	Staffordshire University
Coventry University	Strathclyde University
De Monfort University	Swansea University
Downing College, Cambridge	Thames Valley University
Dundee University	The Robert Gordon University Aberdeen
Durham University	The University of Hull
East Lancashire Institute of Higher Education at Blackburn College	Trinity College, Cambridge
Edge Hill University	Trinity College, Oxford
Edinburgh Napier University	Trinity Hall, Cambridge
Emmanuel College, Cambridge	University College London
Exeter College, Oxford	University College, Oxford
Exeter University	University of Abertay Dundee
Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge	University of Bedfordshire
Girton College, Cambridge	University of Birmingham
Glasgow Caledonian University	University of Bolton
Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge	University of Brighton
Harris Manchester College, Oxford	University of Bristol
Hertford College, Oxford	University of Buckingham
Homerton College, Cambridge	University of Central Lancashire
	University of Chester

Huddersfield University
Hughes Hall, Cambridge
Jesus College, Cambridge
Jesus College, Oxford
Keble College, Oxford
Keele University
King's College, Cambridge
King's College London
Kingston University
Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford
Lancaster University
Leeds Metropolitan University
Lincoln College, Oxford
Liverpool Hope University
Liverpool John Moores University
London South Bank University
Lucy Cavendish, Cambridge
Magdalen College, Oxford
Magdalene College, Cambridge
Manchester Metropolitan University
Mansfield College, Oxford
Merton College, Oxford
Middlesex University
Murray Edwards College, Cambridge
New College, Oxford
Newcastle University
Newnham College, Cambridge
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Oriental College, Oxford
Oxford Brookes University
Pembroke College, Cambridge
Pembroke College, Oxford
Peterhouse, Cambridge
Queens College, Cambridge
Queen's College, Oxford

University of Derby
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Glamorgan
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Kent
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Northampton
University of Nottingham
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Stirling
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Teeside
University of Ulster
University of Warwick
University of West England
University of West Scotland
University of Westminster
University of Wolverhampton
Wadham College, Oxford
Wolfson College, Cambridge
Worcester College, Oxford

* The University of Cambridge advises all potential applicants to check the individual college websites to check what each sees as acceptable A-Level subject combinations.

** The University of Oxford focus on the extent to which candidates measure up to their published admissions criteria (further information is available at www.law.ox.ac.uk).

The two institutions which did not reply positively to both questions were Manchester and LSE, which have A-Level Law on their list of less preferred subjects. They do accept Law, so long as it accompanied by two other subjects which are not on their list of less preferred subjects.

We shall write again to the institutions which did not respond and update our list if we hear from more universities which would like to be included in the list.

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