School of Law
Undergraduate Studies
2015
Here at the School of Law we are committed to ensuring your time at university is a positive one. Our departmental student societies, our Graduate Student Advisers, the Legal Advice Centre, and our supportive teaching environment are just some of the ways we hope to involve you in the life of the School.

We seek to offer our students the strongest possible start to their professional life by using established links with law firms, government advisers, commerce, charities and industry. Our aim is to give you a solid foundation, both academically with your taught degree, and on an extra-curricular level; offering work experience, networking opportunities, and excellent careers advice amongst other unique possibilities.

Our active student body is one of our greatest assets; you will find out more about it, and how you can get involved in the following pages. We offer lots of opportunities for you to win internships both abroad and in the UK, and a number of our undergraduate prizes are sponsored by top law firms such as Herbert Smith.

Our academic staff are world leaders in their fields; many have been involved with high profile organisations such as the United Nations, the International Court of Justice, and the European Commission.

I hope that you find the information in this brochure a useful starting point for exploring a degree with us. Please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Team if you require any further information.

I look forward to meeting you, and hope that you will join us at the School in the near future.

Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas
Head of Department, School of Law
Why Law?
Why London?
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Why Law?
A degree in law is highly regarded by employers of all kinds. Not only does it prepare you for a career in law, if that is what you desire, but it also requires you to consider the social, political, and economic significance of issues beyond the subject. This equips you with a wide range of abilities suitable to almost any job, such as:

- strong verbal and written communication skills
- analytical and critical reasoning skills
- lateral thinking and problem solving
- attention to detail
- independent thinking
- research skills

It is easy to underestimate the value of transferrable skills. However, they are important to employers, and a degree in law will provide you with the opportunity to develop yours in many areas, such as mooting, presenting, essay writing, reading and understanding legal documents; as well as partaking in group discussions and interpreting information provided in lectures.

Why London?
As the capital of the UK, London provides a huge number of opportunities for law students to become part of the legal world during their studies. With some of the most famous law firms and chambers based here, there are endless networking opportunities. London provides a great professional platform for our students to gain practical experience and contacts before they graduate.

We have a long standing relationship with Snaresbrook Crown Court, and work closely with many City law firms through academic connections, the student societies, and our Legal Advice Centre.

"The East End is a fantastic location and it is surprising how close campus is to many places. The world’s leading law firms and the Supreme Court are literally on your doorstep. Moving to London was the best decision of my life and I am still discovering new and exciting things to do in my spare time."

Lewis Scott Powers, LLB
Why Queen Mary?

The Mile End Campus is just 15 minutes from the centre of the City, where you will find numerous legal landmarks such as the Royal Courts of Justice. We are also walking distance or a short bus ride away from many points of interest in the vibrant East End, such as the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Our students’ guide to the best places to go can be found on page 36-37.

At the School of Law, we are consistently striving to make your learning, social, and professional experiences with us enjoyable and fulfilling. From day one of Welcome Week, we hope to invest in your development. We are also privileged to attract students who are keen to be involved in the life of the School. Queen Mary is a lively and welcoming community; we are the only campus-based university in London, and many of our students comment on how friendly the campus environment is, even within a bustling city.

The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which represent the best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience, and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

Diverse

Our student body is diverse, with 53% of our Law students coming from the UK, and 47% from overseas.

We have students from over 50 different countries studying with us at the School of Law.
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Student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2014

91%

Law students were in work or further study 6 months after graduating

1st

Ranked 1st in London and 3rd in the UK for Law by the Guardian University Guide 2015

10 OUT OF 10

For the School of Law from the Guardian University Guide 2015 on 'spend per student'

91%
Our degrees
Our degrees

Law

M100 LLB (three years)
This is the traditional LLB course. It includes all the core subjects required to satisfy the Bar Council and Law Society requirements. In the first year you will take all core modules, whilst the second and third years offer a broad range of optional modules to allow you to widen your interests.

Year 1
• Public Law
• Criminal Law
• Elements of Contract Law
• Land Law

Year 2
• Tort Law
• Equity and Trusts
• Law of the European Union (half module)
• Administrative Law (half module)
• plus optional modules (one full or two half modules).

Year 3
• Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
• plus optional modules (combination of full or half, totalling three modules)

English and European Law

M120 LLB (four years)
This LLB follows the same programme structure as the traditional three year course, with the exception that you will spend your third year abroad in an EU country. This will enable you to gain knowledge and understanding of at least one other EU legal system; you will complete the final year of the LLB in your fourth year.

Fluency is important if you are planning to live abroad. If you want to study in a different language then you should be prepared to attend some language classes here during your first two years.

Our current agreements are with the following institutions:

Tuition in English:
• Katholieke Universiteit, Belgium
• University of Copenhagen, Denmark
• Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands
• Università di Bologna, Italy

Tuition in native language:
• Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), France
• Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I), France
• Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
• La Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Law with a Year in Hong Kong

LLB (four years)
The LLB with a Year in Hong Kong follows the same course structure as the LLB English and European Law: the first two years are spent at Queen Mary; the third is a year at the University of Hong Kong (HKU); and the final year is back with us at QM. The third year of the programme is spent as an exchange student in the Faculty of Law at HKU, where students follow a programme of legal study (tuition is in English). This will provide students with a global perspective, which is appealing to employers, as well as promoting personal growth and development.

Please note that this programme is not available through UCAS, you should apply for the regular LLB and you will have the opportunity to transfer once you are enrolled.
Our degrees

Law and Politics
ML12 BA (three years)
This is a joint honours degree, designed for students with an interest in both legal and governmental systems. The politics modules are studied within the School of Politics and International Relations. It is your choice as you progress through the course as to how to balance your degree. You can complete your studies with a qualifying law degree or, if you are more interested in the Politics side, you can specialise there.

Year 1
- Public Law
- Elements of Contract Law
- Introduction to Politics
And either:
- Comparative Government and Politics or
- International Relations since 1914.

Year 2 (qualifying)
- Criminal Law for BA Law and Politics students
- Land Law
- Law of the European Union (half)
- Administrative Law (half)
- plus one module from Politics.

Year 2 (non-qualifying)
- Law of the European Union (half)
- Administrative Law (half)
- plus three modules from Law or Politics, one full module must be from Politics.

Year 3 (qualifying)
- Equity and Trusts
- Tort Law
- plus one module from Law and one from Politics.

Year 3 (non-qualifying)
Four options from either Law or Politics (you must do at least one module from each)

Law: Senior Status
M101 LLB (two years)
The Senior Status is a qualifying law degree suitable for non-law graduates. It is an accelerated version of the traditional three-year route and is popular with students considering a career in law or with an academic interest in the subject.

Year 1
- Public Law
- Criminal Law
- Elements of Contract Law
- Land Law
- Law of the European Union (half.)

Year 2
- Tort Law
- Equity and Trusts
- Administrative Law (half)
- plus optional modules (combination of full/half totalling two)
Module options

- Commercial and Consumer Law
- Company Law
- Comparative European Law: European Legal Systems (half)
- Comparative Law: Asian and African Legal Systems
- Competition Law
- Criminology
- Cultural Diversity and the Law
- Democracy and Justice
- Dissertation
- Family Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Transactions
- International Environmental Law
- Law, Justice and Ethics
- Law and Literature: Justice in Crisis (half)
- Law and Literature: The Foundation of Law (half)
- Law and Medical Ethics
- Law Modernity and the Holocaust
- Law of Evidence
- Media Law
- Medical Negligence
- Public International Law
- United Kingdom Human Rights Law.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and availability is subject to change.

You can find out more about the content and assessment of our modules on the website: www.law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/index.html

"I very much enjoy my tutorials. We're taught to form our own opinions on things and I love debating topics with my tutors. The groups are just the right size. They are small enough that everyone has a chance to speak but large enough that there is a wide variety of opinions."

Daphne McRae, LLB English and European Law
Our degrees

What to expect
A lot of our applicants want to know what to expect when they join the university. We have compiled sample timetables on the following few pages and one or two other useful pieces of information that we hope will help.

Before committing yourself to work placements or buying books – we suggest waiting until you have your final timetable and are fully enrolled so that you have all the facts. You won’t be expected to turn up knowing everything!

Course structure
You will have four core modules in the first year (five for Senior Status students); each of these will consist of two hours of lectures and a one-hour tutorial per week. Tutorial classes are held in small groups of up to 12 students. Assessment is generally exam-based, with one or two of the optional modules containing a coursework element.

Sample timetables
LLB Law (M100 and M120) (BA Law and Politics (ML12) will look similar)

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Please note that these are sample timetables only, based on the previous academic year. Tutorial and Lecture times will vary depending on the groups you are assigned.
Our degrees

Working during your studies
Some students decide to work during their degree. We would suggest trying at least the first few weeks without a job, so that you have a good understanding of the workload involved in your studies. A part-time job is not impossible, but don’t forget you will have a lot of reading to do. We expect you to be available between 9am and 6pm during weekdays for timetabling, but we make sure to keep your Wednesday afternoons free as universities have a tradition of taking part in sports at that time. You should be doing around 40 hours a week study, including your contact hours.

Reading lists
A full and up-to-date reading list will be given to you by your academics once you start on the course, and for the speedy ones copies are available from the library. You aren’t expected to start work over the summer, but if you wish to do a little reading, we suggest:


Entry requirements
Entry to the School of Law is highly competitive; as a result we look at your application as a whole. Academic entry requirements are a good basis for a law degree, but applications are also assessed on your personal statement and reference. We never guarantee an offer before one of our selectors has reviewed your application as a whole, and it has been checked by the Admissions office. If you have any queries about the application process or your academic suitability then please contact us.

"Over the last two years I have been taught by former solicitors, barristers, QCs, parliamentary draftsmen and advisers to the EU and UN. The teaching staff here have such a wealth of experience that you really feel you are being taught by the best.

Shaun Malone, LLB"
Our entry requirements

This information is correct at the time of printing, however please check our website for the most up-to-date information. The requirements below are standard offers; we reserve the right to adjust the requirements up or down, depending on the overall strength of your application.

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<td>Additional information: AS-levels are not included in our offers. Vocational and applied A-levels are reviewed on a case-by-case basis; we would prefer you to have three traditional academic subjects. Excluded subjects: General Studies, Critical Thinking, Key Skills.</td>
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Our School

Legal Advice Centre
The School's Legal Advice Centre (LAC) offers free legal advice to the local community. Our law students work alongside solicitors from the City to advise our clients on the strength of their case, and provide them with an understanding of the legal issues and processes that need following.

Our projects
The LAC runs seven projects throughout the year:
- General Advice
- Family Law
- Company Law
- Pink Law
- Law for the Arts
- Criminal Justice
- Supporting those who serve

Our students
Our advisers are selected via application, and undergo an extensive training programme with legal professionals, academic staff, and the Queen Mary Careers service. Once trained, you will have the opportunity to apply your legal knowledge in a practical context, including interviewing clients and researching their case. You will also be able to compete for one of the many work placements and mentoring opportunities the LAC offers with top City firms.

Our network
We work with over 80 solicitors from London firms such as Reed Smith, Mischon de Reya, Bross Bennet, Simmons & Simmons, Field Fisher Waterhouse and many more. We also have connections with criminal law specialists 15 New Bridge Street Chambers and a wide range of other organisations such as Lawyers Without Borders. These professionals work with us by supporting our client work and investing in the development of our Student Advisers.

Our clients
The clients who use our service are usually members of the public and staff or students from Queen Mary. We are able to advise on a wide range of different issues, with the aim of equipping our clients with the legal knowledge they need and an indication of the viability of their case. Based on our recent survey, 100% of our clients would use us again and recommend our service to a friend.

Our awards
Since its opening in 2006, the LAC has won and been nominated for numerous awards; most notably in the Attorney General Student Pro Bono Awards, winning Best New Pro Bono Project 2008 and Best Team of Students 2010. In 2013 we were runners up in the following categories: Best New Student Pro Bono Activity for our Supporting Those who Serve project and Best Contribution by a Law School. In 2014 we were runners up for Best Contribution by a Law School.

Find out more about LAC projects online: www.advicecentre.law.qmul.ac.uk

@QMLAC
QMULLegalAdviceCentre

*Name withheld for confidentiality reasons
Our School

Graduate Student Advisers
The Graduate Student Advisers (GSAs) are a team of friendly and experienced postgraduate students who are on hand to listen to your concerns and are able to provide all students in the Law Department with advice on issues relating to your university experience.

The GSAs provide advice on a number of study-related topics, including:
- essay / exam questions
- study skills
- careers and CVs
- exam technique
- work/life balance
- time management

They also run drop-in sessions four days a week and everything discussed with a GSA is confidential. Workshops are well attended throughout the year and cover a number of study-related topics, including essay writing, revision and exam techniques.

I strongly advise students to use the GSA service as much as possible. I’ve been in there a few times and they were most helpful.
Emily Millgate, LLB

The most interesting part of my course is learning from lecturers that are highly experienced in their field of Law – in particular Contract Law and Criminal Law. Their anecdotes of their work life made the learning experience much more interesting and memorable.
Amudha Vaidyanathan, Senior Status LLB

Academic Support
When you arrive in September you will be assigned an academic adviser, who is there to support you throughout your studies. They have weekly office hours and are on hand to give academic advice, discuss your work, and help you interpret essay and exam feedback. Unlike school or sixth form college, you are expected to work independently at university, and some students find this transition a little daunting at first. Your academic adviser will be available to give you guidance and advice, so be sure to make the most of their knowledge and expertise.
Mooting at Queen Mary

Mooting at Queen Mary is a long established tradition. Our students are very successful in external moots, this year beating over 70 other universities to win the coveted Oxford University Press Moot 2014. We also host the annual George Hinde Moot which has been running for over 40 years.

Gillian, this year’s moot master gives us more insight...

What is mooting?
Mooting is the verbal presentation of a legal issue or problem. It’s an exercise designed to give students the closest experience to appearing in court.

What kind of events do you run?
The main event overseen by the Mooting Society is the internal George Hinde Moot. This is open to students from all years of the law school, from complete beginners trying out their legal advocacy skills for the first time, to more experienced students. The competition is comprised of 7 rounds with all students progressing to the second. Alongside the actual moots, students are invited to take part in workshops and receive feedback on their performances.

Do you have any professional contacts/networks?
Many experienced lawyers are involved with mooting as part of their pro bono work. Contacts involve academics who judge earlier rounds, barristers who participate in workshops and judges such as Sir Stanley Burnton, Lord Hoffman and Lord Leveson.

Have you won any awards?
In the external competitions Queen Mary were once again finalists in the 2014 London University Mooting Shield competition for the 6th year running beating KCL and LSE. A team from Queen Mary also competed in the grand final of the Oxford University Press competition in July 2014, beating Oxford, Cambridge and LSE. We have won the Thomas A Finlay Competition in Ireland every year we have entered bar one.

On a personal level, how has the society helped you?
This year I was a finalist in the prestigious George Hinde Moot and winner of the First Year Cup. It has improved my confidence greatly and also enabled me to get more practical experience of legal advocacy.

Find out more about mooting at Queen Mary online: www.law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/mooting/index.html

QMUL-Mooting-Society
Queen Mary Pro Bono Society

The Queen Mary Pro Bono Society (QMPBS) has the primary focus of increasing access to justice and understanding of the law. We seek to engage members by providing volunteering, fundraising and networking opportunities.

Pro Bono president Hannah Fry tells us more...

What can members get involved with?
Members participate in a range of activities such as volunteering and fundraising for the Whitechapel Mission and Holy Cross Centre; assisting solicitors from City law firms at free legal advice clinics; organising second hand book sales and supporting environmental projects such as Energy for Old Fadama and FIELD. Our opportunities focus on increasing access to justice both at home and abroad. We aim to give legal support to the less fortunate in our immediate community by going into local schools and community centres to help spread awareness about topical issues.

This year we created an internship with Refuge, a domestic violence charity and another with Amicus-ALJ, a charity that helps provide representation for those facing the death penalty in the USA. We also use our funding to offer subsidised placements in Singapore, Australia, India, Ghana, South Africa and Cyprus which involve providing legal advice to prison inmates, documenting country profiles and carrying out legal research.

What does Energy for Old Fadama do?
Energy for Old Fadama (EFOF) was founded by students in the Pro Bono society and is an initiative that provides a safe and sustainable source of electricity through solar panels to residents of Ghana’s largest slum. So far, they have electrified 32 different community buildings and employed 20 people to maintain the solar panels and sell solar products, generating an income and empowering women and men living in difficult conditions.

The International Placements department within QMPBS has an internship program with the Fadama Legal Assistance Program (FLAP). As part of the legal internship with FLAP, students also have the opportunity to assist with EFOF by surveying panels, raising funds for new panels, and providing ideas on how to further develop the social enterprise.

Find out more about them and how to get involved at www.efof.org.uk.

What is The Advocate?
The Advocate is the Pro Bono Society’s newspaper, providing a platform for students to express their views on legal issues and engage with current events. It is read by some of the top law firms and chambers in the City, many of whom are featured in the newspaper and are involved with QMPBS’s other projects.

Find out more about the Queen Mary Pro Bono Group online:
law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/societies
Queen Mary Law Society

The Law Society is one of the largest societies at Queen Mary and currently has 440 members. The Society offers guidance to all students considering a career in the legal sector. As members of the Society, students gain exposure to all possible legal careers from working for a City firm to being part of an in-house legal team.

Meenal Selvaratnam, president of the Law Society, tells us more...

A legal degree provides countless opportunities and it is the aim of the Law Society to expose students to as many of those as possible. Working closely with QM Careers we host a number of networking events with some of the best law firms. Currently eleven City law firms and two of the best professional law schools in London sponsor us. In addition to this we also host an annual Negotiation Competition, the largest student-run competition on campus, as well as many social events including the inaugural Queen Mary Law Ball in 2014.

How has the Law Society benefitted you?
I have been a part of the Law Society since I started here at Queen Mary. It has been a great experience both socially and with regards to my prospective career in the legal industry by helping me to develop the skills and opportunities necessary for an enjoyable and prosperous time at university and beyond.

The Queen Mary Law Journal

The Queen Mary Law Journal (QMLJ) is a collection of essays and academic articles published annually by the Queen Mary Law Society. It is an entirely student-run publication, with both its leadership and editorial board drawn from the student body at Queen Mary University of London. Founded in 1998 and re-introduced in 2010, the journal’s primary commitment is to offer an avenue for students and practitioners of the law to publish work that falls outside the scope of the typical legal curriculum.

Find out more about the Queen Mary Law Society online:
law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/societies

@LawSocietyQM

The Law Society has recently been awarded the title of Society of the Year by the Queen Mary Student’s Union for this academic year. In addition we have also been nominated for the NUS Society of the Year.

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Queen Mary Bar Society

The Bar Society at Queen Mary is a proactive student society with the fundamental purpose of preparing Queen Mary law students for a career as a barrister, or who want to learn more about the Bar. Currently they have approximately 150 members.

We asked their President, Alex Davidson, to give us more information about who they are and what they do...

The purpose of the Society is to educate students about a life at the bar, including the application process, the areas of practice and the practical realities of work and finance. We provide students with the opportunity to learn about the bar, allowing them to form their own personal links with the profession through activities such as networking and social events, workshops, trips, competitions and panel debates.

What is the most exciting aspect of the Bar Society?

That would have to be the Blackstone Written Advocacy Competition where the lucky winner given a coveted mini-pupillage at Blackstone Chambers. This year we had a record number of entries. We also arranged a debate on assisted dying, which a number of prominent barristers attended, including David Perry, QC.

On a personal level, how has the society helped you?

The society has helped me reach the firm decision I want to pursue a career at the Bar. It has also helped cast light on the process of applying for pupillage and the various avenues of funding. Having a committee position has allowed me to develop and obtain new skills as well as meet new people who soon became very good friends!

What are the benefits of being part of the Bar Society?

Being in London we are fortunate enough to be very close to the Inns and Chambers, which has enabled us to forge strong ties with numerous sets, spanning a wide range of practice areas. We are invited to formal dinners every year at all the Inns, as well as receiving their sponsorship and the opportunity to network with, and learn from, some of the best legal minds in the country. We are committed to supporting and encouraging our members by equipping them with practical information and advice to help demystify the Bar, making it more accessible and less daunting.

Find out more about the Queen Mary Bar Society online:
law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/societies

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"The Bar society has organised extremely useful events helping me to understand the work of a barrister. For example, the Networking event was an invaluable experience, as I was able to hear about the peculiarities and everyday life of a barrister from those involved in the profession."

Indre Kazlauskaite, LLB
Senior Status Society

Geared towards the students on the Senior Status LLB programme, the Society’s aim is to support their members both socially and academically throughout their time at Queen Mary. They currently have approximately 95 members.

Carolyn Minaudo, current President of the Senior Status Society explains their mission...

We strive to provide support to all Senior Status students through offering advice and guidance with coursework, as well as providing career events and external opportunities specific to Senior Status students. We acknowledge that many of our students are international and have different career objectives from other law students at Queen Mary so we include some events tailored to these needs.

Another of our aims is to promote cohesion amongst current Senior Status students from all years, as well as to create a strong network of Senior Status alumni, allowing for our students to remain connected throughout their professional futures.

How would a new student get involved?
The Senior Status Society is open to every Senior Status student, and all are encouraged to join. It’s an opportunity to socialise with others in the program, regardless of your tutorial group or year. If you have questions about the programme or are struggling with coursework, it’s an informal avenue to seek guidance and talk to people who are or were in similar situations. We welcome any ideas for events and socials and overall just want to bring everyone together. There are no formal
committee positions but we encourage anyone who wants to get actively involved in helping to organise events to get in touch.

What opportunities do you offer your members?
We offer information sessions on how the 2-year LLB qualifies abroad (specifically in Canada), networking events with Queen Mary Law alumni, and external volunteer opportunities. Above all, the Society will give its members the opportunity to meet and socialise other Senior Status students.

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Our School

Women Working in Law Society

One of the newest student-led initiatives in the department, the WWL society seeks to educate the student body on the unique challenges women face in the pursuit of a legal career.

Ciara Henry, this year’s president fills us in on how they got started and what they’ve been up to this year...

Where did the idea come from?
Most law firms have set up some form of gender initiative to increase diversity; we wanted to bring that to university level to help students learn about the obstacles women might face throughout their legal careers.

How do you go about that?
Panel evenings, we held a discussion with members of the Women Lawyer’s Division, and one with female barristers. We host CV and interview workshops as well as educational talks. For example a diversity roadblocks in law talk with Sasha Scott, vacation scheme and training contract workshop with Gwyn Day and career talk with Vanessa Vallely on women working in the City.

What is the best thing your society has organised this year?
Our opening event in conjunction with the Women Lawyer’s Division was one of our best events. WLD invited us to the Law Society for a drinks and food reception, followed by a panel discussion with a variety of female lawyers and business women, and a talk from Mary-Ann Wright, Chair of the WLD.

What opportunities do you offer your members?
As part of the ‘We are the City’ network we have exclusive access to events held in the City for women who wish to work in law. This year society members had the chance to attend a ‘legal speed dating’ event that would otherwise have only been accessible to fully qualified lawyers. Our current members have been able to acquire legal mentors in areas of law such as family law and tax law through these schemes.

Gwyn Day will be back in the next academic year to give our members a CV and interview workshop in relation to attaining vacation schemes and training contracts. He will be making two visits to QM in order to give our members the most effective sessions possible.

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ELSA QMUL

ELSA QMUL is the first local ELSA group established in London. ELSA (The European Law Students’ Association) is the world’s largest law students’ association; it is comprised of more than 41,000 members across the globe including students and recent graduates who are interested in academic and personal excellence in addition to their studies at their universities.

President Mihaela Angelova provides a bit more background...

We provide our members with opportunities to enhance their legal knowledge on a variety of law-related topics. Some of the events we organised this year included: Careers at the EU, Freedom of Expression and the Internet, Securitization and the Financial Crisis, Privacy and Security after the War on Terrorism as well as panel discussions on the topics of Is an LLM Worth Doing?, A UK Bill of Rights, is it the right thing? and many more.

There is something for everyone; legal placements, academic competitions, summer law schools, EU institution visits and of course some socials!

What opportunities do you offer your members?

Being a member of ELSA QMUL gives students access to the various global opportunities provided by ELSA, some of these are mentioned below, but there are so many it’s impossible to list them all!

The Student Trainee Exchange Programme (STEP) is a paid work experience programme ranging from 2 weeks to 2 years in any law related area. STEP makes it possible for law students and young lawyers to gain working experience abroad.

There are also ELSA delegates who are given the opportunity to sit next to national delegates and representatives of some of the most important NGOs and observe how decisions and policies are created at international level, deepening participants’ knowledge the issues discussed.

Study Visits provide ELSA members with a possibility to visit ELSA groups in other countries and in return host groups at our university.

As part of ELSA QMUL, our members can participate in law schools which ELSA International organises all over Europe. Each of the law schools is based on a different topic and based in different cities. They include a great academic program as well as an excellent social program. Besides the European law schools, ELSA provides the opportunity to visit those in China and in Dubai.
Careers

We recognise that the majority of our students study law because they are looking to enter the profession after graduation. As such, Queen Mary invests a lot of resources into specialised careers events, such as law fairs, workshops, and the opportunity to network and apply for placements through the student societies and Legal Advice Centre. A Queen Mary law degree is well regarded by City firms, and will give you a solid foundation for a career in the legal sector.

Soon after you enrol at Queen Mary, you will meet the dedicated law adviser from the Careers Team, who is regularly available throughout your studies for one-to-one advice and support sessions.

Of course, not all of our students want to be lawyers and there are plenty of chances to explore other career options too. You can find out more about the services on offer on the QM Careers website:
www.careers.qmul.ac.uk

What happens after my degree?

Although the qualifying law degree (QLD) is the first step in becoming a lawyer, you will be required to participate in further training after you graduate. The chart opposite is designed give you an idea of what to expect.

“Reed Smith has been pleased to work closely with Queen Mary for a number of years, in a variety of ways, and we have recruited their law students into both our summer vacation and training contract programmes. The university attracts and produces a diverse range of high-quality and motivated students who we have found to meet the skills and qualities we are looking for in our recruits.

Lucy Crittenden
Graduate Recruitment Manager,
Reed Smith”
Training route to become a qualified lawyer

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<td>Attend QM law fair; apply for mini-pupillage and shadowing opportunities; research Inns of Court scholarships and funding; explore BPTC providers; attend National Pupillage Fair</td>
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<td>Attend QM law fair; research and apply for vacation schemes at larger firms; research and apply for training contracts; explore LPC providers</td>
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| Training contract | In order to complete the final stage of qualification, you will complete a further year, usually broken into two six-month periods known as ‘sixes’. The first is non-practising and the second is practising; you will begin by observing your supervisor, followed by the second six where you will manage your own caseload. |

| Qualified lawyer | |
Our School

Bursaries and scholarships

Each year we offer a number of bursaries to our students to encourage them in their academic achievement and contribution to the School. Bursaries are available to students in all years, and across all the courses we offer. They are renewable for your remaining years of study at the discretion of the Bursaries committee.

The bursaries are currently worth £1,000 per year, and the application process begins once you are enrolled. We also offer an undergraduate scholarship of £2,000, which you can apply for upon enrolment.

Queen Mary offers a wide range of bursary and scholarship packages, which are open to all first-time undergraduates; you will automatically be entered for most of these. Details can be found here: www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/feesandfunding/tuitionfees/bursaries/index.html

William and Mary Scholarship

The William and Mary Scholarship is an opportunity offered to all final year students in the School of Law. It is a chance to take an LLM course at the College of William and Mary, one of the oldest colleges in the USA. The campus is situated in surrounding woodland, and based in downtown Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Scholarship covers your return air fare, all tuition fees, the cost of accommodation and food, and a stipend equivalent to the British postgraduate students’ grant.

“The whole experience was an eye opener and was academically fruitful. It has been an ice breaker in many job interviews, dinner parties and networking events. It was also great to travel up and down the east coast, the weather was amazing, and the people are truly lovely.
Rachel Coyle, LLM William and Mary

You can find out more about Rachel’s experience and the scholarship online: www.law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/bursaries/williamandmary/index.html

“The School of Law awarded me £1,000 for my ‘outstanding contribution’ to the School of Law. It was a wonderful award and has been fantastic both for my CV and helping with living costs. It meant a lot to have my contribution recognised and I believe future students should really aspire to achieve this award.
Lewis Scott Powers, LLB

You can find out more about Rachel’s experience and the scholarship online: www.law.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/bursaries/williamandmary/index.html
50 years of Law

Recognised as a bastion of social mobility in the East End, Queen Mary is proud to be home to the No.1 law school in the capital. In 2015 we will be celebrating 50 years of law and are will be running a number of events and exhibitions taking place in the UK and overseas.

From public moots to specialist lectures our staff, students and alumni will be showcasing their work in our 50 year celebrations.

The programme of events and activities will not only celebrate our rich heritage, but also our work at the Lincoln’s Inn Fields campus, and our widening commitment to public engagement in the Borough of Newham and beyond.

Events

The School hosts and organises a large number of events throughout the year, including lectures, conferences, workshops and seminars. Many of these events are an excellent opportunity for you to network in a relaxed setting with academics, practitioners and their peers. At the beginning of each year you will have the opportunity to volunteer as an ambassador. The events team try to give our student ambassadors the chance to work closely with speakers and sponsors.

“Queen Mary provides so many opportunities for law students. Every day I get emails about upcoming law events. So many in fact that there is no possible way I could attend them all.
Emily Millgate, LLB”

Public Engagement

The Public Engagement programme is focussed on developing a range of opportunities and events aimed towards social enterprise, cultural capital and active citizenship.

The School of Law and the legal profession are ideally positioned to develop public engagement, both in terms of policy and project work. With this in mind, we plan to expand our activities in this area with a view to training and developing students to lead projects with local schools, the East End community, and the profession as a whole.

In 2014/15 student ambassadors will participate in a wide ranging programme based on promoting creativity, innovation and leadership.
Our University

Students relaxing on campus by Regent's Canal
Our University

Student accommodation
Queen Mary is a campus based university, which means that you can live a five minute walk away from your 9am lectures.

The award-winning Student Village plays host to almost 2000 rooms, all of which are self-catered houses, flats, and maisonettes. The majority of the rooms are en-suite, but shared bathroom facilities are also available at a lower price. You will share a kitchen with 4-11 other students depending on the room type you choose. En-suite rooms contain a shower room, under-desk fridge/freezer and plenty of storage space. For both types of room you will have a wireless broadband connection and daily communal cleaning service.

You can have a look around all the possibilities with 360° virtual tours on the residences website: www.residences.qmul.ac.uk/college/qmaccommodation/mileend

Spaces in the residences are allocated with preference to those living furthest away. Students living within Greater London should consider alternatives, as it is unlikely you would get preference due to the limited number of spaces.

Queen Mary also has around 125 rooms reserved in the University of London Intercollegiate Halls. Students staying here will get breakfast and an evening meal provided during the week, with lunch at the weekend. They are located in Central London between Russell Square and Covent Garden; you will be living amongst students from the other University of London Colleges whilst still in easy reach of Mile End by tube.

Other options include private halls, situated a stone’s throw away from campus, or rented housing. The residences team are on hand to advise you should you need any help, and have a housing guide and a list of trustworthy landlords too.

You can apply as soon as you have confirmed us as your firm choice on UCAS, and should do so by 31st May of the year of entry. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee spaces to insurance offer holders, but where possible we will do our utmost to accommodate you.

For more information, visit: www.residences.qmul.ac.uk

“...My room was spacious, and had its own mini-fridge and shower. As well as Uni-life being on my doorstep, I also enjoyed living a stone’s throw away from East London’s famous Brick Lane and Spitalfield’s Market.

Eloisa Tovee, LLB

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Our University

Queen Mary facilities and support

Queen Mary Students' Union (QMSU)
Queen Mary Students’ Union is run by students for students. There are hundreds of clubs and societies to choose from, and these are a great way to get to know people with shared interests or try something new. From the Cheese Society to ‘Green Mary’, a society for the environmentalists among you, there is something for everyone; and if you can’t find a club to join, you can set one up. QMSU run a number of events throughout the year; the Exam Stress programme was a favourite this year, with a petting zoo and the Guide Dogs for the Blind puppies making an appearance on campus!

Club Sport
Queen Mary regularly competes against other college teams, and QMSU has over 60 sports teams. There is a regular social night for the teams to meet and get to know each other; it is a great way to make new friends. A number of the teams also go on tour to other countries.

QMotion
The QMotion gym is a state-of-the-art health and fitness centre, equipped with a wide range of exercise machines and weights. There’s a women-only section, and full programme of classes, including spinning and pilates. If you’re a bit exercise shy or just not sure how to push yourself further, a QMotion personal trainer will set you a unique programme tailored to your needs.

Shops and restaurants
As a campus university we have a number of shops, cafés, and restaurants on site. From the Village Shop just outside the halls, to Mucci’s, our Italian restaurant in Library Square, you won’t go without a good meal, a place to hang out, or somewhere to buy an emergency tin of baked beans! There is a superstore situated within a 20 minute walk from campus, or just minutes away on the tube, and a number of smaller convenience stores on every corner.

Library
The Mile End library offers a diverse range of study environments and plenty of resources to support your learning. The School of Law has a dedicated librarian who is responsible for ensuring the latest journals and text books are available, and will endeavour to get hold of anything that isn’t. The library is open seven days a week and operates 24/7 opening hours during the exam period. As a QM student you will also have access to the University of London Library at Senate House, which has one of the largest humanities and social science collections in the UK.

Advice and Counselling
As well as the academic and personal support you will receive in the School you will have access to the Queen Mary Advice and Counselling service. Their services are free and confidential, and many are available to applicants as well as current students. The advice given includes finances, housing rights, immigration law and so on. Counselling is also available on a one-to-one basis or in groups, and includes weekly therapy sessions or as a one-off appointments.

Health services
All students living within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets have access to the health services on campus. You should register with the Globe Town surgery via the Student Health Centre at the start of term. Students living outside Tower Hamlets can be treated on campus in case of emergency.
Our Students’ guide to the East End

Leonard St, EC2A 4RH
“The Book Club Shoreditch is a great place to eat and drink, but they also host workshops, talks, cultural showcases, parties, ping pong, pool.” Jo

Columbia Road, E2 7RG
“There is a wide choice of markets – my favourite being Columbia Road Flower Market.” Lewis

Fieldgate Street, E1 1JU
“There’s an amazing restaurant called Tayyabs in Whitechapel that does outstanding Punjabi food.” Emily

“There is always something going on in London whether it is major sporting events, musical festivals or carnivals, there is always something to do and see.” Shaun
Bow Road, E3 2SJ
“If you’re into art then check out Bow Arts, they run a gallery and café called The Nunnery, which is walking distance from campus and loads of events throughout the year. The Whitechapel Gallery is good too.” Millie

Mile End Road, E1 4UJ
“If you want something low-key, I recommend the genesis cinema near Whitechapel. You have to watch a film in studio 5 as they have a mini bar with sofas, blankets and tables.” Emily

Lauriston Road, E9 7LH
“The Fish House near Victoria Park serves the best fish and chips in East London.” Kelvin

Haverfield Rd, E3 5BE
“If you want to try something a bit different Mile End Climbing Wall is really fun.” Maija

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Next steps
**Next steps**

**Visit us**

Queen Mary has two collegiate Open Days annually for interested students; you can also book a campus tour throughout the year. Find out more about how to register at: [www.qmul.ac.uk/visitus](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/visitus)

We also hold departmental open days for offer-holding students; these take place from November through to March. UK-based students will be sent an email invitation. If you are overseas and wish to plan your trip around one of these open days, then please contact us for dates.

You will be able to see the School of Law and Legal Advice Centre, take a campus tour, find out more about the course, meet current students, speak to the societies, and – who knows, perhaps the promise of tea and cake might lure some of our academics out of their offices to meet you too!

**Applying to Queen Mary**

If you haven’t applied yet then what are you waiting for?! You need to apply online before the 15 January at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com). The UCAS website has full instructions to guide you through the process.

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