

Law Courses

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Two routes for a career in law:

- Law Degree – LLB
- Non-law Degree (eg BA, BSc) followed by “law conversion”

Law Degree

- Some Law degrees require LNAT National Admissions Test for Law – an aptitude test
- Multiple choice comprehension and one essay
- Lnat.ac.uk
 - Register
 - Practice
- Dates: opens 1 August 2024, register early. Deadlines: Oxbridge 15 October, LSE 31 December.
- Only allowed to sit once.
- For example: Bristol: GCSE 20%, sixth form grades 40%, LNAT 40%.

Non-Law Degree

- Complete a three year degree, e.g History, English
- Different options from different instructions (previous Law conversion system no longer in place)
- One year course to prepare for the law, for example:
- University of Law Post Graduate Diploma in Law (PGDL) with SQE 1 preparation
- Nottingham Law School LLM Law course (including SQE 1 preparation)

After a university course in Law – “Lawyer”

Solicitor

- Solicitors Qualifying Exams (SQE1 and SQE2) (previous system known as Legal Practice Course “LPC”)
- Various institutions: University of Law, BPP
- Two years training – QWE – Qualifying Work Experience. No longer has to be in one firm
- High street firm, In House, Corporate Law, Commercial Law.

After a university course in Law

Barrister

- Bar Practice Course
- Pupillage
- Qualification

After a university course in Law

- Civil Service
- Business
- Accountancy
- Political scientist/government role
- Civil Service
- Compliance
- Teacher

Routes

Solicitor			Barrister	
Law Degree	Non-Law Degree	Apprenticeship	Law Degree	Non-Law Degree
1 st year	1 st year	1 st year	1 st year	1 st year
2 nd year	2 nd year	2 nd year	2 nd year	2 nd year
3 rd year	3 rd year	3 rd year	3 rd year	3 rd year
SQE 1 & 2	SQE 1 preparation course (PGDL)	4 th year	Bar Practice Course	Conversion course (PGDL)
2 years QWE	SQE 1 & 2	5 th year	Pupillage	Bar Practice Course
Qualified solicitor	2 years QWE	6 th year	Barrister	Pupillage
	Qualified solicitor	7 th year		Barrister

For further information

- Lawcareers.net
- Prospects.ac.uk
- Unifrog

Advice at this stage

- Research what is covered in a Law degree
 - Develop skills in research, analysis, clear communication
 - Read
 - Get involved in debating
 - Unifrog - MOOC
 - Work experience – be flexible
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- The Law is competitive - how will your application stand out?