



Law

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<http://ba.law.cam.ac.uk/>

and

www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/law

The subject at Selwyn

There are usually between seven and nine undergraduate law students per year. Selwyn has a thriving College Law Society, run by the students, which arranges social functions, mooted competitions, talks and visits from legal practitioners, and regular Law dinners. It also enjoys the distinct advantage of being the nearest College to the Law Faculty Building, which houses the University Law Library and the Law lecture rooms. In addition, the Selwyn Library has a pleasant and well-equipped Law area of its own, containing most of the law reports, journals and books which undergraduate law students need to consult. Selwyn is happy for its students to spend a year in a European University on the Erasmus Exchange scheme and willingly accommodates their exchange partner from Europe amongst its students.

The Teaching Fellows

Selwyn has three Law Fellows and can therefore provide supervisions in many subjects 'in house'.

Dr Janet O'Sullivan is a University Senior Lecturer. She lectures in the Law of Tort, Contract and in Aspects of Obligations, and supervises Tort and Contract for the Selwyn students, fields in which she pursues research. She has been awarded the prestigious Pilkington University Teaching Prize. Before joining Selwyn in 1994, she was in practice in a large commercial firm of solicitors in the City of London and retains links with the City, which prove useful to students in planning work experience and making career choices.

Dr Asif Hameed holds the Spencer-Fairest Fellowship in Law. His research interests are mainly within the fields of Constitutional Law, Legal and Political Philosophy, and International Law, and he also gives supervisions in EU Law.

Dr Joe Sampson is the David K P Li Fellow in Law. His research is in early modern legal history, and in particular the overlap between legal philosophy and private law in the period. He lectures in Roman Law, which he also supervises alongside Criminal Law and Land Law.

In addition, our retired Fellow, Professor John Spencer continues to supervise for the College and specialises in the Law of Criminal Evidence and Procedure. He has written widely on this subject.

Qualities we are looking for

Law at Cambridge is an intensely academic, intellectually demanding subject and only candidates of the highest academic calibre are suited to it. We are looking for candidates who are very bright, academic and hard working, with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for the Law. In particular, we are looking for those who can follow and analyse arguments, with an ability to apply or distinguish principles and use language precisely; in short, someone who has the sharpness, focus and interest to 'think like a lawyer'. It is essential that students have an intellectual engagement with the subject.

Interviews

Selwyn Law candidates have a general interview and either one or two subject interviews. In order to test the qualities mentioned in the previous section, in the subject interview(s) we ask candidates to read a short legal text beforehand. In this interview, the candidate is asked questions on the text and the issues it raises are explored, to test comprehension, analytical skills, precision of thought and language, and intellectual sophistication. Then, further questions are asked, perhaps concerning a topical or controversial legal, political or ethical issue. In all of this, it is important to stress that no prior legal knowledge is required or expected. All these issues may be covered in one interview, but in some years they will be divided between two, shorter, subject interviews.

You will also have a shorter general interview. This is intended to let us find out more about your motivation in applying for Law at Cambridge. It is intended to give us a fuller sense of your aptitude for your chosen course, the maturity of your approach towards academic work, and your other interests outside Law.

Admissions Assessment

Applicants will also be asked to take an essay-based, one hour assessment at the time of the interviews. Colleges use a common format for this test. Further details can be found at http://ba.law.cam.ac.uk/applying/cambridge_law_test/

Finding out more and Open Days

Law has its own Open Day on 4 July. The subject will also be participating in the Cambridge Open Days on 5 and 6 July. See the insert in our prospectus about this and other open days at Selwyn. Full details are also available on our website.



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