Oxford Centre for Leadership

SUMMER 2027



OXFORD CENTRE FOR LEADERSHIP

Cambridge Law *Programme 2027*

Your law future starts here.

DATES	LOCATION	AGES	APPLY BY
24 – 31 July 2027	*Cambridge, UK*	*15–18 · 18–23*	*11 January 2027*



CAMBRIDGE LAW PROGRAMME

Welcome to *Cambridge*

An intensive legal education experience in one of the world's great university cities.

This intensive programme offers law students an exceptional opportunity to engage with criminal justice systems, international law and human rights.

Set in historic Cambridge, participants benefit from world-class expertise while exploring contemporary challenges in comparative legal practice.

The Cambridge Law Programme brings together aspiring lawyers and law students from around the world for academic exploration and practical learning.

Through seminars, legal discussions, advocacy exercises and institutional visits, participants strengthen their understanding of law and their ability to analyse complex legal questions.

WHY THE CAMBRIDGE LAW PROGRAMME

- **Expert faculty**
  Academics and practitioners from Cambridge, Oxford and UCL, including a former Lord Chancellor.
- **Comparative perspective**
  Criminal justice, constitutional law and dispute resolution examined across legal systems.
- **Real advocacy**
  Mooting and debating workshops that build to competitive finals.
- **A clear path forward**
  Career guidance on the Bar and solicitor routes, and on Oxbridge scholarship opportunities.

THE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

19	8	2	1
subjects across six areas of law	expert facilitators	competition finals: mooting and debating	day in legal London





CAMBRIDGE LAW PROGRAMME

Programme *at a Glance*

Eight days of lectures, workshops, study visits and competition.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

DATES	DURATION	LOCATION	PROGRAMME FEE*	APPLICATION DEADLINE
24–31 July 2027	8 Days	Cambridge, United Kingdom	£5,499	11 January 2027

ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

AGES 15–18

Aspiring Law Students

An introduction to university-level law with LNAT preparation, personal statement guidance and mock admissions interviews.

AGES 18–23

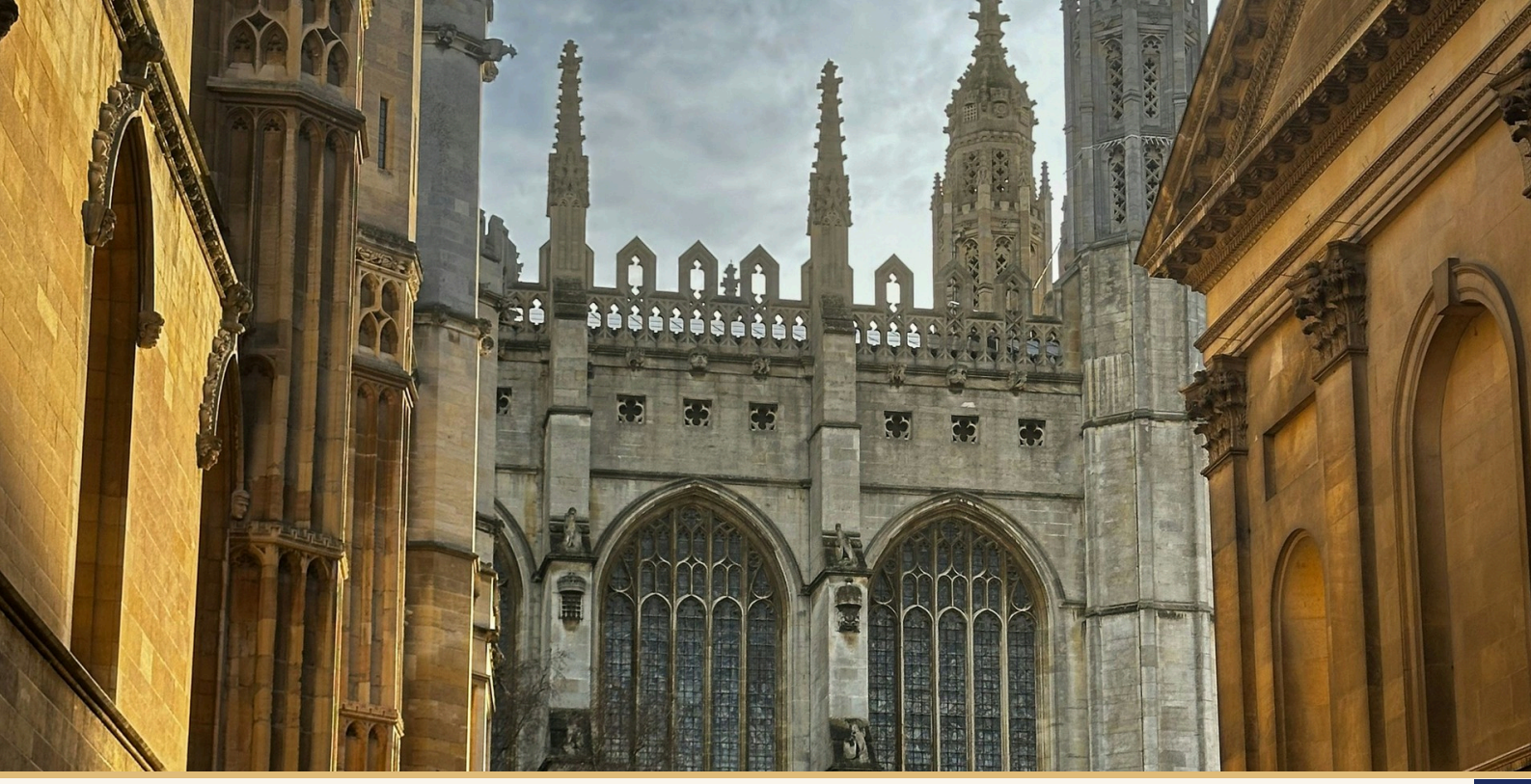
Law Undergraduates

International arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, legal drafting and competitive mooting, with guidance on postgraduate law pathways.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Academic tuition
- Learning materials
- Single-occupancy college accommodation
- Meals on teaching days
- Scheduled institutional visits
- Heathrow airport transfers
- An OCL Certificate of Completion

*Includes tuition, materials, single-occupancy college accommodation, meals on teaching days, institutional visits, Heathrow transfers and an OCL Certificate. International flights, visa fees, travel insurance and personal expenses are not included. Merit scholarships are considered automatically.



CURRICULUM

What You Will *Study*

Nineteen subjects taught through lectures, seminars and workshops.

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW

01 Foundations of International Criminal Justice
02 Public International Law
03 Comparative Constitutional Law
04 Comparative Workshop: UK vs India Case Studies

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

05 English Criminal Justice System: Structure & Procedure
06 Indian Criminal Justice System: Constitutional Frame

LAW & TECHNOLOGY

14 Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice
15 Legal Drafting & the Use of AI

ADVOCACY & PRACTICE

07 Court Room Advocacy
08 Mooting Workshop
09 Debating Workshop
10 Legal Drafting for Practice

DISPUTES & COMMERCIAL LAW

11 Alternative Dispute Resolution
12 Introduction to Investor-State Dispute
13 International Commercial Law

LEADERSHIP & CAREERS

16 Government, Policy & Institutional Design
17 Youth Leadership and Social Intelligence
18 Career Counselling: UK Qualifying Pathways (Bar and Solicitor routes)
19 Oxbridge Scholarship Opportunities

Sessions are correct at the time of issue and may be subject to minor changes.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE · 24 – 31 JULY 2027

Programme *Schedule*

Eight days of lectures, workshops, competitions and visits in Cambridge and London.

Lecture & Seminar · Workshop & Advocacy · Competition
Study Visit & Excursion · Social & Cultural · Arrival, Ceremony & Departure

	09:00 – 10:30	11:00 – 12:30	14:00 – 15:30	16:00 – 17:00	EVENING
SAT 24 July	**Arrivals, registration & check-in** Welcome pack · lunch in college		**Welcome Session** Programme Director	**Foundations of International Criminal Justice** Christine Carpenter	**Walking tour of the colleges & ice-breakers**
SUN 25 July	**English Criminal Justice System** Baiju Thittala Varkey	**Indian Criminal Justice System** Baiju Thittala Varkey	**Public International Law** Christine Carpenter	**Legal Drafting for Practice** Christine Carpenter	**Punting on the River Cam**
MON 26 July	**Comparative Constitutional Law** Sir Robert Buckland KC	**Court Room Advocacy** Sir Robert Buckland KC	**Mooting Workshop** Israr Khan	**Legal Drafting & the Use of AI** Christine Carpenter	**Dinner & moot practice**
TUE 27 July	**The Jury Trial: Fraud & Serious Crime** Yusuf Solley	**Study visit: courts & legal institutions in Cambridge**	**Debating Workshop** Flourish Erhijakpor	**AI in Legal Practice** Christine Carpenter	**Movie night**
WED 28 July	**Day trip to legal London** Royal Courts of Justice · Inns of Court walking tour · free time in central London · return for dinner in college				
THU 29 July	**Comparative Workshop: UK vs India Case Studies** Baiju Thittala Varkey	**Alternative Dispute Resolution & Investor-State Disputes** Israr Khan	**International Commercial Law** Aneisa Babkir	**Debating Final** Flourish Erhijakpor	**Free evening in Cambridge**
FRI 30 July	**Government, Policy & Institutional Design** Rafiullah Kakar	**Youth Leadership & Social Intelligence** Rafiullah Kakar	**Mooting Competition Final** Judged by guest practitioners	**Careers: Bar & Solicitor Routes · Oxbridge Scholarships** Israr Khan & Rafiullah Kakar	**Group photo, formal dinner & certificate ceremony**
SAT 31 July	**Closing debrief, check-out & departures** Breakfast in college · Heathrow transfers				

Breakfast 08:00, lunch 12:30 and dinner 18:30 are served in college. This schedule is tentative: sessions, timings and facilitators may change.

FACULTY

Previous *Facilitators*

Judges, barristers, solicitors and Cambridge and Oxford scholars.



The Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland KC, KBE

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW · COURT ROOM ADVOCACY

A British barrister and former senior government minister, Sir Robert served as Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice (2019–2021) and as Secretary of State for Wales (2022). Called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1991, he practised criminal law for nearly two decades, sat as a Recorder in the Crown Court and was appointed King's Counsel in 2014. He was previously Solicitor General for England and Wales.



Christine Carpenter

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE · PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW · AI IN LEGAL PRACTICE · LEGAL DRAFTING

An international lawyer, Gates Scholar and PhD candidate in International Relations and Politics at the University of Cambridge. Her research examines the challenges new technologies pose to international legal systems. She previously practised at a global law firm in international arbitration, public international law and foreign sovereign litigation, and serves on the International Law Association's Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Technology.



Baiju Thittala Varkey

ENGLISH & INDIAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS · UK VS INDIA CASE STUDIES

A dual-qualified lawyer: a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and an Advocate of the State Bar Council of Kerala, India. He practises as a criminal defence solicitor in Cambridge, advising on serious criminal matters and cross-border issues. He has served as a Cambridge City Councillor and as Mayor of Cambridge, the first person of colour to hold the office.



Yusuf Solley

FRAUD, BRIBERY & CORRUPTION · SERIOUS CRIME

An English judge and barrister who has practised in all aspects of fraud, bribery and corruption, and serious crime.

FACULTY

Previous *Facilitators*



Israr Khan

MOOTING · ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION · INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTES · CAREERS

A DPhil researcher in Socio-Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, researching investor-state disputes in China's Belt and Road Initiative. Called to the Bar of England and Wales, he holds a degree in Scottish and English Law from the University of Aberdeen and has served as President of the Oxford Union.



Rafiullah Kakar

YOUTH LEADERSHIP · GOVERNMENT, POLICY & INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN · OXBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

A public policy and international development expert and 2013 Rhodes Scholar. He holds two master's degrees from the University of Oxford, in Public Policy (Blavatnik School of Government) and in Global Governance and Diplomacy, and is a Gates Scholar pursuing his PhD at the University of Cambridge.



Flourish Erhijakpor

DEBATING WORKSHOP · DEBATING FINAL

Flourish leads the debating strand of the programme, delivering the debating workshops and adjudicating the final competition. Flourish studied for an MPhil in Development Studies at the University of Cambridge and is pursuing further study at the University of Oxford.



Aneisa Babkir

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW

Aneisa studied International Relations, with a focus on justice, ethics and human rights, alongside a minor in International Business, including study at the University of Oxford. She is a Gates Scholar pursuing her PhD at the University of Cambridge.





THE CAMBRIDGE EXPERIENCE

Beyond the *Classroom*

Study visits, competitions and college life in Cambridge and London.

- **Study visit to courts in Cambridge**
  See the courts and legal institutions of Cambridge at work.
- **A day in legal London**
  The Royal Courts of Justice, a walking tour of the Inns of Court and free time in central London.
- **Mooting Competition Final**
  Training in oral argument builds to a competitive Mooting Final judged by guest practitioners.
- **Debating Final**
  Debating workshops lead to a final competition, adjudicated by the programme's debating lead.
- **College life**
  A walking tour of the Cambridge colleges, punting on the River Cam, ice-breakers and movie nights.
- **Formal dinner and certificate ceremony**
  The programme closes with a formal college dinner and the OCL Certificate of Completion.

WHAT EVERY PARTICIPANT LEAVES CAMBRIDGE WITH

- **A stronger Oxbridge application**
  LNAT practice with structured feedback, personal statement counselling and a mock admissions interview with senior practitioners.
- **Real advocacy experience**
  Training in oral argument that builds to a competitive Mooting Final judged by guest practitioners, alongside Oxford Union-style debate.

APPLICATIONS · SUMMER 2027

How to *Apply*

Four simple steps to a place on the Cambridge Law Programme.

1 **Choose your pathway**
Aspiring Law Students (ages 15–18) or Law Undergraduates (ages 18–23).

2 **Apply online**
Complete the Cambridge Law application at oxfordsummercourses.co.uk/apply. It takes around 10 minutes, your progress is saved as you go, and applying is free.

3 **Review**
Every application is reviewed by the selection committee. Eligible candidates are considered for merit scholarships automatically; no separate application is required.

4 **Offer**
Places are limited and offered on a rolling basis. Payment is only requested once a place has been offered and you choose to accept it. Once confirmed, we can provide documentation to support a UK visa application.

KEY DATES

24 – 31 July 2027
Cambridge Law Programme

11 January 2027
Application deadline

Apply online
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which pathway is right for me?
School students preparing to apply for a law degree should choose the Aspiring Law Students pathway (ages 15–18). Those already studying law at university should choose the Law Undergraduates pathway (ages 18–23).

Is a UK visa required?
This depends on nationality. Once a place is confirmed, we can provide documentation to support the visa application.

What is not included in the fee?
International flights to and from the UK, UK visa application fees, personal medical and travel insurance, and personal expenses.







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APPLY & CONNECT

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Apply for Cambridge Law Programme 2027

Go straight to the Cambridge Law Programme application form.

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Contact Our Team

Speak with us about the programme, pathways and scholarships.

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