

OXFORD  ROYALE®

Law & Trial Advocacy

Syllabus Guide
For Ages 16 – 18



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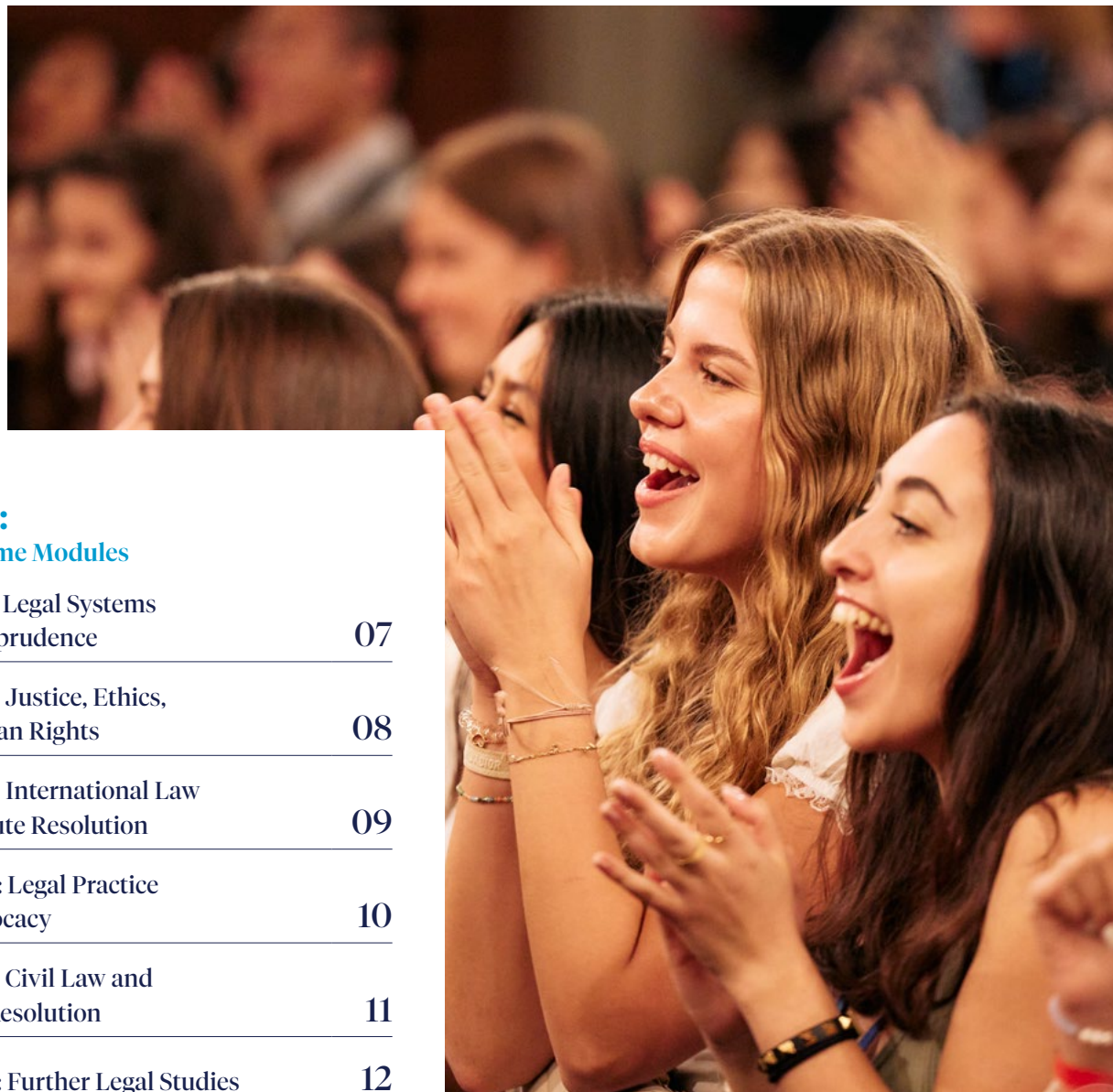
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Programme Overview

Our Law & Trial Advocacy programme is designed to provide you with an overview of the US legal system, its composite branches of law, and how it has been affected by dynamic historical and political conditions.

Over the course of two weeks, you'll develop sound knowledge not only of the technicalities of the law, but also of legal practice, sharpening your public speaking skills as you participate in mock trials based on real cases in civil and criminal law.

You'll study the fundamental concepts, theories and principles that underpin the legal framework of societies, learning to think critically about concepts of justice and ethics. Finally, you'll examine an array of case studies from different areas of the law, learning how these essential documents exemplify principles of law and the sorts of dilemmas that can arise in practice. By the end of the programme, you'll be well-prepared for advanced study of law in the US, able to apply your knowledge to analysing and solving legal cases.

Who It's For

Ideal for those considering undertaking legal study in the US or elsewhere, this programme will equip you with the intellectual and rhetorical skill set to kick start your career.

The course is excellent preparation for a degree in Law (or a related social science discipline such as politics), whether as a complement to school-level study, or as a first experience of formal tuition in Law.



“I think this is a great introduction to the subject. I have done other summer schools and sometimes they are too basic. I really like that we are getting so much more in depth, studying topics that I have never even considered. Now, I am actually really interested in them.”

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Oxford Royale Law Student

Upon completion of this programme at Oxford Royale, you will:

1. Know and be able to analyse and debate the fundamental concepts of some key areas of the law including tort law, criminal law, contract law, constitutional law and human rights.
2. Understand the competing philosophical principles that underpin laws and legal systems.
3. Know the theoretical approaches to law and legal studies, and become familiar with current theoretical debates.
4. Be able to identify the authorities that deal with international disputes on various matters and understand the sources of their legitimacy.
5. Understand the ethical foundations of international law and politics.
6. Know the fundamental aspects of crimes against humanity and violations of human rights.
7. Be able to apply acquired knowledge to solve legal cases.

During the programme you will also develop a number of core skills:

- 1. Collaborate with international peers:**
Work with global peers and hone your communication and teamwork skills through workshops and group projects.
- 2. Develop problem-solving skills:**
Enhance your critical thinking and problem-solving abilities with daily lessons and workshops.
- 3. Build confidence:**
Thrive in a supportive environment, think creatively, share ideas, and discover your strengths.
- 4. Showcase your success:**
Showcase achievements, explore peer projects, and engage in critical discourse during subject challenges and Exhibition Days.
- 5. Gain a taste of independence:**
Manage your assignments and schedule while exploring a new location with new friends and staff support.





How You'll Learn

Our Law & Trial Advocacy programme goes above and beyond what is typically offered as part of a high school curriculum, offering hands-on experience of the legal profession and university-style tuition.

You will learn through a combination of lectures, seminars, and practical assignments, including a mock trial simulation. Finally, you will hone your academic and legal writing skills throughout the course of the programme.



Teaching methods include:

1. Lectures from esteemed legal practitioners and world-class academics
2. Seminars
3. Academic workshops
4. Written assignments
5. Case study analysis
6. Simulated legal scenarios
7. Group projects and presentations



Module 1:

Legal Systems and Jurisprudence

You will study the structure of the US legal system, including the founding principle of federalism and the role of constitutions. Then, you'll focus on jurisprudence (the theory or philosophy of law), examining the major theoretical approaches to international law grounded in schools of thought including realism, marxism and feminism. Finally, you'll delve deeper into the fundamentals of constitutional law, examining the differences between written and unwritten constitutions, as well as those between various constitutional models.



Module 2:

Justice, Ethics & Human Rights

This module will give you a solid foundation in the philosophical foundations of the legal system. Examining justice and morality of law, you will consider working definitions of justice, examining the origins of laws and the influence of competing philosophical schools over certain laws and legal systems. You'll examine the ethical foundations of international law, including concepts of sovereignty, human rights, and the pursuit of global justice, reflecting on how these issues relate to global and national politics. Then, you'll study the history and origins of human rights, learning about their legal sources and how they are defended both internationally and nationally, before learning about how international law defines and approaches crimes against humanity and human rights violations.



Module 3:

International Law & Dispute Resolution

This topic will provide you with an introduction to international institutions and their role in dispute settlement. You'll begin by learning about the history of international dispute settlement and relevant institutions, including the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), before looking in more depth at how international law functions across different areas. You'll examine the main concepts of international criminal and maritime law, the authorities that make their implementation possible, and relevant case studies. Finally, you'll review international security within a legal context, looking at key areas of concern and how state sovereignty is addressed in issues of international security, before applying your knowledge to case scenarios.



Module 4:

Legal Practice & Advocacy

Effective public speaking and argumentation are at the core of successful legal practice, regardless of the area of law. This programme allows you to hone your public speaking and debating skills, including speech-writing, building arguments, and responding concisely to different speakers' arguments and claims. You'll also participate in two mock trials based on real-life criminal and civil cases, mastering the structure of the court and applying the theoretical knowledge you've studied to weighing up the positives and pre-empting problems for the defendant.



Module 5:

Civil Law & Dispute Resolution

Throughout this module, you'll dive into the function of civil law, exploring the definitions of, and distinctions between, contract law and tort law, as well as their intersection with politics and policy-making. Beginning with contract law, you'll delve into the definition, essential elements, and different types of contracts, before applying the main concepts to case scenarios. You'll then study tort law, which governs remedies for civil wrongs enacted outside of contracts, and family law, the body of law governing familial relationships, including marriage and divorce. Finally, you'll examine relevant case studies to consolidate your grasp of the concepts.



Module 6:

Further Legal Studies

To wrap up the programme, you'll investigate areas of law not covered in other parts of the course, such as family law, international maritime law, and health law. You'll also investigate current events in Law, applying the knowledge you've acquired throughout the course to form your own conclusions about specific cases and advances in the field. Finally, you'll review the different types of careers a degree in Law can lead to.



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