



LSESU Law Society Course Choice Survey: 2018/19

In June, the LSESU Law Society asked its members to fill out a survey about the law courses they had elected to take. Thank you to all that have contributed to the survey, we hope that it will be of use when selecting your courses for the new academic year. We received 98 responses in total.

NB Please remember that these are the opinions of your fellow students and are by no means truly reflective of the course and teaching. You may have an entirely different experience and encourage you to take what you're interested in and to take this report with a pinch of salt. This is entirely independent from the Law Dept.

Courses with * next to them have had an assessment change.

LL201 Administrative Law

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6 (1 response)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (1 response)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4 (1 response)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

3 (1 response)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- A bit tough to get a first. Need to have a passion for the field.

LL202 Commercial Contracts *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

5.9 (8 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.2 (8 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.6 (8 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4 (8 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Quite challenging, but if they enjoyed the Contract Law part in their first year, they might enjoy this too!
- Mix of good and bad lecturers; the marking I personally find a little harsh; some hard topics, some easier ones but possible to avoid difficult ones
- For students interested in learning private/commercial law, this is THE essential course to take alongside LBA LL203, (so long as you're not pursuing the 'take any random module to maximise marks' strategy). The course content balances useful technical information with interesting theoretical debates very well, and covers a variety of useful applications of contract law in commercial contexts such as sale of goods, banking law, lending security, private international law, shipping disputes etc. Debates and doctrines relating to freedom of contract, good faith, agreed remedies and interpretation covered in the first term build on LL104 really well, and I would argue one's contract law knowledge is incomplete without a working knowledge of these. The biggest downside to this course is that it is marked in a way that makes it fairly difficult to get a 1st, so bear that in mind.
- Consider that it is half contractual theory and concepts and half commercial application so good value as an option. Changing next year so please check how before making decision. Challenging because there are a lot of topics but good if you like doctrinal law and enjoyed contracts in first year. Fair amount of reading and case heavy.
- Genuinely interesting course. Apart from some minor exceptions, teaching is really good on this. Also not as hard as it's reputation makes it out to be. Reading list each week is also small.
- Not worth it.
- Firstly, the lecturers are generally very good. Paul MM is an absolute beast as usual and Spooner is also really concise yet thorough with concepts. There are some hit/misses here and there, but the standard is generally high. What I have to complain about is: 1) the class tutor for MT; 2) the exam format. The class tutor was unstructured, frequently got content wrong and basically destroyed my interest in the subject in MT (though it revived in LT with Spooner as my class tutor, who has excellent slides). The exam format was quite messed up this year. We had significantly more PQs and there was purportedly some mixing of topics we did not have in previous years. I did okay (mid 2:1) but I know of people who suffered quite badly. Paul was quite set on not having people spot questions, which while I understand the rationale behind it nonetheless (in my view) amped up the difficulty of the course a fair bit. Ended up prepping a lot more for comcon compared to other subjects (and I feel like I got a disproportionate return) and more importantly I felt like I sacrificed depth for variety so I could be sure I could do those four questions. I would say though that if you put in the hours I think you generally can't go too wrong with LL202. Unlike some other courses the grading is consistent and I think it can be a safe 2:1 as long as you put in the time. If they continue with this PQ trend (you'll notice in our past year we got a PQ for a topic that hasn't had a PQ since 2005 or something and other curveballs) then be mindful you'll probably need to memorise a lot more than a primarily essay course cos there are a fair amount of cases. I wouldn't recommend the course if you have a below average memory (like myself) - really struggled with flashcards (especially if you're taking it with property II that has a fair amount of cases too). The content is fun - you do a bit more of LL104 stuff in MT, then get into commercial stuff in LT. I think the approach doesn't differ too much from LL104 as well, so if you did like Y1 obligations there isn't too big of a difference in terms of the general flavour of the material. If you like PQs, this probably is the course for you. I think we got 6/7 PQs and 4/3 essay questions this year, so you're definitely spoilt for choice with PQs. I did 3 PQs and 1 essay, 10/10 would NOT recommend cos I messed up my last PQ so that was kinda peak... All the best!
- An incredibly challenging course which requires a lot of deep thinking. Content is interesting though and if one liked contracts in the first year, this may be the way forward. Note though that the second term becomes very technical.

LL203 Law of Business Associations (Company Law)

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

5.5 (4 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6 (4 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4.3 (4 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

3.8 (4 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- You can't really choose topics and so you end up doing about at least 60% of the course.
- It will take up most of your time. Whilst it can be interesting, you need to make sure that you have the capacity to do it.
- The reading can take a long time and the class structure is often annoying.
- Lots of studying, very important for employers

LL204 Advanced Torts

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (3 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.7 (3 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.3 (3 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

3.7 (3 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Emmanuel Voyiakis is the main teacher and is absolutely great. The course content is quite small and all merges into one - and this is how you get the top grade. Voyiakis will also tell you what he wants to see to get a first! This year so say he has given out 7 firsts for a cohort of 20 something - not bad at all! One of the best courses I've taken. Note: it can be quite abstract and philosophical but not horribly!
- It is a very philosophical course. It focuses on your ability to form an argument rather than on content
- Emmanuel's seminars are engaging and fun. Most topics are really interesting so I enjoyed doing further readings too. The concepts are not difficult to understand as long as you focus and make time for them.

LL205 Medical Law *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.2 (12 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.5 (12 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.3 (12 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.3 (12 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- I thought it would be a module to score high in but it was not, evidenced by many others. I don't rate this module. Topics aren't relevant unless you want to be a medical lawyer.
- Emily Jackson is the lecturer and she is unbelievably fantastic! The class teachers however are variable in quality. Despite this, the content is very interesting and only a few topics need be revised for the exam. More demanding than meets the eye, but worth it if you're revision technique isn't to revise everything!
- More ethics than law; exam questions can end up focusing on a very niche area of a topic/feel irrelevant to the reading material/overly vague; overrated teaching
- It's a really interesting course with very topical content. Teaching is hit and miss but still a great course.
- Some weeks of text book reading can be very heavy
- The course is comparatively less case-heavy and is great for those who are genuinely interested in medical issues like egg-freezing / abortion / surrogacy etc
- Emily Jackson is brilliant!
- Very straightforward course. Emily is an excellent teacher. The course is very ethics based and a lot of the reading includes very 'wishy washy' arguments. There are legal debates but most of the course centres around ethical content which was disappointing.
- Definitely a good change from the case-heavy or statute-heavy courses - while each topic usually has a few cases to cite, the module as a whole revolves largely around questions on ethics and morals, such as in relation to assisted suicide and abortion, and the adequacy of the current law i.e. Mental Health Law, and Incapacity law. Found it super interesting, and Professor Emily Jackson is great.
- Suitable for those who enjoy more theoretical content.
- Take it!
- Very interesting area that is constantly changing.

LL207 Civil Liberties and Human Rights

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

5.8 (6 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7.3 (6 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.8 (6 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.1 (6 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- This course is for those who love to read cases, and formulate case-based arguments. The reading is very heavy, with some weeks in Lent Term averaging around a few hundred pages of case law a week (please bear in mind this is by no means regular). The issues this course tackles, such as the limits of religious freedom in the workplace or educational institutions, the difference between acceptable free speech and hate speech, whether or not we should uphold freedom from torture in all cases, and the amount of liberty sacrificed to uphold security in the post 9/11 era, are the most fascinating you could find on any law course. I'd recommend this course to anyone who enjoyed criminal law and public law.
- The course is taught by Dr Moller in MT, and by Professor Poole in the first half of LT and by Dr. Ramsay in the second half. Really enjoyed Dr Moller's and Dr Ramsay's parts of the course in particular. Dr. Moller's part is very case heavy, and we delved deeply into the cases given the limited time we have to explore them (i.e. one seminar a week). This part would really push your 'liberalism' and your love for rights or freedoms. Paraphrasing what Dr. Moller said in our first seminar - "I don't care if you love human rights. Everyone says they do. What is important is that you critically engage with the material." Dr. Ramsay's part was quite theoretical, and very topical as it dealt with the normalisation of the emergency state in the UK, and the (assumed) trade off between security and liberty. Conceptually quite hard to grasp, but it's definitely worth the time to try to understand it. Dr. Poole's part looked at the HRA, and a bit on extraterritoriality. I wasn't that interested with his part, I think because of the topics we covered (i.e. section 2, section 3 and section 4 of the HRA which we covered a bit in Public Law) and his teaching style... Regarding the whole course, all the tutors are very sharp and hence they'd really challenge you to sharpen your thinking too. Also, how much your class gets out of the topic strongly depends on how much you engage with the material. How much the tutor 'gives' depends on how much you're putting in to the course. As long as you really engage with the course, you'll get a lot out of it. Great course, would highly recommend it.
- Seminars are all discussion-led. A lot of own reading and analysis. Very interesting material. Received a 70 through own work rather than reliance on the teacher.
- A lot of focus on the HRA.
- This course is really case heavy and sometimes has a lot of reading but it's really worth it if you're into topics like terrorism and freedom of speech and private life etc.
- Keep an open mind.

LL210 Information Technology and the Law *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.6 (10 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.9 (10 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.4 (10 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.2 (10 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Very structured course but try and keep up with the weekly readings so it will become easier nearing exam period
- Don't be discouraged if you are unfamiliar with the terminology (or not very computer savvy in general), as the course is a bit abstract (you are going to be considering themes and connect ideas between the topics) and the reading + textbook (Andrew Murray's textbook) gives you everything you need!
- Don't bother doing textbook readings, just focus on the articles. Everything Murray has written in his textbook is included in his lectures.
- I would recommend everyone attending LSE who studies law takes this course, purely because of how important and relevant all of the topics covered throughout are, and because of how unique the opportunity is to study under Andrew Murray, who is a leader in his field globally. The course content really sells itself. The first few weeks are a very useful introduction to the internet, both in terms of technological technicalities and regulatory theoretical considerations. I'd go so far as to say this part of the course alone justifies taking the course, and it really helps you understand society in the digital age better. Areas like Data Protection, Employment Law in the Gig Economy and the future role of Cryptocurrencies in Society are really interesting and topical - the kind of thing that employers would value, and that you'd personally benefit from knowing. The teaching is also very good, although admittedly this year the lectures were noticeably better than the class teaching, which often overemphasised problem questions over essay questions and theoretical debates. The following could be considered downsides, depending on perspective: (1) you jump quickly between completely different types of law such as IP law, Defamation, Data Protection, Criminal Law in a short period, which can be a little hectic; (2) there is often little substantive law to debate in areas such as Ambient Computing, so the debates are highly theoretical; (3) it can be difficult to prepare for the exam, because of how you need to compare different areas of law in light of broader thematic issues such as freedom of expression, intermediary liability, using code to regulate the internet etc. I assume this will also be the case in the coursework approach discussed for future years.
- Must do.
- Interesting and easy to get high 2.1 in.
- 1. This is not law, more like IT policy 2. Andrew Murray is a very enthusiastic lecturer but he tries to fit too much content into the course 3. We had PhD students teaching classes which was not great 4. The exam was hard due to mixing of topics 5. Very interesting material but again not really law 6. Results are somewhat unpredictable, not really sure what examiners are looking for? 7. Andrew Murray is one of the leading scholars in this field so it was great to be learning from someone at forefront of the field.
- Brilliant lecturer, new topics which are very current.
- Good lectures but poor tutorials.
- Interesting debates.

LL212 Conflict of Laws

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (3 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7.3 (3 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.7 (3 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.3 (3 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- If you're choosing this course just because you did/are going to do public international law, make sure you're interested in commercial/obligations/EU law too because the main focus is on those.
- Conflict of Laws is the most interesting and well-taught course I have studied throughout my entire degree at the LSE. It has something for everyone, whether you are interested in tort law, contract law, commercial contracts, EU law, public international law, and even human rights!
- It's quite hard but really interesting.

LL221 Family Law

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (1 response)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (1 response)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3 (1 response)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4 (1 response)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Good luck!

LL233 Law of Evidence

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6 (5 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.6 (5 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3 (5 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

3.4 (5 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- If you liked crim, then do this. Course content is interesting. Reading list is manageable, though still quite big. It's not as easy as everyone says it is, though still one of the easier modules to do.
- I found the workload light throughout the year as there are many topics you can skip for exam purposes. The lectures are structured comprehensively, and many interesting topics allow for personal reflection e.g the presumption of innocence in criminal trials.
- Involves quite black and white law.
- Simple content but need to do extra reading to get mid to high 2:1.
- I think the course convenor changed so the marking of scripts and essays in general became a lot stricter, I'm definitely expecting to see fewer firsts this year and next year. Teaching was great though and the convenor was very thorough in lecturing the material.

LL241 European Legal History

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

4.3 (3 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.3 (3 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4 (3 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

2.7 (3 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Very philosophical and kind of disorganised. Lacks structure. If you've previously studied Classics in school or are particularly interested in ancient Rome, this could be interesting - but if not, don't take ELH. Stramignoni is a challenging, sometimes confusing, teacher. Only take if you're happy to teach yourself the course content.
- Be prepared to do 3 times the reading as other courses if you take this option.
- A lot of reading - and this reading needs to be often sourced elsewhere, at another library.

LL242 International Protection of Human Rights *

No responses.

LL250 Law and the Environment *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

8 (1 response)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

8 (1 response)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3 (1 response)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

5 (1 response)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Great course, really enjoyed it, good mix of “dry” legal topics and theoretical/policy topics. Readings distributed between people in the class so won't have to read everything for a weekly seminar. Includes mock exam which is useful.

LL251 Intellectual Property Law *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

8 (1 response)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

8 (1 response)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3 (1 response)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

5 (1 response)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Brilliant

LL253 Law of Corporate Insolvency

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7.7 (6 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.8 (6 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.5 (6 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.7 (6 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- This is definitely one of the best modules I've taken. Not only is Sarah Paterson undoubtedly the most intriguing and enthusiastic lecturer you'll meet, she really does care about her students. She will teach you how she wants you to write for the exam from day one and will give you pointers on how to get a first - this is why if you work hard, it's very likely you'll get one! The reading can be quite dense and you may have to revise a lot of topics for the exam but the teaching and the grade outcome is definitely worth it.
- This module was so good I'd retake it again if I could. So interesting and relevant now, and it's not too much theory so you can actually apply your knowledge to the business world. The professor is a practicing lawyer, so her teaching is so practical and she makes the course engaging. She actually really really cares too, she will give such detailed feedback for your essays and she also made us do a mock, and always used to make us complete exercises so we actually learnt to apply the material into an exam style essay etc. In a nutshell, she is amazing and makes the course x1000000 better. I could not recommend it more! One thing though, some things overlap with BA law and CC law modules, so maybe you can take them in combination or in your third year after you've done either BA or CC because it's not the easiest module (I took this module with no basic financial knowledge so I had to do loads of extra work to get understand some concepts, in comparison to my friends who have either basic financial knowledge or did BA or CC previously BUT take this with a pinch of salt and maybe it was just me and you could be just fine with no previous knowledge etc), but it's worth all the hard work.
- Sarah is the best teacher you will ever have. Even if you do not like commercial law, you will enjoy this course. It is an excellent course for gaining 'commercial awareness' for law firm applications.
- This module is difficult to grasp, especially at the beginning because of so many unfamiliar concepts. The seminars are really interesting, but the readings can be heavy and complex so it is advisable to stay on top of the workload throughout the year.
- Sarah Paterson is an amazing teacher but she plows through a 2-hour seminar without any breaks and it can be easy to miss some things.
- Very good teaching.

LL257 Employment Law *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

5.5 (2 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

4.5 (2 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4 (2 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

2.5 (2 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- The prof is really clear and she is unbelievably up to date, she's a genius (Prof Sanders). We had 3 teachers though bc of sabbatical leave but the replacements were qualified experts and teachers - so it worked out neatly. Readings are little long and content is huge (which is a slight problem as topic picking is harder for this module) but the course content is not too difficult, so I recommend this one!

LL259 Legal and Social Change since 1750

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.8 (6 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7.2 (6 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4 (6 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.7 (6 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Michael Lobban is an excellent teacher and the content is interesting. Content is a bit heavy though.
- Very good range of history and topics covered so if you enjoy history it's a very good option. It is very important to attend lectures for this topic though because a lot of stuff is built upon and so it is essential for your understanding.
- It's a very interesting course, do it if you like history.
- The reading list is quite heavy because there is a class every two weeks. But he is really flexible so if you tell him the workload is too much he will e-mail you back with the specific articles or pages to focus on for that topic. The content of the course is really interesting. The exam questions are quite nice as well. The only downside to the course is that lectures are not recorded.
- It's a very enjoyable course. Although there's quite a lot of reading, it is always varied and interesting.
- Brilliant course and interesting - would definitely recommend!

LL272 Outlines of Modern Criminology (Half-unit) *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (2 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (2 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

2 (2 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.5 (2 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- More scope for opinions instead of statutes and cases
- This course is unique amongst options, as it focuses on sociological theories. There is no case law - rather, studies, statistics and explanations of why certain people commit crime, and how certain authorities have chosen to deal with it. For example, this course will address theories that posit that crime is simply chosen by the criminal actor, and that conversely crime is caused through phenomena that predetermine the actions of criminals such as socio-economic status or biological makeup. I'd recommend this course to anyone who would like a change of pace from case law, statute and precedent, especially if they are interested in learning about the prime causes of crime in Anglo-American society. There is plenty of room for debate and personal observation on multiple interesting theories on the causes of crime.

LL278 Public International Law

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

5.4 (11 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.3 (11 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4.1 (11 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

3.5 (11 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- The reading list is often very long and the course sometimes feels rushed because it fits so many topics into one term, but the lecturers are really enthusiastic and the exam is 3 hours 3 essays so less pressure. Everyone seems to do pretty well in it.
- A lot of content, some would say too much, unclear teaching and too many topics, expected to know general world affairs as well which I didn't
- Wonderful course taught by subject leaders. Would really recommend.
- Incredible course. Top notch professors. Interesting content and fun exam questions
- Generally teaching is not very organised/structured. My teacher never responded to emails too. Exam questions completely change every year/the pattern is not as stable as other modules.
- You need a lot of historical background knowledge to do really well
- Very passionate teachers. Lectures were extremely enjoyable. Lecture content always included current issues in public international law and would always link to current events (even if a relevant story came out on the same day as the lecture). Lectures were never boring. Nonetheless, although it is an interesting subject to learn about (and you will learn a lot on this course) you only get to learn bits of different areas and do not get a chance to properly study any specific area in sufficient detail. The department is a bit disorganised and the reading lists (especially the textbook) do not correspond too well with what you are tested on. Furthermore, the course is very heavy on politics in comparison with other law modules and background knowledge of politics and history is essential.

- I thought it would be very interesting when I picked the course. However, the course lacked structure and the exam was hellish.
- Get ready to read a lot.
- Firstly, I must say the content of the course is very interesting in MT. You go through all the basic tenets of public international law (PIL), and it's quite different from most law modules I can think of (different from public law, EU law, obligations, etc), so the experience is a unique one in that sense. However in most people I've spoken to didn't rly have a high opinion of LT so I don't think it's just me. The primary reason I think we didn't like LT is because of the pace. In MT, it's quite structured and there's a general progression. By the start of LT, you're beginning to see the big picture as a result of your work in MT. However, come LT, you're basically rushing through specific areas of PIL practice that can actually be full fledged modules by themselves. Case in point: international environmental law, which actually has several weeks dedicated to its various bits in the environmental law module. But you encounter this too with human rights, etc. You do sacrifice a lot of depth that was present in MT to rush through the general outline of the topic in LT. So it feels very shallow, and I highly doubt most students have the time to read that deeply into these discrete topics. Granted, in LT, the course convener and another professor left so there was a noticeable drop in standards for most people. However, I don't think this can be completely attributed to them, as there's really just too much content for each topic so no matter how you teach it you're definitely gonna feel like you've been shortchanged by the topic so to speak. A caveat: I still thoroughly enjoyed int criminal law, jus ad bellum, jus in bello, trade and investment. But that was more because the content of the topics were interesting (Nuremberg, etc) or current (think Syrian missile strikes, US trade war). Gerry Simpson does a lot of lectures as well, and he doesn't use slides. I generally enjoy his stuff, but I must concede it's often a bit unfocused. I personally enjoyed it in the sense that he did make it interesting - but I do concede not all of it was relevant to exams. So interesting, but perhaps not really relevant. I think the main issue for exams is literally because there's so much material and the teaching is not necessarily the most focused, you feel VERY unprepared. And this wasn't just me -- I'm not a stellar student by any mile but someone who was rockin dem firsts coming into Y2 also found PIL the worst subject to prepare for. And I think this was generally the mood in that you didn't really know how to prepare cos it wasn't your typical law module. Some of the questions are on current events that you may not have focused on and the style of questions is also pretty bamboozling all around - again, not like your typical law essay. After that, I'd say the next biggest issue is reading. There is so much reading. And because the questions actually can be highly specific (perhaps on current news) you feel like you can't be sure you'll be fine with just the core readings or some of the further readings. I had to split notes with several people for this module, which I didn't need to do for commercial contracts or property II (and they both are quite case heavy too). Lastly is that I'm not sure whether the IR students enjoy an incumbent knowledge, but there is a fair bit of political science and theories going on, and IR students generally have better grasp of the Westphalia era, cold war, WWII, Kosovo, etc. So if you are like me (no history background) you will feel a bit out of your depth when the lecturers kind of plow through historical events that you've at best heard of briefly. Cases for PIL are long and sadly there's no beautiful e-law resources or much summary, so be prepared for a fair amount of reading. Finally, in all fairness I must mention that I did get a high 2:1 for this course, so they are possibly more lenient than you'd think. Personally, I feel like if you're aiming to get a first or a safe 2:1, there are probably easier courses out there or courses that at least don't make you feel like you're pulling your hair out come exam season because of how unsure you are about the whole thing. As opposed to more 'traditional' black letter stuff like commercial contracts, I think there's a fair amount of uncertainty here where your results might not be proportionate to the effort you put in. **WARNING:** most topics examined are LT, and MT is often mixed with other topics if it comes out at all. There was one year where you had about 3 topics combined. My friend spotted and prepped for 2/3 of those topics, didn't realise the question had 3 topics cos she didn't study for it and got pulled down by that question so caveat emptor!
- Don't just work hard, work smart too! Readings can be daunting for this course and the benefits of teaching in class are only truly utilised in being active in classes (lectures in MT were admittedly more disorganized than LT). But the content of the course is so incredible that I would take the course again if I could (low-key unpopular opinion, but it really depends on your personal interests). Everything in the political and international legal realm begins to make sense and is fascinating. So I'd recommend work with friends to split readings, choose topics intelligently and be enthusiastic about the course to truly enjoy!

LL284 Topics in Sentencing and Criminal Justice (Half-unit) *

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

7 (2 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6 (2 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

2.5 (2 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4 (2 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- This course confronts many important issues regarding criminal justice, such as police culture, the rights of detained suspects, debates discussing the merits and drawbacks of community service sentences and other topics. I would say the content week to week is usually unrelated to the course as a whole- therefore its difficult to enjoy this course holistically, and many times I felt that I was simply selectively attending seminars so as to revise those particular topics for the exam. There are many statistics involved, and study of case law is largely absent.
- The best thing about these classes was the fact that you did get opportunities to apply what you learnt to real scenarios. Perhaps the main thing you might want to consider is that the reading list didn't state what was compulsory or not. It was just a very long list from which you could choose what you wanted to do.

LL293 Taxation

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

8 (1 response)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

8 (1 response)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4 (1 response)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

5 (1 response)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- If you are interested in tax then do this module! The teaching and content is by far the best i've had at LSE. However if you are not interested in tax then this module will be painful for you, as there is a lot of reading and classes are small, so the professors call people out.

LL295 Media Law

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

1 (1 response)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

4 (1 response)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

2 (1 response)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

2 (1 response)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Media law was a mixed but generally disappointing bag. The lectures in MT don't correspond at all with the rest of the course, the content, although interesting is made more difficult without clear focus and direction in seminars. The convenor is really hard to contact and was incredibly slow with most responses, which is especially problematic for a course only assessed via coursework. The problem sets and coursework weren't actually that bad, but I wouldn't recommend the course without significant changes, the introduction of a GTA to help students would be useful.

LL398 Half-Unit Dissertation on an approved legal topic

No responses.

LL399 Full- unit Dissertation on an approved legal topic

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.7 (3 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6.7 (3 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

3.3 (3 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

4.7 (3 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Only do it if you're interested in the topic you're writing in.
- You'll thank yourself later by doing one less exam in your final year. The workload is manageable as long as you force yourself to get a move on, especially after Christmas. Make sure you're doing a topic that you are interested in and can actually write about. A good supervisor is really useful here. Set yourself deadlines and stick to them, e.g. I wanted a first draft by W9 Lent Term so I could meet my supervisor and edit over Easter. 12-15000 is alright, and you don't need to be near 15000 to do well. Don't be afraid to ask other Faculty members for advice when writing as well besides your supervisor.

- It requires a lot of self discipline, and finding a good and responsive supervisor is (may i emphasise) extremely important. It is a good option as you can work at your own pace throughout the year and juggling it with other modules. Wouldn't recommend it unless you are really interested in the topic. Worth the effort in the end as a first is achievable but it doesn't come easy (don't be fooled by the stats).

LL300 Competition Law

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

6 (2 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

3 (2 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4 (2 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

2 (2 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Teaching is superb but the course content is dry and very difficult and technical. They will deliberately make the exam near impossible and will focus on things they didn't really teach you.
- Very formulaic and technical, not a particularly exciting course to study.

LL301 Global Commodities Law

How would you rate the teaching on this course? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

1 (3 responses)

How would you rate the course content? (1, poor - 8, excellent)

2 (3 responses)

How is the workload/reading generally? (1, too little - 5, too much)

4.3 (3 responses)

Would you recommend this course to fellow students? (1, definitely not - 5, absolutely)

1 (3 responses)

What would you tell someone who is considering taking this course?

- Don't do it - do the full dissertation instead and you will get way more supervision.
- It's really disorganised and the content of the course and the coursework/dissertation bear no correlation

AN226 Political and Legal Anthropology

No responses.