

# Bucksmore Pre-University Preparation • *Course Description*

## Key Facts

**Location:**  
St. Hilda's College

**For ages:** 15-17

**Class Size:** 12

**Hours per week:** 23 hours

**Minimum Duration:** 2 weeks

**Start Dates:** 30 June or 14 July 2026

## Law

### Subjects

Law

Legal Theory

Jurisprudence

Criminal & International Law

### Experience Being Taught at First-Year Undergraduate Level in Oxford

Students will be taught Law at a first-year undergraduate level within a prestigious Oxford University setting. Through workshops, research projects, and essay writing, you will develop critical thinking and analytical skills essential for success in higher education. The programme mirrors the depth, rigour and format of university law courses, providing a solid foundation for future studies.

You live on campus and take part in excursions around Oxford and top UK destinations, blending academic preparation with real-world experiences to create a comprehensive and immersive learning environment.

A law degree equips you with valuable skills for a range of industries. Delivered at a first-year undergraduate level, this course combines theory with practice—exploring criminal, domestic, and international law while developing key skills in debate, critical thinking, and legal analysis.

For more information on this programme, please follow this link to our dedicated course page: [www.bucksmore.com/summer-courses/pre-university-summer-courses/pre-law-course/](http://www.bucksmore.com/summer-courses/pre-university-summer-courses/pre-law-course/)

### Course Features

This course explores law as both a theoretical discipline and a practical profession. Students will examine the origins of justice, criminal liability, and international legal systems, before applying their knowledge in simulations such as debates, negotiations, and a mock trial. By combining jurisprudence, case studies, and interactive activities, the course mirrors the structure and rigour of university law programmes while encouraging students to think critically about fairness, ethics, and the role of law in a global society. Our course aims to explore the following:

- **Exploring Criminal Law:** Understanding the foundations of criminal law in England, examining how laws are created, amended, and applied in key cases. Critically analysing international criminal law in the context of English law
- **Studying States and International Organisations:** Investigating the formation and maintenance of nation-states from a legal perspective. Exploring the role of treaties and the influence of international organisations on both domestic and international law
- **Examining International Law:** Exploring international law from theory to practice, including its jurisdiction, limitations, and enforcement. Analysing how countries adopt or ignore international rulings and the challenges of maintaining a peaceful international order
- **Understanding Legal Ethics:** Investigating the moral and ethical responsibilities of legal professionals, using case studies to explore how ethics guide lawyers, judges, and prosecutors in their roles
- **Applying Legal Knowledge:** Participating in moot trial exercises and negotiations to apply legal principles, while gaining a global perspective on the interpretation of law across different cultures and time periods

## Course Details

Upper Intermediate (B2) English level required.

Fees include: subject tuition, full boarding, all meals, activities and excursions, complimentary airport transfers and insurance.

## Course Certificates

Personalised report card,  
Bucksmore Certification &  
Bucksmore Letter of  
Recommendation\*

\*(available on request)