

2015 Admissions Round Feedback

Law

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2015 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages are only retained to provide a general indication of process.

This year we received 57 applications for Law or Law with Law Studies in Europe. These applications were for 8 standard degree places. As is now normal a number of candidates were reallocated between the colleges in the University before the interview stage in order to deal with any problems of over- or under-subscription at any particular college(s). It may be, therefore, that we considered a candidate's application either because he or she had applied to Keble, or had made an open application, or because he or she had chosen another college but was reallocated to Keble. This had no influence on our final decision. After eliminating some candidates at the pre-interview stage, this left a ratio of approximately 3 candidates for each place at each of the colleges, including Keble.

The decisions about which candidates to interview were based on the following: (1) the UCAS form: grades to date, predicted grades (where applicable), personal statement and the helpful references; and (2) the LNAT (a written test taken by most candidates before the interview stage which comprised both essay and multiple choice components).

Our final assessment of candidates interviewed was based on all of the following: (1) the UCAS form; (2) the LNAT; and (3) the interview(s): two twenty-minute interviews. Both interviews largely consisted of legal scenarios designed to test for the criteria involved in selection (details of which are published on the web at <http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate/criteria.php>). They assumed no knowledge of law whatsoever; the problems were specifically chosen for the unusual nature of the scenario and any candidates who had studied some law were specifically told not to speculate on what the law might be.

The focus of admissions to study law at Keble is on academic merit. Extra-curricular activities play little to no part in the decision making process. We are looking for exceptionally bright and motivated students who will thrive in the intellectually charged atmosphere of law at Keble. Keble's law teaching team involves two full-time tutorial Fellows: Professor Edwin Peel (who teaches Contract, Torts, International Trade, and, on graduate courses, the Conflict of Laws) and Dr. James Goudkamp (who teaches Roman Law, Criminal Law, Torts, and, on graduate courses, Commercial Remedies, Civil Procedure and Philosophical Foundations of the Common Law); and two College Lecturers, Jo Bell (who teaches Administrative Law and Jurisprudence) and Aleksi Ollikainen (who teaches Trusts).