

FIRST YEAR

Handbook



UNITY AND DIVERSITY
IN LAW



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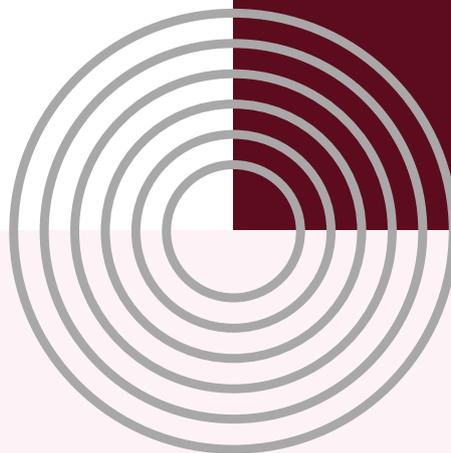


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ISABELLE FORD
LAW, 2ND YEAR

President

Have fun in your first year! Immerse yourself in societies, sports teams and your studies, which will help you make friends and optimise your university experience. Remember everyone is in the same boat and that university is a completely new and exciting experience for all.



NAVYA REDDY
LAW, 3RD YEAR

Vice President

Make the most of your first year. Don't get too comfortable! Constantly challenge yourself, get out of your comfort zone, try a bunch of new things, explore the city and just have lots of fun! Everybody's in the same boat in their first year so this is the time to really put yourself out there and meet different people from around the world.



VALENTINA GARCIA DELGADO
**LAW WITH STUDY IN CONTINENTAL
EUROPE, 4TH YEAR**

General Secretary

Don't worry about making friends, everyone is on the same boat! Make sure you find societies that interest you - and make the most of what Uni has to offer. One of the best things about Bristol is the wide range of opportunities available to you!



MAX BONNEFOUS
LAW WITH FRENCH, 2ND YEAR

Treasurer

Remember that the people you meet in the first few weeks won't necessarily be the friends that you keep. There are so many opportunities to meet new people so always try to branch out!

MEET THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES



MAYA JACKSON
LAW WITH STUDY ABROAD, 2ND YEAR
Press Secretary

Go to course meet ups organised in the unofficial group chats and join a sports team/society - they're great ways to make friends in the first few weeks!



HARRY SCARLETT
HISTORY, 3RD YEAR
Non-law Rep

Make the most out of the city!

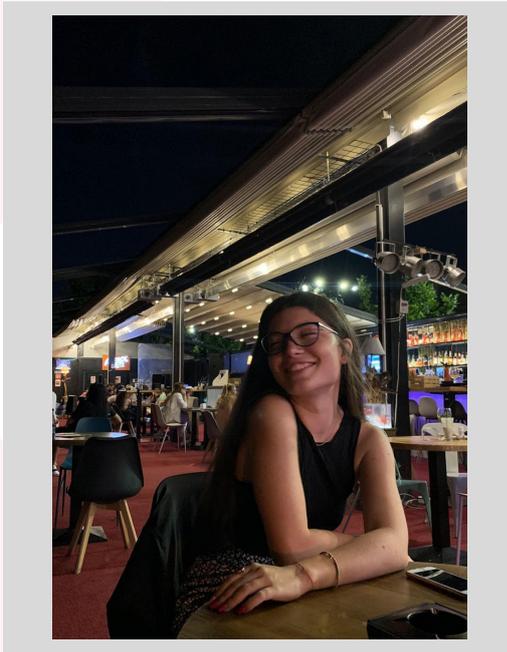


MORGAN BUCKLEY
LAW, 3RD YEAR
Head of School Outreach

Make the most of the student community. For a lot of people it is the first time living away from home and having a good group of people around you is really important for getting through the highs and lows of university. Equally, remember that your social life is paramount to enjoying your university experience so make the most of all university has to offer. Connecting with other students and building a close support group has really helped my mental health because I felt that I had a home away from home.

MEET THE COMMITTEE

COMPETITIONS



ANA-MARIA ORIS
LAW, 2ND YEAR

Head of Competitions

Take all the opportunities you can to explore Bristol! It's such a nice, wholesome city and it has a lot to offer. From the art galleries to the charity shops and independent cafés, there's so much to see and do during your time here.

Get involved in something new and allow yourself to make mistakes – that's what uni and especially First Year is for. For example, I was super nervous for my first Negotiation Competition as I had not had any experience related to it before. I ended up loving it and it was a great opportunity that also made me and my partner develop our friendship.



LAWRENCE LEUNG
LAW, 2ND YEAR

Head of Operations

Do remember to engage in more open days and mootings, you won't have time to do in year two!

Do try Spirytus, this is the best alcohol I have ever tried.

Wills Memorial is always the best building. For Asians, if you are looking for clubbing, SWX would be a good choice.



KEY DATES

2021 / 22

Event

Date

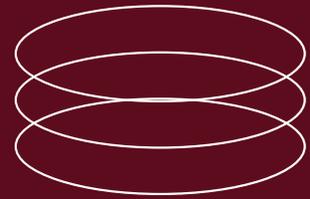
Freshers fair	24th and 25th September	In person
Meet the UDL	8th October 10am-12pm	In person - Mrs Potts
How to fast track your year - come ask our panelist your questions	14th October 6pm	Virtual
Clifford Chance: Application workshop	21st October 5pm	Virtual
Macfarlanes: Application workshop	25th October 5-6:30pm	Virtual
Clyde & Co: Application workshop	2nd November 5:30-6:30pm	Virtual
Vantage: How to stand out to Law Firms	4th November 6pm	Virtual
Annual Panel Event: My Diversity is My Strength <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCLA; Eversheds Sutherland; Macfarlanes 	11th November 6-8pm	In person - Wills Memorial Building: Main Hall
Eversheds Sutherland: Application Workshop	15th November 5pm	Virtual
How to network	18th November 6pm	TBC
HSF: How to make a successful application and interview	25th November 5pm	Virtual
How to build commercial awareness	2nd December 6pm	TBC
<u>International Day of Persons with Disabilities - 3rd of December</u>		
Wellbeing coffee morning	9th December	In person

<u>Black History Month - February</u>		
How to Debate	1st February	In person
How to Negotiate	3rd February 4:30-6:30pm	In person
Law Cup (Inter Society Competition)	February	In person
Negotiation Competition	3rd March	Virtual*
<u>International Women's Day - 8th March</u>		
Debating Competition	24th March	Virtual*
Non - commercial awareness week	TBC	TBC
<u>Mental Health Month - May</u>		
<u>Pride Month - June</u>		
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**Dates and locations are subject to change and will be confirmed closer to the date.*

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Clyde & Co
Eversheds Sutherland
Vantage
TCLA
Clifford Chance



INTRO

Clyde & Co is a leading global law firm, with over 2,500 legal professions working across six continents. They expertly combine sectoral experience and with jurisdictional understanding to provide exceptional solutions to complex legal challenges. Clyde & Co's global reach and presence in the Middle East has allowed them to specialise in sectors such as, transport, infrastructure, energy and trade.

Clyde & Co are progressively creating a workforce that is diverse and inclusive. Achieving Cultural and Ethnic Diversity and Brand Balance initiatives are enabling the firm to overcome systemic obstacles in the legal industry, improve representation and awareness at the firm.

Key Info

Have a look at Clyde & Co's new virtual programme, which is free with no application criteria. Bolster your skills remotely and gain confidence using this completely accessible platform. Work experience opportunities can be difficult to access in the legal opportunity, so don't miss your chance! [Register here](#).

We encourage all members to apply to Clyde & Co's invaluable opportunities, such as first year schemes, vacation schemes and training contracts. Find out more information [here](#).

CLYDE&CO

Key Dates

All applications will open on Monday 27th September 2021

Bright Futures Programme – First Years

DEADLINE: 2nd January 2022

9 month mentoring + 1 week work experience programme in July

Virtual Insight Days - Open to All

DEADLINE: 2 weeks before the event

Events:

27th October 2021

23rd November 2021

10th August 2022

Virtual Work Experience Programme - Open to All
AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

Vacation Schemes

Winter Vacation Scheme – Final Year & Graduates

DEADLINE: 1st November 2021

6th – 10th December 2021

Spring Vacation Scheme – Penultimate Year

DEADLINE: 2nd January 2022

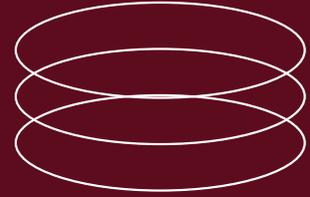
4th – 14th April 2022

Summer Vacation Scheme – Penultimate Year

DEADLINE: 2nd January 2022

6th – 17th June 2022

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND



INTRO

Eversheds Sutherland is a top 10 global law practise, providing legal solutions for some of the world's largest multinationals. With 74 offices across 35 jurisdictions, Eversheds Sutherland is a truly international firm with a global reach.

Their prestigious reputation is far reaching, as they have acted for 71 of the US Fortune 100 companies, including household names such as Facebook, Microsoft and The Coca-Cola Company. Eversheds Sutherland's collaborative culture thrives off a diverse and global workforce. Eversheds Sutherland's commitment to diversifying the legal industry has been officially recognised by The Times as they were ranked among the Top 50 Employers for Women 2021, with the CEO, Lee Ranson, recognised as a 2019 HERoes Women Role Model.

Eversheds Sutherland excel in the following practice areas: Commercial, Litigation and Intellectual Property and many more..

Key Info

Eversheds Sutherland have opportunities at all levels of your academic career. We encourage members to apply for open days, insight schemes, vacation schemes and training contracts. Find out more [here](#):

Keep an eye out for our events this year, featuring and run by Eversheds Sutherland

Key Dates

Graduate Insight Evening Applications 2021 - OPEN TO ALL

Opening: 01/10/2021
DEADLINE: 21/11/2021

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Open Day Applications 2022 - First Year Law/Second Year Non-Law

Opening: 01/10/2021
DEADLINE: 06/03/2022

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UK Summer Vacation Scheme Applications 2022

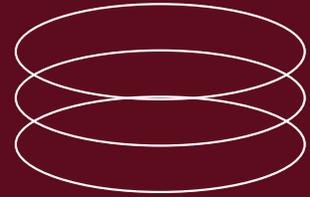
Opening: 01/10/2021
DEADLINE: 02/01/2022

UK Training Contract Applications 2024

Opening: 01/03/2022
DEADLINE: 26/06/2022

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VANTAGE



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Vantage is a free online portal that connects you with some of the top legal employers in the country. Vantage allows these firms and chambers to headhunt specific students to offer them a number of unique and relevant opportunities, from insight days and events to training contract and pupillage opportunities. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete a profile, and when a firm or chambers then contacts you through Vantage, you know they are genuinely interested in engaging with you.

Vantage connects you with: 5 Stone Buildings, Ashurst, Baker McKenzie, Bird & Bird, Burges Salmon, Clifford Chance, Eversheds Sutherland, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Henderson Chambers, Herbert Smith Freehills, Hogan Lovells, Lewis Silkin, Linklaters, Macfarlanes, Pinsent Masons, Slaughter and May, Travers Smith, Weil, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher.

Key Info

Exclusive webinars and events

Signing up to Vantage also gives you access to exclusive Vantage events – from our Wednesday Webinars featuring Q&A panels on different practice areas, to networking events where you will have the opportunity to meet representatives from a number of different firms. All designed to develop your knowledge of commercial law, the application process and how to stand out in the process.

Key Dates

September 2021 Webinars

Trainee Q&A with Burges Salmon

Wednesday 15 September

Commercial Awareness Q&A with Clifford Chance

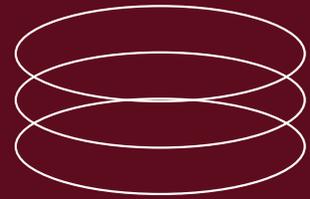
Wednesday 22 September

Winter vacation scheme Q&A with Ashurst, Herbert Smith Freehills and Travers Smith

Wednesday 29th September



To stay updated on future events check out this [link](#) on a regular basis.



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We are delighted to announce our second sponsor, @thecorporatelawacademy ! The Corporate Law Academy (TCLA) aims to unleash aspiring lawyers capabilities and ensure they are competitive candidates prior to applications. Since 2018, their team has helped thousands of aspiring lawyers secure work experience, vacation schemes and training contracts with leading UK law firms.

Understanding the barriers to the legal industry, TCLA aspire to make the route to a career in commercial law more transparent and accessible. This is why TCLA provide predominately free content and 85 scholarships, worth more than £9000!

Key Info

[Click here to find out more about the scholarship!](#)

Due to our partnership with TCLA, we are excited to offer:

- 10 free one-month subscriptions to Bronze Premium
- 5 free six-month subscriptions to Bronze Premium
- 5 free hardcopies of 'Guide to the Commercial World.'

Stay tuned for how to apply for these subscriptions and guides!

Find out more information [here](#)

Key Resources

TCLA Guides

How I Secured Six Vacation Schemes

A conversation with Lewis Malkin, a trainee at Baker McKenzie, about how he secured six vacation schemes.

Case Studies, Interviews and Vacation Scheme Resources

Resources to help with firm research and applications.

How to Tackle Law Fairs

Mergers and Acquisitions Case Studies

Gain an insight into a key aspect of commercial law

TCLA's Mental Health In The Legal Profession Survey 2021

Check out other guides that might interest you [here](#).

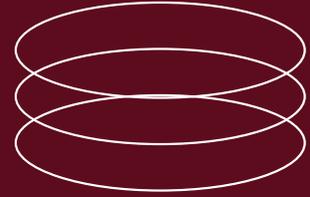
TCLA Advice

Commercial Knowledge

Develop the core skill of commercial awareness [here](#)[^]



CLIFFORD CHANCE



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This prestigious firm, belonging to the magic circle group, is ranked in the top 10 law firms in the world, measured by both number of lawyers and revenue. Clifford Chance is proud to be at the forefront of the profession, shaping and leading the legal sector. Sectoral expertise and cross-jurisdictional coverage, means that Clifford Chance are well placed in the market to continue to offer outstanding legal advice and solutions. The long list of 'household' names seeking advice from Clifford Chance's speaks volumes to their reputation. The Corporate and M&A practice alone advises more than half of the Global Fortune 500 companies. Key areas of work include: global financial markets, real estate, litigation and dispute resolution, tax, pensions and employment.

Clifford Chance are actively working to increase awareness about diversity and increase representation across the firm. Networks such as Enable (Disability) and Reach (Ethnic Minorities) create a space to discuss systemic obstacles in the legal industry Clifford Chance creatively celebrated the World Day for Cultural Diversity by an intercultural exchange of recipes and traditional dishes, demonstrating their eagerness to create a discussion surrounding culture and diversity.

Key Info

Clifford Chance have a plethora of opportunities for students, including their free and completely accessible global virtual internship, information can be found [here](#).

Clifford Chance nurture talent from the beginning of your academic career, through programmes such as ACCESS (year 12), SPARK (first year) and IGNITE (penultimate year). Find out more [here](#).

C L I F F O R D
C H A N C E

Key Dates

All applications open from 6th August 2021

Clifford Chance Spark Scheme

Applications open: 6 August 2021

DEADLINE: 10 February 2022

Assessments held: w/c 28 February and 7 March 2022

Scheme 1: 20 – 24 June 2022

Scheme 2: 18 – 22 July 2022

Clifford Chance Training Contract

Applications open: 6 August 2021

DEADLINE for **2023 Training Contracts**: 25 November 2021

DEADLINE for **2024 Training Contracts**: 9 December 2021

Assessment dates: w/c 17 and 24 January 2022

Clifford Chance Ignite Training Contract (tech-focused)

Applications open: 6 August 2021

DEADLINE: 9 December 2021

Assessment dates: w/c 17 and 24 January 2022

On-going online internships

Climate Change Global Virtual Internship

Cyber Security Global Virtual Internship

Business and Human Rights Global Virtual Internship

Sustainable Finance Global Virtual Internship

ACCEPT - one-day conference that provides an opportunity for LGBT+ students interested in a career in law

Applications open: 6 August 2021

DEADLINE: 10 November 2021

24/11/2021, all day

OUR ADVICE

Academics

- Tutors are there to help you! I know it may feel daunting emailing an academic or asking to meet them during their office hours, but their advice is the best you can get as a student. In our experience they have always been happy to find that a student has questions. You got into uni for a reason, so you deserve to be able to ask them questions.

Careers

- Do not panic about employability the second you start Law School. Yes, it is very useful to get involved in career events and take up opportunities you find interesting, but allow yourself some time to settle in. The Employability Bulletins we receive each week from the Law Careers Service constantly inform us of opportunities available throughout the year, so you don't need to do it all at once. There will always be more events you can get involved in. Allow yourself to familiarise with how Uni works and try not to spread yourself too thin.

Try new things!

- Get involved in something new and allow yourself to make mistakes – that's what uni and especially First Year is for.
 - Legal competitions may seem daunting if you have never done anything like them before but everyone is pretty much in the same position so don't let that stop you!
 - "I was super nervous for my first Negotiation Competition as I had not had any experience related to it before. I ended up loving it and it was a great opportunity that also made me and my partner develop our friendship." - Ana
 - "If I could go back I would try out mootings in at the earliest chance I got instead of shying away from it for my whole first year, because I did that with Negotiating and improved a lot during the year." - Maya
 - There are countless societies to become involved in, so you will definitely find something you enjoy. They are a great way to meet new people as well
 - Take all the opportunities you can to explore Bristol! It's such a nice, wholesome city and it has a lot to offer. From the art galleries to the charity shops and independent cafés, there's so much to see and do during your time here.
 - Join the UDL! :)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INSIGHT



What is the one piece of advice you wish you'd received before coming to uni in the UK?

"You should take the time to make yourself self-aware. It is important to know what your strengths and weaknesses are for an efficient development at university." - Prekshi, Graduate

"That living on my own has its advantages and disadvantages, but I'll get used to it sooner than I'd think."

"It's definitely not easy moving so far away from home but your time here will go by in a flash, so make the most of all of it. Recognise your opportunities and seize them!" - Navya, 3rd Year Law

OUR ADVICE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INSIGHT

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What is something you'd do differently if you were to start First Year all over again?

"Academically, I would join mootings organised by law societies (especially Bristol Law Club and Bar Society) more frequently to train advocacy skills. I would also engage in more first-year schemes / open days, to familiarise myself with different Magic Circle and International firms. Notably, these experiences would shine your CV when applying for mini-pupillage, vacation scheme or other things in the future." - Lawrence, 2nd Year Law

Honestly, there's nothing that comes to mind straight away. I really made the most of my first year, or I at least tried my best to! If I could go back, I would spend more time trying to get to know more people. I did quite a lot of that, but it does mean a lot to me to meet people from different backgrounds. I wish the pandemic didn't take that away, but unfortunately, to an extent, it did. Otherwise, no regrets! - Mona, 2nd Year Law

"On one hand, I would worry a little less about applying for all the opportunities I kept seeing everywhere. I would take a step back and make sure I have a well-written CV for law-related applications and a separate one for part-time work. Then I would just choose to apply for activities I am truly interested in, not just ones that would look good on my CV. There are plenty of opportunities year-round so if you miss a deadline there is nothing to worry about. On the other hand, I would try to stop striving for perfection and actually apply for certain activities even if at that moment I didn't think my experience was enough. Once again, you have plenty of time to apply for a bunch of different opportunities, so at least trying and then being rejected is better than not trying in the first place." - Ana-Maria, 2nd Year Law

How did you familiarise yourself with the different career routes available to you as a Law student in England? Are there any specific resources that helped you?

"To be honest, I started by watching the icon herself, Eve Cornwell, on YouTube. She was the one who introduced me to the term 'solicitor', as where I come from there isn't any differentiation between being a solicitor and being a barrister (you just have to qualify as a lawyer). Then I started reading articles on websites like AllAboutLaw and Legal Cheek.

In terms of more general resources that directed me through the careers aspect of First Year, I subscribed to the AllAboutLaw, Legal Cheek and Bright Network newsletters, I joined a few law societies and I kept an eye out for the Law Careers Employability Bulletin." - Ana-Maria, 2nd Year Law

The Internet is an extremely valuable source to me. I tend to search any questions I have and receive an answer almost instantly. You'll also be receiving lots of emails from the Careers Service about opportunities and guidance, it's always helpful! - Mona, 2nd Year Law

"I do wish I did more research because as a Law student your career options are so vast. I would say law societies are the best way to familiarise yourself with different options, because their information is usually updated based on dynamic career paths. I do feel like UDL's first year booklet would have definitely been of great help to me! Other than that I would suggest networking with people, your peers, seniors at university as well as graduates because you might never know what you're missing." - Navya 3rd Year Law

OUR ADVICE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INSIGHT

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"As an international student, I agree it is difficult to get know of different inns or firms beforehand. On one hand, It is worth to note Bristol has different law societies, i.e. Bristol Law Club, Bar Society, Unity and Diversity in Law etc. They would organise talks and coaching sessions periodically, introducing the work or daily life of barrister and solicitor. Apart from talks, LinkedIn is also your good friend in searching for career routes. Frankly speaking, there are load of opportunities in Bristol, but you may not have heard the majority of them. From my experience, maybe a bit weird, I would screen through the profile of different law students in Bristol to figure out the latest opportunity." - Lawrence, 2nd Year Law

"I was actively researching about career options online and learning from legal professionals on platforms such as LinkedIn. I also attended many events at university and law firms to get a 'feel about' where I really want to be." - Prekshi, Graduate

"I visited Legal Cheek's website and lawcareers.net a lot, but honestly I'm still not sure what I want to do so I'm just looking around."

What are some of the added difficulties you may have faced as an international student and what do you think incoming first years could do to ease those?

"It can be challenging to adapt to a new culture, country, grocery shopping and every day things really. Although it may feel comfortable to get connected to those who have similar traits as yourself, it is very valuable to get to know individuals from different backgrounds for your own self-development. You will grow as an individual, expose yourself to new knowledge and understand things from a different perspective." - Preshki, Graduate

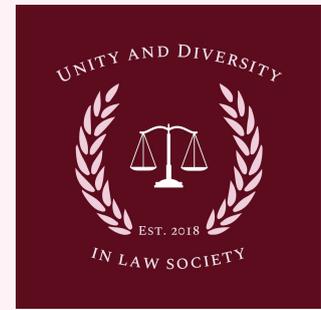
"Starting out with English is a second language sometimes proved not to be a problem at all, but still there were times when I wished I "had known English as well as native speakers" - but then I realized that actually, in the context of law, everyone is new to the language, not just us. So basically, don't stress, everyone has it just as difficult as you when it comes to legal writing/speaking. There are many other stress factors/slight difficulties for international students I think, but when it came to overcoming these things, what helped me a lot was just thinking about the opportunity I got by being here, and that even if it's difficult, I'm getting by just like the others, which means i'm actually doing better in a way."

"For me, I think the biggest hurdle would be communication, followed by diet matters. The first one is the most common but complicated. Given so, my suggestion is, to speak up to local students, they are very nice in general so do not afraid. Speaking of diet, for asians, there are several stores selling asian food, i.e. 168 Oriental, Wah Yan Hong, etc, so no worries." - Lawrence, 2nd Year Law

"Having to make up for what domestic students seemed like they already knew when they started just by being in close proximity to the law industry here or having had certain internship or work opportunities. For example, I had no idea what sort of extracurriculars were relevant to have on a CV. I felt like I had no way of knowing where to start and I think having a mentor would have been great. I think reaching out to second and third years on Instagram/LinkedIn would help." - Ana-Maria, 2nd Year Law

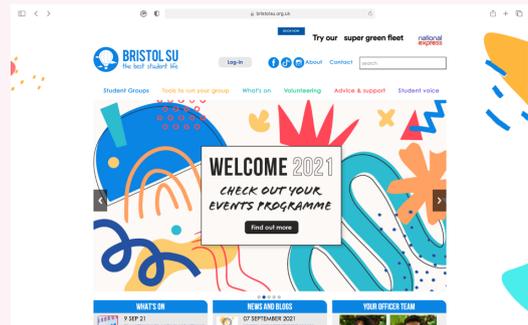
"I think it's always tough to go somewhere unfamiliar and create a home for yourself there. Homesickness and adapting to a completely independent life can get tough sometimes. Moving to an entirely new place and knowing no people can initially be quite terrifying, but it's equally such a rewarding experience. I would recommend first years to really put themselves out there, especially during Freshers. Your first year is a time where you're allowed to speak to as many people as you can, utilise that!" - Mona, 2nd Year Law

BECOME A MEMBER!

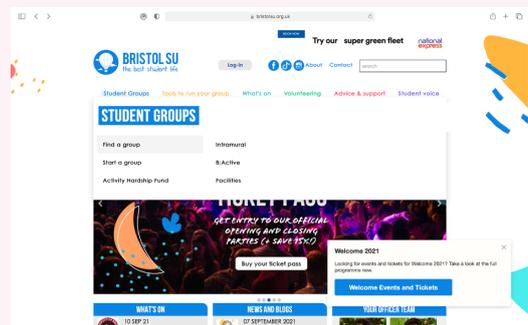


How to get a UDL membership:

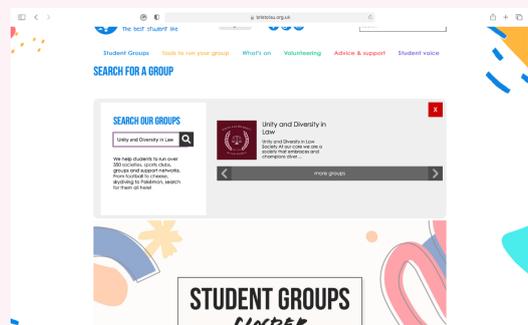
1. Visit the Bristol Student Union website and log in/register if you haven't yet.



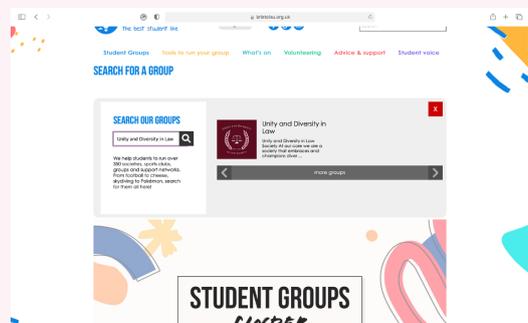
2. Under the 'Student Groups' tab, select 'Find a group'.



3. Look up 'Unity and Diversity in Law' and click on the icon.



4. Click 'Join this group'.



5. GAIN ACCESS TO AN AMAZING SOCIETY AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES!

**THANK
YOU!
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