

Law & Criminology Department video

Transcript

Student 1

I think that the University of Greenwich is the best university. I absolutely love it here. It's not just the campus – it's my friends, it's the lecturers, and it's just nice to come somewhere and always feel welcome. It's really built up my confidence and it's made me think that I'm capable of doing things that I really didn't think I was capable of before I started the course. I recently won Excel Law Student of the Year Award and the overall Student of the Year Award for 2009. They are national awards.

Student 2

Everyone's really welcoming, everyone gets involved and there are lots of extra activities as well outside of work, like mooting. Mooting is a mock trial and it's a really good way to enhance your legal skills because it involves you looking at the case in more detail and understanding the law behind a problem.

ON-SCREEN CAPTION: There is a strong tradition of mooting at the University of Greenwich. Greenwich teams have twice been national mooting champions as well as runner up in the Commonwealth Mooting Competition.

We've had some really great speakers that have come down, such as Baroness Scotland. She came to give us a talk and was very inspiring about what can actually be achieved beyond a law degree. And we also had Margaret Mountford from The Apprentice.

The tutors in the Law department will go out of their way to help you with training contract applications, work experience, meeting other lawyers and going for open day events. It's so inspiring to have all this access to law firms that you maybe thought you wouldn't have applied to before and be in a position where you are ready to graduate into a decent job

Student 3

The University of Greenwich is unlike most other London universities in that the career opportunities and the employment opportunities it offers are a cut above the rest. The university has worked hard to create good links with Magic Circle solicitor's firms, as well as highly-regarded barristers' chambers. Once a year, the university runs a careers evening where solicitors' firms, barristers' chambers, banking establishments, will try and employ you. It's almost as if you are on sale to them, there are that many of them. And you have a real opportunity to gain contacts, to get mini pupillages and work experience.

Student 4

Coming to the University of Greenwich as a direct entry student, I was very impressed with the range of diverse activities that are offered to us to enhance our career prospects further, most particularly Skills Week. At Skills Week, we have all kinds of activities, from vocal workshops to help you project your voice, to workshops such as 'How Not to Write Like a Lawyer'.

Student 5

I would definitely recommend the University of Greenwich. It wasn't actually my first choice, but I would say now that it's the best choice that I've ever made. The opportunities available are endless, the contacts that you will make are endless, and most importantly it will teach you initiative before you enter the real working world.

It's so important as a young lawyer-to-be to work hard and to play harder. This year, I organised, alongside eight of my third year Law friends, the Law & Criminology Winter Masquerade Ball. It's open for all years across the board and allows students to make friends and make contacts in a more informal environment.

Student 6

I chose the University of Greenwich because it's based in London and, with regards to my chosen career in the police, this is where I wanted to be based. I'd heard about the Criminology course here and it had been recommended to me. It's highly enjoyable, it's never repetitive, and I'd say it's definitely the course to do.

Student 7

There's lots of support, not only with the work and the subject itself, you also get one to ones with personal tutors. It's really good to know that there are people on your side that support you all the way.

Student 8

I'm an international student from Nigeria and my experience at the University of Greenwich has been fantastic. The Law and Criminology department is relatively small, and we all get to know each other. There's a very good relationship between the students and the staff, and that is really helpful, because you will need those interpersonal relationship skills if you want to be successful in a legal career.

ON-SCREEN CAPTION: We offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in a World Heritage Site, only minutes from Canary Wharf, the West End and the City. We look forward to meeting you.

