

## Law - Suggested Reading

The study of Law is not, as it might first appear, the task of memorising statutes and data, but about using the law to form compelling and unassailable legal arguments. The degree of course acts as a gateway to a career in the law as a solicitor or barrister, but also offers the opportunity to develop your critical thinking and your formulation of arguments based on evidence and interpretation.

Below are some suggestions of where you might want to start but the key to enjoying a subject and getting the most out of it is to follow your nose and look into what interests you. Starting off with something more general and then asking yourself 'What do I want to know more about?' will help guide you towards reading which you will find interesting.

1. Times Law supplement

A great resource for any prospective, with articles on recent cases, legal developments and a great Law student section as well. Start reading, and follow your nose.

2. Guardian Law supplement

Ditto the above!

3. Nicholas McBride, 'Letters to a Law Student' (2007)

Letters to a Law Student relays all that a prospective law student needs to know before embarking on their studies. It provides a useful guide to those considering a law degree or conversion course and helps students prepare for what can be a daunting first year of study.

4. Tom Bingham, 'The Rule of Law' (2011)

In this brilliant short book, Britain's former senior law lord, and one of the world's most acute legal minds, examines what the idea of the "rule of law" actually means. He makes clear that the rule of law is not an arid legal doctrine but is the foundation of a fair and just society, is a guarantee of responsible government, is an important contribution to economic growth and offers the best means yet devised for securing peace and co-operation.

5. Helena Kennedy, 'Eve was Framed' (2011)

Eve Was Framed offers an impassioned, personal critique of the British legal system. Helena Kennedy focuses on the treatment of women in our courts - at the prejudices of judges, the misconceptions of jurors, the labyrinths of court procedures and the influence of the media.