

Statement on Qualifications reform

The University of Law recognises that the next few years will be a time of change for applicants entering higher education. We have considered the impending changes to qualifications in the UK and their implications on our admissions policy and set down below our approach.

We will continue to consider each applicant on an individual basis including;

- the predicted or achieved academic grades, plus
- the motivation and suitability for the course, as expressed in the personal statement, as well as
- information given in the UCAS reference.

In England, the AS level has been decoupled from the A level, with AS level qualifications being offered as a stand-alone qualification. We recognise that schools and colleges will offer a varied portfolio of courses and that some students will continue to study AS courses alongside their A levels or other level 3 qualifications whilst others will study only A levels. We will not discriminate against those applicants not able to access AS levels and will continue to make the majority of our offers on the basis of three A levels or a mix of qualifications of breadth equal to three A levels. We welcome the support of referees in advising us of their policy whether AS levels are offered or not. Whilst we understand that it will be difficult to predict grades for the first year of the reformed qualifications we would ask that predicted grades are as realistic as possible.

We welcome applicants with a mixture of qualifications such as BTECS offered alongside A level as well those taking the Access to HE Diploma.

Although we have yet to finalise our entry requirements for 2017 we expect that for the majority of our law courses these will be in the range ABB-BBB. We do not intend to use the revised UCAS tariff for these courses, but may do so for our business programmes offered by the De Broc School of Business.

We know that the reformed level 3 qualifications will be introduced in groups over three years and that applicants will be applying with a mix of reformed and unreformed qualifications for 2017 and beyond. We will therefore ensure that our admission teams are fully briefed on the timescale of reform.

We require GCSE English and mathematics for entry to all our courses. Under the reform of the GCSE grading system we will accept Grade 4 as equivalent to current Grade C.

Please refer to our online prospectus and UCAS Course Finder for the latest information regarding 2017 entry.