



# **The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London (Great Britain)**

## **Study Guide**

### **1 Overall impression**

My overall impression of the Double Degree program at King's College London is very good. I would go again!

### **2 Making preparations**

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

Making preparations might be a bit more complicated with visas and finding a place to live if you go to the UK instead of somewhere else in Europe. However, if you start on time it should not be a problem.

### **3 Contacts/Responsibilities**

(e.g. important contact persons at the Partner University and Faculty)

If you have any problems relating to University, it is easiest to write an email to PGT Law at King's College London.

### **4 Housing**

Finding a place to live in London can be quite hard as one could imagine. If you do not want to go through the hustle of finding your own flat, better book a student accommodation. However, in general, my impression is that you get more for your money if you live in a flatshare and not in a student accommodation. I would recommend going to London during the summer for a week and looking for a flat if you want to rent out a whole flat. Then you have the opportunity to view the flat and make sure that it is not a scam. Often you have to pay as much as six months' rent to a year of rent in advance, which can be pretty intimidating. Also, to rent a flat in London, you often have to put in offers and offer more than the other applicants. It is very competitive. I would also recommend focusing on one area. London is huge, and therefore you can get quite lost when looking for apartments.

### **5 Arrival**

Arrival was quite easy. There are quite a lot of events you can attend in the first week.

### **6 Telephone**

(e.g. costs, carriers)

I just kept my phone contract from Switzerland. There are really good deals you can make to have data all over Europe for instance. The service was not always the best though. The only disadvantage I can think of is that sometimes companies require you to have a UK number if you want to order something for example.

## **7 Bank account**

I did not open a UK bank account. Everything went well with Revolut.

## **8 Transport**

The tube in London is quite expensive but efficient for the most part (except for the tube strikes which were very frequent)

## **9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life**

Student life at King's is quite nice. I would recommend trying to join a sports team. That is a lot of fun and you will meet a lot of people. If you want to join a sports team you often have to attend trials. Do not miss them as they are quite early in the semester.

## **10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty**

(e.g. program structure, methodology, exams, etc.)

The program has many subjects and pathways to offer. The teaching differs greatly depending on the seminar or course you choose. Exams were either take-home exams or 5000-word essays. You have to choose about 4-6 modules for the whole year depending on the size of your dissertation (which you write over the summer), some of the exams are in January and others are in May. Essays are mostly due in January or April. The dissertation is due in September. You have to start looking for a supervisor quite early on in the first semester.

## **11 City**

(e.g. cultural activities, sports, discounts, nightlife, must-sees, short trips, etc.)

The city is amazing. There are also quite nice daytrips you can do. I would recommend seven sisters and maybe a trip to Oxford. Many places are quite easy to reach by train. Also driving out to the countryside is a welcome break from the city-life. In London I definitely recommend to not only stay in central London but also to venture out to zones 2 and 3. Hampstead Heath or Hackney for instance are very nice and worth a visit.

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