

A typical week at university

The following first year university timetable and accompanying notes were written by a current student studying [Law at the University of Edinburgh](#). They are intended to provide school pupils with a realistic picture of what a typical week at university is like for a first year student studying this subject at this particular university. It's worth remembering that every university student will have a different first year timetable depending on their degree subject, university and student lifestyle.

- **Impressions of the course:** Overall, law is a really interesting course. It's a huge course and you learn about so many diverse areas of law, so you're bound to find something you're interested in.
- **Electives/Outside Courses:** In first year there are core courses that you need to study, and then you can pick a course of your choice. The course of your choice is usually within the law school, but some people choose courses from other faculties. When you get to third and fourth year, you get to specialise in the areas of law that you enjoy. There's a huge range to choose from and they change every year. This year there was even a course on neuroscience and law!
- **Practical/Theory:** In first year, most courses are quite practical ie. you learn what the law is. However, there are some more theoretical courses where you learn about how arguments are constructed and theories of law. Saying that, you spend most of your time reading or answering questions. There are some group exercises and fun projects, but not much unfortunately!
- **Workload:** You have 4 courses in first year, with usually 2 or 3 lectures and 1 tutorial for each one. On top of this, each course requires you to read after the lectures and before tutorials, in order to answer questions. So there is quite a lot of independent learning – my tip would be to keep on top of reading each week! It makes studying for exams a lot easier and is good practice for second year when you have more courses per semester!
- **What Surprised Me?:** What surprised me most about studying law is how applicable the law is to our everyday lives, and how knowing about the law can come in really handy in normal situations! For example, knowing about property law may be useful when you move into a flat in second year.

University: University of Edinburgh
Course: Law
Year: First

A typical student week...



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9-10.00		Gym					Gym
10-11.00	Scottish Legal System Lecture	Contract and Unjustified Enrichment Lecture	Scottish Legal System Lecture	Contract and Unjustified Enrichment Lecture	Scottish Legal System Lecture	Work (10-5)	Study/Read for Lectures
11-12.00	Study/Read for Lectures (in library)	Civil Law Lecture	Civil Law Lecture		LawPals workshop (study tips)	-	-
12-13.00	-	Family Law Lecture		Family Law Lecture		-	-
13-14.00	Lunch time	Study/Read for Lectures (at home if no classes)	Study/Read for Lectures (at home if no classes)	Lunch time	Lunch time	-	Fun Sunday activity! (Beach/Meadows/Shopping)
14-15.00	-	-	-		Civil law Tutorial	-	-
15-16.00	-	-	-	Scottish Legal System Tutorial	Family Law Tutorial	-	-
16-17.00	Contract and Unjustified Enrichment Tutorial	-	-	Dance Class		-	
17-18.00	Weekly Shop	-	Gym	More studying	Gym		Sunday night clean/laundry!
18-19.00		Dinner @ friends			Flat Dinner		