

To which foreign university did you go: **University of Surrey**

Country: **United Kingdom**

- study period in **1st semester**
- start date study abroad: **25 September 2014**.....end date: **30 January 2015**.....
- period of classes: from: **September 2014**.....until: **December 2014**.....
- examination period: from: **December 2014**.....until: **January 2015**.....
- did you follow a language course: No

Courses completed at the host university:

1. Medical Law and Ethics 1

2. Family Law 1

3. Counter-Terrorism Law 1

The University of Surrey offers a wide range of courses to foreign students, especially third year students. Below is a brief description of the law courses I took while in Surrey;

Medical Law 1:

The purpose of medical law I is to consider the ethical issues and the legal consequences of decisions taken by the medical profession. The first part of the course deals with ethical dilemmas in medical law. The second part looks at the legal and ethical issues that relate to life, death and medical treatment. All of these topics are dealt with within the context of the Human Rights Act 1998. At the end of the semester, students are expected to take a two hour written examination.

Family Law 1

The law relating to the family is of crucial importance to every individual whether adult or child. It is family law that regulates interpersonal relationships. Family law provides the legal framework for the establishment of marriage and civil partnerships, the dissolution of marriage and civil partnerships, the legal consequences of marriage, civil partnerships and cohabitation

and the legal regulation of domestic violence. At the end of the semester, students are expected to take a two hour written examination.

Counter-Terrorism Law

This module explores the European and international approaches to countering serious crime and terrorism through an examination of the proliferating body of anti-terrorism legislation stemming from the United Nations, international bodies and regional organizations. Counter-terrorism is a rapidly developing policy regime within both the international and European legal communities. As such, the module provides a critical overview of the institutional and legal counter-terrorism framework in both EU and public international law. It also considers the effectiveness of national action in preventing and suppressing terrorism. The module is divided into five sections. It begins with an introduction into the definitions and international and European counter-terrorism legal framework and moves on to consider the so-called measures of general application and measures of targeted application. It then considers the impact of counter-terrorism legislation upon human rights and the rule of law and concludes by looking at the ‘war’ aspect of counter-terrorism and military action against terrorist capabilities. Assessment is by means of a paper submission (3000 words max)

International Criminal Law

This module focuses on the criminal responsibility of individuals under International Criminal Law and the mechanisms provided for the enforcement of these offences as well as the prosecution of those accused. It addresses the history, concepts, institutions, procedures, norms and enforcement mechanisms of international criminal law, and examines the chief crimes of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. When can the major perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and crime of aggression be brought to justice? This module also identifies and discusses the main weaknesses of international criminal justice. In addition, the course offers a critical analysis on the political context and future development of International Criminal Law including the non-legal obstacles that impede the effective prosecution of international criminal offences. Assessment is by means of a paper submission (3000 words max)

The above courses were quite challenging but at the same time interesting. We had two hours of lectures and one hour of tutorial for each subject. It is also interesting to note that free English language classes were offered to students who wanted to improve on either their oral or writing skills. This was during the first month of the semester.

The standard of living in Guildford area is very high; this is due to the fact that Guildford is just 20 minutes away from centre London. My monthly expenditure for basic necessities was between 250 to 300 pounds. I was allocated a university accommodation at Hazel Farm (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1502196980020904/>) which is about 5 kilometers from the university main campus. The monthly rents for my student room was 380 pounds including gas, electricity, internet, water and a free bus pass within the entire Guildford area.

Social life in Guildford is quite interesting and the international exchange office had an open door policy to all exchange students. They were very cooperative and the lecturers on their part were quite helpful. There is a facebook page for all the exchange students where we discussed common issues and planned events on and off campus. See link below (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1508977876012933/>)

In my opinion, the University of Surrey is a wonderful place to go on exchange. It is highly ranked amongst other universities in the UK and I will strongly recommend it to whoever is interested in studying in UK.