

LAW TEXTBOOKS

1. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SOURCES OF LAW

- The two primary sources of English law are legislation and case law. For further information on primary sources, consult the Law Library guides to ***Statutes*** and ***Law Reports***.
- Secondary sources of law are those which describe, comment upon, or interpret the law. Secondary sources include textbooks, encyclopaedias, and articles that appear in journals. For information concerning legal journals, consult the Law Library guide titled: ***Law Journals***.

2. LAW TEXTBOOKS

- Look at the **Reading Lists** given to you by your tutors. The Law Library should have all (or most) of the books listed. In addition to copies available for loan, one copy of each core item on your Reading List will be kept as a **QSC Reference** item, and held in the “Quick Service Collection” at the Library counter. This is to ensure that essential titles are available for you to consult in the Law Library at all times.
- If your tutors recommend that a book is an essential title, then you should consider buying a copy.
- Use the Library Catalogue to locate textbooks. Books in the Law Library are arranged in accordance with the Dewey Decimal Classification system.

3. BASIC DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS FOR LAW BOOKS

- Use the following list as a guide only. Consult the Library Catalogue to find specific titles.
- There may be times when specific titles on your reading list have been borrowed by other students. If you do not have time to wait for a reserved copy, select other books with the same classmark as the title that you require.

D 340 / 340.05: Law / English legal system

D 340.025: Legal directories

D 340.03: Legal dictionaries

- D 340.07:** Legal method / legal skills / mootings
- D 340.1:** Jurisprudence
- D 340.115:** Law and society / law and social theory / law and literature
- D 340.59:** Islamic law
- D 341:** International Law
- D 341.2422:** EU Law
- D 342:** Constitutional law / administrative law / public law
- D 342.082:** Immigration law
- D 342.085:** Civil rights / human rights (England & Wales)
- D 342.0858:** Privacy law / data protection
- D 342.087:** Disability discrimination
- D 342.0878:** Gender discrimination
- D 342.4:** EU constitutional law
- D 342.4085:** EU human rights
- D 343.071:** Consumer law
- D 343.0999:** Law and the internet / IT and e-commerce
- D 344.01:** Employment law
- D 344.031:** Social work and law
- D 344.041:** Medical and optometry law
- D 344.0416:** Pharmacy law
- D 344.046:** Environmental law
- D 344.401:** EU employment law
- D 344.4046:** EU environmental law
- D 345:** Criminal law
- D 345.05:** Criminal justice process / sentencing
- D 346.015:** Family law

- D 346.02: Contract law
- D 346.03: Tort law
- D 346.04: Property law
- D 346.043: Land law
- D 346.048: Intellectual property law
- D 346.0482: Copyright
- D 346.05: Equity and trusts
- D 346.066: Company law
- D 346.07: Business / commercial law
- D 346.072: Sale of goods
- D 347.05: Courts procedure
- D 347.06: Evidence

4. LEGAL ENCYCLOPAEDIAS

- An excellent starting point for general legal research is ***Halsbury's Laws of England***, a vast and authoritative multi-volumed encyclopaedia which covers all propositions of English law, and includes references to relevant statutes and case law. It includes a comprehensive monthly updating service.
- Since first appearing in 1907, the publishers claim that *Halsbury's Laws of England* "has been the cornerstone of the lawyer's library", providing "comprehensive narrative treatment of the law of England and Wales".
- **Important note:** The volumes of the 4th edition (published 1973 – 2008), have brown covers. These are gradually being replaced over the next few years by the 5th edition (2008 – onwards), which have black covers. The 5th edition will eventually total around 100 **Main Volumes**, arranged in an alphabetical scheme of over 160 subjects. Additional volumes make up the **Consolidated Index** (3 volumes) and the **Cumulative Supplement** (2 volumes).
- To use *Halsbury's Laws of England* follow these steps:

Step 1: Consolidated Index

Step 2: Main Volume

Step 3: Cumulative Supplement

Step 4: Current Service: Noter-up and Monthly Review

Follow these instructions for each step:

Step 1: Look up the topic you are researching in the **Consolidated Index** (3 volumes). This will give you a reference to a **Main Volume** in bold type, plus a paragraph number in lighter type.

Step 2: The entry in the **Main Volume** gives a summary of the law (plus references to statutes and cases where relevant) as it stands on the date that the individual **Main Volume** was published.

Step 3: Now check the annual **Cumulative Supplement** for any revisions which post-date the **Main Volume**. The **Cumulative Supplement** gives details of all changes between the published date of the **Main Volume** and the operative date of the **Cumulative Supplement**. It is arranged in the same volume, title and paragraph order as that of the **Main Volumes**.

Step 4: Finally, check the **Current Service** for any recent developments in the law. The **Current Service** consists of two box files containing:

- The **Noter-up**: a monthly booklet which notes any changes since publication of the **Cumulative Supplement**. Also arranged in the same volume, title and paragraph order as the **Main Volumes**.
- The **Monthly Review**: a booklet which provides narrative treatment of material noted in the **Noter-Up**

5. YEARBOOKS

A “yearbook” is a volume which comes out annually and which describes recent developments in the law. Yearbooks are useful sources for legal research. The following series of yearbooks are held in the “Statute Room”:

Halsbury’s Laws of England Annual Abridgement

- A year by year survey of English statute law and case law. It also contains a very useful “*Table of Articles*” – a list of journal articles published during the year which concern major legal topics.
- Law Library holdings: 1974 – onwards.

All England Law Reports Annual Review

- Designed as companions to the *All England Law Reports*, the *All ER Annual Review* contain authoritative articles by leading academic lawyers.
- The annual volumes contain detailed analyses of decisions reported during the previous year. Law students should use them to will find clear and accessible accounts of current trends.
- Law Library holdings: 1982 – onwards.

Current Legal Problems

- Annual volumes containing numerous articles exploring a wide variety of legal topics of interest current at the time of printing.
- Law Library holdings: 1969 – onwards.

The following series of European law yearbooks is held at **D 341.242205 EEC**:

Yearbook of European Law

- The aim of this series is to publish important and original studies concerning the various branches of EC and EU law.
- Law Library holdings: 2005 – onwards.

6. DIRECTORIES

A directory is a systematically organised list of persons, businesses, organisations or associations that provide various legal services. Reference copies of law directories are shelved in the “Statute Room”. Examples include:

- ***The Law Society’s directory of solicitors and barristers***
- ***Chambers UK: a client’s guide to the UK legal profession***
- ***Shaw’s directory of courts in the United Kingdom***
- ***Chambers students guide to the UK legal profession***

7. DICTIONARIES

- You should consider purchasing a good legal dictionary, such as **A Dictionary of Law** (Oxford Paperback Reference) or **Osborn’s Concise Law Dictionary** (Sweet & Maxwell). Reference copies of these dictionaries, and many others, are shelved in the “Statute Room”, where you will also find other authoritative legal dictionaries, including:
 - ***Stroud’s Judicial Dictionary***
 - ***Words & Phrases Legally Defined***

8. PROFESSIONAL LEGAL TEXTS

The Law Library provides a number of expensive professional titles. These are books used by practicing lawyers and include titles that students may use when they enter the legal profession. Examples include:

- ***Archbold: criminal pleading, evidence and practice***
- ***Blackstone’s criminal practice***

- ***Gatley on libel and slander***

9. AN IMPORTANT NOTE CONCERNING OTHER LAW TEXTBOOKS

Please be aware that the J.B. Priestley Library, on the main University campus, also stocks a variety of law textbooks. These are held in the main campus library because they have been purchased from budgets which support courses taught on the main campus. Some of these titles may be of interest to you. For example, in the J.B. Priestley Library you will find textbooks on:

- criminology and penology
- law and social work
- police law
- law and pharmacy
- law and optometry
- the role of law in international politics

So, **DO** ensure that you know how to use the Library catalogue to do a subject search, or an author and title search, as the catalogue will list other titles that may be relevant to your studies and research.

10. E-BOOKS FOR LAW

An eBook is an electronic equivalent of a conventional printed book. Although the University Library provides numerous eBooks in many subject areas, at present there are no eBook versions of your core student textbooks. However, the Law Library does subscribe to the following legal eBook library:

Oxford Scholarship Online – Law

This is a vast and expanding eBook law library which offers online access to the full text of scholarly law books published by Oxford University Press. The books are divided into the following sub-disciplines:

- *Company and Commercial Law*
- *Comparative Law*
- *Competition Law*
- *Constitutional and Administrative Law*
- *Criminal Law and Criminology*

- *EU Law*
- *Employment Law*
- *Environmental and Energy Law*
- *Family Law*
- *Human Rights Law*
- *Intellectual Property, IT, and Media Law*
- *Law of Obligations*
- *Legal History*
- *Legal Profession and Ethics*
- *Medical Law*
- *Philosophy of Law*
- *Private International Law*
- *Public International Law*

Using **Oxford Scholarship Online – Law**, you can cross-search the full text of eBooks within each sub-discipline. You can also browse abstracts and keywords at book and chapter level. Access **Oxford Scholarship Online** via the Library's **eResource webpages** at:

- <http://catalogue.brad.ac.uk/search/y>

You can also access **Oxford Scholarship Online** directly via the Athens homepage at:

- <http://www.athens.ac.uk/>

Once you enter **Oxford Scholarship Online**, click on **Law**. This will take you to the list of all the sub-disciplines in the OSO Law collection.

For further help, please contact:

Neil Carter

University of Bradford Management & Law Librarian

e-mail: n.b.carter@bradford.ac.uk

Tel: 01274 23440