



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

## **Study Guide**

### **1 Overall impression**

It was good but not that much better than UZH, you might expect it to be 100x better as it's so much more expensive, but it's not. What you take from it is the professional network you will make, the friends for life you will make, the travelling and also the particular/specific lectures and subjects that you wouldn't be able to get in Switzerland. Do a specialised LL.M. as that is what looks the best on a CV and we all know that people WILL look at it. Choose it right, make it count.

### **2 Making preparations**

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

You should register in advance with the KCL GP (General Practitioner = your doctor in the UK), they have a great Health clinic. All can be done online. Also I would suggest having a look at the Student Oyster card and get that ready in advance, you will need some papers from KCL but the earlier it is done the better as it will take some time to be ready. This Student Oyster card allows you to travel in London for cheaper than normal prices.

### **3 Contacts/Responsibilities**

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

Sign up with their GP. Take advantage of their career services, they have plenty of interesting events you should go to and they will be able to answer all your questions about potentially working in the UK.

### **4 Housing**

Don't go into a KCL accommodation, they seem nice online but unless you're willing to get the most expensive one it won't be worth it, they're not as good as they seem and they are too expensive (by a lot!). Do your research on the private market, get there earlier if needed.

### **5 Arrival**

It's very easy, go to the social events to meet new people and get invested in the community right away. There will be plenty.

## **6 Telephone**

(e.g. costs, carriers)

Many cheap carriers, you won't need a lot of internet if you have it at Home and University (wifi). I had Giffgaff but I've heard there were even cheaper ones so have a look online.

## **7 Bank account**

I would suggest making either a Revolut or a Monzo account, it's easy and can be made through their phone app. Put some CHF on those accounts and then use their internal exchange mechanism (usually at better fees than Swiss banks) to exchange the money in GBP and use it as your daily credit/debit card.

## **8 Transport**

Flying is easiest, just don't go to Luton or Stansted as those airports are just too far away from London, fly to Heathrow or Gatwick, they have good city connections (and fast). As much as for the Student Oyster card, get a Travelcard (more or less like a Halbtax Abo) to travel on trains for much cheaper, you can link it to the Student Oyster Card for even more discounted travels on the Tube and buses.

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

Get into as much student associations (sports and other) as you can to meet people outside the LL.M., that's always a plus and hanging out with locals is good (there were 3 Britons in my LL.M....)

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

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

There will be much more reading and self study time than in Switzerland, they won't tell you what to do so be prepared to find your own way of studying and finding information - use the online resources KCL and IALS have, they're really good. For the Dissertation (Master Arbeit), you will have to find a Professor yourself, there are no Seminars like UZH, so think of your subject and be ready to approach a Professor by yourself with your project.

## **11 City**

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

It's London, you can do everything here so take advantage of the free museums, the exotic food and the ability to visit the UK. It's much more beautiful than you might think, go to Cornwall, Brighton, Seven Sisters, Wales, Scotland, etc.

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