**Summer Reading for the LLB and Joint Honours Law Courses**

Here are some suggestions of reading materials which you may find useful to prepare yourself for your studies.

**Textbooks**

We are not providing a reading list for each module yet, because many of the publishers are still up-dating existing textbooks and producing new texts. The reading lists for each module will be finalised for the start of term.

You might find it useful though to do some general background reading. The following books are useful, but there are others available. It is not expected that you will read all of these books, but reading one or two will be useful preparation for starting your degree.

**Background reading:**

Rivlin G First Steps in the Law 7th edition May 2015 (Oxford)

**Study Skills:**

**Recommended Reading**

Finch and Fafinski, *Legal Skills*, (6th ed) (2017, Oxford)

This covers sources of law, academic and practical legal skills e.g. writing essays, mooting skills.  Includes self-test questions. Links to a web site providing additional material.

**Other Books**

Bradney *et al, How to Study Law*, (7th ed) (2014, Sweet & Maxwell) – outline of the English legal system, sources of law, study skills, and careers in law.

McBride, *Letters to a Law Student: A guide to studying law at university* (3rd ed) (2013, Pearson) – Part 1 of the book is not particularly relevant – advice if you are thinking of studying law, rather than advice if you are about to start a degree. The rest of the book looks useful though, covering study skills, preparation for essay writing and exams, and careers.

Smith, *Glanville Williams: Learning the Law, (16th*ed) (2016, Sweet & Maxwell) – quite a traditional book, covering the English legal system, methods and skills for studying law, and careers.

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