

Cayman Islands Law School Undergraduate Admissions Policy 2006-07



CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Cayman Islands Law School reserves the right to change its policy in relation to any of the matters referred to herein, and furthermore, to consider each application on its particular merits.

A. General

CILS seeks to admit each year well-qualified applicants from a range of educational backgrounds who can demonstrate their aptitude, suitability and preparedness to pursue a degree in law. CILS welcomes applications from mature candidates and seeks to give each such applicant full and individual consideration.

B. Contact Information

Further information about details contained herein is available from the Law School. General enquiries should be directed, in the first instance, to the Administrative Officer, Lisa Morales-Levy at: lisa.morales-levy@gov.ky.

Application forms and the Law School student handbook can be downloaded from:
<http://www.lawschool.gov.ky>

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The following table provides information on the entry requirements of the Cayman Islands Law School in relation to students wishing to enroll on the University of Liverpool’s undergraduate Bachelor of Laws programme offered through CILS. Our policy is to treat applications on their individual merits with priority being given to qualified Caymanian applicants.

CILS takes an open approach to qualifications and accepts candidates from a variety of backgrounds with a range of qualifications. In making a decision on your application, the admissions team will be seeking to identify an aptitude to pursue legal study at degree level and evidence that serious thought has been given to the decision to pursue such studies will be expected.

LLB (Hons) Law (full time) (M3OX); LLB (Hons) Law (part time) (M3OY). Summary of offer criteria for all students for both programmes: (please note that applications to attend the part time M3OY programme will be accepted from legal residents in the Cayman Islands only).

QUALIFICATION	OFFER	NOTES
A-Level/ (I)GCSE	Passes in at least 2 GCE A-Levels in addition to at least 3 passes in (I)GCSE (or equivalent) subjects at Grade C or better, the (I)GCSE subjects to include English Language or English Literature and at least one of: Maths, Science, Economics and Geography.	A standard offer is made on the basis of the prescribed combination of GCE and (I)GCSE level passes. No preference is given to specific subjects studied, but overlap should be avoided. Candidates are advised to take no more than <i>one</i> practical A-Level (e.g. Art, Graphic Design).
Associates Degree	Minimum GPA required.	GPA must be equivalent in the view of the Admissions Board to the required A Level/(I)GCSE standard.
Scholastic Aptitude Test	Minimum SAT scores required.	SAT scores must be equivalent in the view of the Admissions Board to the required A Level/(I)GCSE standard.

First (or postgraduate) degree	Minimum classification/gpa required.	The degree must have been awarded by a recognized educational institution which evidences a standard of education which is equivalent in the view of the Admissions Board to the required A Level/(I)GCSE standard.
Mature Students Entrance Examination (a mature student is any student who is over the age of 21 on June 1 st prior to the intended academic year of entry).	At least 50% obtained in entrance examination.	The examination consists of a researched essay on a legal topic of which 7 days notice is given. The essay is written under examination conditions. The examination is set and marked by examiners of the Liverpool and Cayman Islands Law Schools.
International Baccalaureate, CAPE and other Examinations		Subject limits may apply. Please contact the Law School before applying.

If English is not the applicant's first language then he/she must demonstrate their English Language competence either on the basis of the qualification they are offering (i.e. English is a component) or by successfully undertaking the Mature Students Entrance Examination.

"When can I apply for admission to your law degree?"

If you are a student in your last year of study at school then you can apply to study for a law degree at The Cayman Islands Law School and having met the terms of our offer begin your degree with us straight after completing school. You do not need to wait until after you have finished your undergraduate degree as you would in North America to study law. This is because law is an undergraduate rather than postgraduate degree in the UK and the qualification you will be obtaining through CILS is an English law degree.

Your application must be received by CILS no later than June 1st.

“What is the application process for Mature Students?”

Mature students are welcomed at CILS and if you fall into this category (being over the age of 21 on June 1st prior to the academic year of entry) and lack recent formal educational qualifications you will be invited to sit the Mature Students Entrance Examination which is jointly administered by the Liverpool and Cayman Islands Law Schools. This examination is offered at CILS in July of each year.

Your application must be received by CILS no later than June 1st.

"How long does the degree course last?"

The full time degree programme (M3OX) lasts for three years. The part time degree programme (M3OY) lasts for five or six years depending upon the mode of study elected. At appropriate points in either programme it is possible to transfer to the relevant stage of the other programme. For eg, after two years of part time study, it is possible to transfer into year two of the full time programme.

“Who is eligible to apply to enroll on the part time (M3OY) programme?”

Only Caymanian applicants and legal residents are eligible to do so.

“What can I do with my law degree?”

As an English law degree, you can use it in the same way as a law degree obtained from any other reputable English University. In particular, the CILS degree is recognized by the Law Society of England and Wales as a qualifying degree for professional exemption purposes. It is also recognized for professional exemption purposes in the Cayman Islands. For information on the status of an English law degree in any other jurisdiction you are advised to contact the Bar Council in that jurisdiction.

“What admission procedures apply to international applicants?”

International applicants apply in the same way as home students although their eligibility is limited to the full time M3OX programme. The admission criteria applicable to such students wishing to enter this programme is the same as that applicable to home students, as detailed above. Following receipt of an unconditional written offer from CILS, international applicants are required to apply for a student visa from the Cayman Islands Immigration Department. Details of this procedure will be supplied by CILS following the making of an unconditional offer.

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