

# Law study skills resources

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## Useful sources of help (2 items)

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Oxford Brookes Library's law help page

[Webpage](#)

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Centre for Academic Development

[Webpage](#)

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## Study skills in law (7 items)

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**The Successful Law Student: An Insider's Guide to Studying Law**, by Imogen Moore, 2022

[Book](#) | Topics covered include: making a smooth transition to university level law study; getting the most out of different classes, opportunities, and feedback; advice on how to approach law assessments; and finding a rewarding career.

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**Legal Skills**, by Emily Finch; Stefan Fafinski, 2025

[Book](#) | The second part of this book covers academic legal skills (essay writing, referencing, exam skills etc). The third part looks at practical legal skills (oral presentations, mooting, negotiation skills etc).

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**The insider's guide to legal skills**, by Emily Allbon; Sanmeet Kaur Dua, 2023

[Book](#) | This book uses problem-based learning and examples throughout. It's clear and practical, and looks at skills that will be useful for assessments but also how to develop those skills for life beyond university.

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**Studying law**, by Simon Askey; T. I. McLeod, 2014

[Book](#) | This book is concise and focused, and aimed at students who have never studied law before.

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**How to study law**, by Anthony Bradney; Fiona Cownie; J. M. Masson; Alan C. Neal, 2014

[Book](#) | Learn how to find, read and analyse a variety of legal materials

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**Letters to a law student: a guide to studying law at university**, by Nicholas J. McBride; Jason Varuhas, 2022

[Book](#) | This is written in an informal style, as letters answering law students' questions. Useful topics covered include: how to make the best use of a textbook and how to read and understand cases.

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**Glanville Williams: learning the law**, by Glanville Williams, 2020

[Book](#) | This isn't the easiest book on this reading list to read but it is a 'classic' legal skills book. It includes advice on how to find, read and understand legal sources.

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## Exam revision and exam techniques (2 items)

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**Revision - tips and resources**, by Centre for Academic Development

[Webpage](#)

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**Revision books on Law Trove**

[Webpage](#) | Here you'll find the popular 'Concentrate' and 'Concentrate Q&A' series of revision books.

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## Legal writing (2 items)

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**Successful legal writing**, by Edwina Higgins; Laura Tatham, 2015

[Book](#) | Full of lots of short, focused sections - each of which answers a single question e.g. 'How do I develop effective arguments?'

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**Writing for law**, by Dave Powell; Emma Teare, 2010

[Book](#)

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## Writing essays and answering problem questions (6 items)

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**Legal writing skills: a guide to writing essays and answering problem questions**, by Steve Foster, 2019

[Book](#)

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**How to write law essays & exams**, by S. I. Strong, 2022

[Book](#) | Stacie Strong's book shows you how to use the IRAC technique

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**Legal writing**, by Lisa Webley, 2024

[Book](#) | This book will help you develop critical thinking and communicate legal arguments. There's lots of worked examples, showing how to get from an essay title or problem question to a complete piece of work. Chapter 2 of this book is about how to answer problem questions. Chapter 3 is about essay writing.

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**Legal Skills**, by Emily Finch; Stefan Fafinski, 2025

[Book](#) | Chapter 14 focuses on essay writing skills

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**Legal Skills**, by Emily Finch; Stefan Fafinski, 2025

[Book](#) | Chapter 15 focuses on answering problem questions

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**Legal writing**, by Lisa Webley, 2024

[Book](#) | Chapter 2 of this book is about how to answer problem questions. Chapter 3 is about essay writing.

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## OSCOLA referencing (4 items)

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**OSCOLA handbook**, by Faculty of Law, University of Oxford

[Document](#) | This is the most authoritative guide to OSCOLA

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**OSCOLA referencing - video playlist**, by Charlie Brampton

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Audio-visual document

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**Cite them right : the essential referencing guide**, by Richard Pears; Graham J. Shields, 2025

**Book** | This book covers a number of different referencing styles so make sure you look at the correct section (i.e. the OSCOLA section).

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**How to reference and avoid plagiarism**, by Oxford Brookes University Library

Webpage

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## Dissertations and independent research (6 items)

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**Dissertations - advice and resources**, by Centre for Academic Development

Webpage

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**Legal Skills**, by Emily Finch; Stefan Fafinski, 2025

**Book** | Chapter 17 is all about dissertation research and writing

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**Law dissertations: a step-by-step guide**, by Laura Lammasniemi, 2021

Book

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**Research methods for law**, edited by Michael McConville; Wing Hong Chui, 2024

Book

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**Research methods in law**, edited by Dawn Watkins; Mandy Burton, 2018

Book

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**Researching and writing your law dissertation or legal research project - Reading Lists**

**Webpage** | Click 'view online' to explore the specialist law dissertation and legal research reading list

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## Mooting (3 items)

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**Legal Skills**, by Emily Finch; Stefan Fafinski, 2025

**Book** | Chapter 19 covers mooting skills

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**Mooting: the definitive guide**, by Eric Baskind, 2016

Book

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**Useful resources for mooting - Reading Lists**

**Webpage** | Click 'view online' to explore the specialist mooting reading list

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