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Case Study: Ezgi Denli

Ezgi went to Gracemount High School in Edinburgh and studied Law at the University of Edinburgh, graduating in 2018



What attracted you to studying Law at Edinburgh?

I had an interest in law since I was a teenager as I have always wanted to see myself in a career where I can help others, developing solutions and make a difference. Living in Edinburgh and absolutely loving the city, Edinburgh Law School had always been my first choice! Attending Access to the Professions events only made me more determined to get into the School and I feel very lucky to be where I am now!

How did Access to the Professions help you in your decision making process and application?

Access to the Professions was the bridge between me and the Law School. The staff were always very friendly and easy to talk to. I was always able to ask them as many questions as I wanted and discussed all my doubts and worries with them throughout the entire process. For me the most valuable support was being able to send my personal statement over for feedback as I found this to be the most nerve-racking stage of the application process.

What are the best and worst things about studying Law at the University of Edinburgh?

I have met some of the most inspiring teaching staff through the course of my undergraduate degree and developed strong friendships with many fellow law students.

I do not have many negatives that come to mind but perhaps one thing is how difficult second year is with the number of exams over the two semesters. I also found the jump between second year and third year quite challenging. Though the teaching staff are always more than happy to provide extra support throughout the year.

How do you found managing a good work/life balance, either while studying or working?

I have been volunteering for the Equality Council ELREC (Edinburgh Lothians Regional Equality Council) and the Kurdish Community Centre since high school and I have had no issues in balancing my time between these positions and studying. I think it's simply about being disciplined with yourself and prioritising your commitments in the right way. This is a skill I have managed to develop over the four years and I am aware that this will be very beneficial for me in the upcoming years!

What are you currently doing and what are your plans for your future career?

Four years of LLB is almost over for me! I am currently looking for traineeships and other voluntary positions. The next stage for me is therefore applying for the Diploma in Legal Practice at the University. If I cannot secure a traineeship for 2019 then I am also considering applying for a masters after the Diploma.

What advice would you give to anyone thinking about applying to university or applying to study Law?

I have had tens and hundreds of sleepless nights and even considered dropping out many times! As English is my third language I struggled a lot in the first two years with the legal language. However, as with everything else, practice makes perfect and I can now read a case in less than two hours! Every difficulty has truly taught me something new about myself and I am now more determined than ever before to go out there and make a difference. A law degree at Edinburgh Law School is very challenging but can be the most rewarding years of your life if you show passion, commitment and most importantly, belief in yourself.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

I would like to thank Access to the Professions once again for the invaluable support and commitment they offer. All the very best to all the students applying to the University!



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