Our students

Chris Parkes
Law (LLB), legal adviser, actor and presenter

"I thought I want to go and get an education and open up the opportunities available to me in broadcasting. I wanted to satisfy my thirst for knowledge and get into factual projects, as opposed to just entertainment broadcasting. Having always been interested in the law, I decided to go to a Birkbeck Open Evening and find out more. It was just meant to be - I love the law and now I feel like I have found my calling."

"Birkbeck is a research-intensive university. You are taught by the authors of legal books and they are also practising solicitors and barristers. I have become engrossed by the law, and my studies have changed me as a person. People can become engrossed by the law and now have two or three careers during their lives, they are also practising solicitors and barristers. All the staff and students at Birkbeck are very accommodating and are always on hand to offer support."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Birkbeck, meeting new people and making strong friendships. The opportunities given to me by Birkbeck were absolutely brilliant - they really exceeded my expectations."

Emma Lawley
Law (LLB), future trainees solicitor

"I have definitely achieved my ambition of working at a top City law firm thanks to Birkbeck. In 2013, I became the first paralegal recruited by Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP) from Birkbeck’s School of Law. A year later I was offered, and accepted, a training contract with BLP to commence in 2016."

"Birkbeck appealed to me because it is part of the University of London and because of the high calibre of teaching on offer. The evening teaching model was ideal as I was working and studying at the same time. It was a challenge combining work and study, but you quickly learn to manage your time effectively. The staff at Birkbeck are very accommodating and are always on hand to offer support."

"As I come from Ghana, I would not have been able to afford living in London without the financial support from Birkbeck. The Anniversary Scholarship gives me peace of mind and enables me to concentrate on my PhD without having to look for paid work. I am being paid to learn - it is an excellent opportunity."

"Development discourse and issues in London governance and way of life here."

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Our students choose Birkbeck for many different reasons, but they share a dedication to their studies and a determination to achieve.