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My name is Anne Wesemann and I am the Teaching Director at The Open University Law School. The Open University Law School is the UK's leader in part-time legal education students are really provided with the expert experience and knowledge when it comes to flexible learning.

Students are supported when studying their modules by the module team and their tutor that is in directed contact with them. So they have all the support and plans to be successful within that smaller unit. But they are also supported as they go through the study levels and they are also supported as they progress from their first year of studies to their second year to make sure they have developed the skills and can be successful as they go through their degree.

But apart from direct study support, there's a huge student support network in place that is there to help them with all other queries; be it a concern around assessments or some anxiety around an exam coming up; be it questions about them having to defer a module because something changed at work or they have financial issues. The student support team is really there to pick those students up and guide them through those difficulties and so is the central team which I'm part of, so there's a big network in place that helps students to succeed.

We offer students a series of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, but they also with us have access to a huge network of Law School Alumni - around sixty thousand. They have a big network of Associate Lecturers and central academics, so easy access to expert knowledge. And they can also develop their legal skills by joining the Law Society and their mooting exercises and mooting competitions, which OU students are always very successful in.

Mark

I decided to study with The Open University because it was flexible and it fitted around my work commitments and it is something that kind of it gave a second opportunity to people who may have fell off the hurdle earlier down the line.

Abigail

It's probably clichéd to say it but I always did want to study Law when I was growing up after I did my A-Levels, though I went straight into work and got the drip-feed of a wage and it was very difficult to start thinking about studying again. But The Open University allowed me to do that so I figured I would go back to what I really wanted to do and yes start studying Law.

Rona

I chose to study with the OU because of the flexibility and the online, the distance learning option and the ability to fit other things around it.