

# Bachelor of Forensic Studies/Bachelor of Laws

## (194JA.1)

Please note these are the 2015 details for this course

### Domestic students

**Selection rank** 90.00

**Note:**

The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.

**English language requirements**

There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an academic IELTS or equivalent of 6.5, with no band score below 6.0. Students who have undertaken all of their education in an English speaking country (as defined on UC website) are deemed to have met our English language proficiency requirements.

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**Duration** 5.0 years

**UAC code**

**Faculty** Faculty of Business, Government & Law

**Discipline** Canberra Law School  
Academic Program Area - Science

**Location**

Fees 

Per Unit

Per Annum

Full Course

## International students

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### Academic entry requirements

To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.

[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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# About this course

Double degree: Supercharge your law degree with forensic insight

Be a formidable force in the courtroom. Focus your talent for law on the scientific area of forensics.

Achieve a fully accredited law degree and direct your scientific knowledge to crime investigation and the preparation of evidence. Be rewarded with outstanding employment opportunities in both the private and public sectors.

Combine your Bachelor of Forensic Studies with a Bachelor of Laws at UC to:

- qualify as a practising lawyer
- be able to cross-examine expert witnesses across a range of forensic disciplines
- master forensic biology and chemistry for criminal investigations
- know analytical techniques for collecting and examining trace evidence
- gain a broader perspective and valuable career flexibility.

Study opportunities

Exit this course early with a single:

- Bachelor of Forensic Studies
- Bachelor of Laws.

Career opportunities

- The law degree prepares you to work as a solicitor or barrister.
- This course is recognised by the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and the State of New south Wales (NSW).
- You will have a basis for legal admission in all Australian jurisdictions.
- You will also have articulation pathways leading to admission in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Important to know

- You can finish this qualification in 5 years.
- There is assumed knowledge and non-standard [English language requirements](#) for this course.

## Professional accreditation

This program is recognised by the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and the State of New South Wales. Through mutual recognition, UC's degree may serve as the basis for admission in all Australian jurisdictions.

Through a program offered in conjunction with the College of Law, students may (in their final year of the Bachelor of Laws at UC) begin their Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice course that qualifies for them for admission. Arrangements exist for students to articulate into programs leading to admission in the UK and the United States.

# Admission requirements

Normal requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree.

## Additional admission requirements

None.

## Assumed knowledge

For the Bachelor of Laws, please refer to the individual course. For the Bachelor of Forensic Studies, assumed knowledge is ACT: Biology and/or Chemistry major(s), plus Mathematical Methods major. NSW; Biology and/or Chemistry, plus Mathematics.

## Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

## Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#). Credit is not permitted towards completion of a graduate certificate.

# Course requirements

## Bachelor of Forensic Studies/Bachelor of Laws (194JA) | 120 credit points

**Required - 93 credit points as follows**

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**Forensic Studies - 48 credit points as follows**

**Major in Forensic Chemistry (MJ0042) | 21 or 24 credit points**

**For the 21cp Major - Must pass 21 credit points as follows**

[Chemistry 1a \(1516\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Chemistry 1b \(1517\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Data Analysis in Science \(1809\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Analytical Chemistry \(8043\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology \(8342\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Forensic Chemistry \(8376\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis \(8780\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

**For the 24cp Major - Must pass 24 credit points as follows**

[Chemistry 1a \(1516\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Chemistry 1b \(1517\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Data Analysis in Science (1809) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Analytical Chemistry (8043) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Environmental Forensic Science (8248) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology (8342) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Forensic Chemistry (8376) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis (8780) | 3 credit points – Level 3

## **Major in Forensic Biology (MJ0043) | 21 or 24 credit points**

### **For the 21cp Major - Must pass 21 credit points as follows**

#### **Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following**

Introduction to Microbiology (6510) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Forensic Biology (8379) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Population Genetics (8675) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Environmental and Forensic Genetics (10001) | 3 credit points – Level 3

#### **Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows**

Concepts in Biology (483) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Human Biochemistry (6518) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Biochemistry (6530) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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Introduction to Microbiology (6510) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Forensic Biology (8379) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Population Genetics (8675) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Environmental and Forensic Genetics (10001) | 3 credit points – Level 3

#### **Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows**

Concepts in Biology (483) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Human Biochemistry (6518) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Biochemistry (6530) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Molecular and Cellular Biology (8375) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Biosecurity and Microbial Forensics (8665) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- 8379 and 8675 have been replaced by 6510 and 10001 from the beginning of 2016. Students who have completed only one of the closed units should talk to the Course Convener for advice.

### **Required Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows**

Forensic Science 1 (8778) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Forensic Science 2 (8779) | 3 credit points – Level 2

### **Law - 45 credit points as follows**

#### **Major in Legal Practice (Restricted) (MJ0083) | 24 credit points**

##### **Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows**

Administrative Law (7018) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Equity Law (7029) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Evidence Law (7030) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (7043) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Legal Theory (7046) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Litigation and Dispute Processing (7047) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Property Law (7050) | 3 credit points – Level 2

##### **Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (7019) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours) (8358) | 3 credit points – Level 4

#### **Major in Law Foundation (MJ0082) | 21 credit points**

##### **Required - Must pass 21 credit points as follows**

Contract Law (6594) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Legal Methods and Skills (6601) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Legal Systems (6602) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Constitutional Law (7022) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Corporations Law (7024) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Law of Obligations (7042) | 3 credit points – Level 2

## **Restricted Choice - Must pass 27 credit points from the following**

### **Law Electives (LAWELECTS) | credit points**

#### **Restricted Choice - May select from**

Competition and Consumer Law (6593) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Cybercrime (7026) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Employment Discrimination and the Law (7027) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Family Law (7031) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Human Rights Law (7033) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Intellectual Property Law (7035) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Introduction to Taxation Law (7037) | 3 credit points – Level 1

International Trade Law (7038) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Legal Research Project (7045) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Public Companies Law (7051) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Student Law Internship (7053) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Client Advocacy and Communication Skills (7570) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Current Legal Issues (7870) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Employment Law (7906) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Environmental and Planning Law (7907) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Therapeutic Jurisprudence (7917) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Mental Health and the Law (8055) | 3 credit points – Level 2

International Law (8062) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Indigenous Australians and the Law (8245) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Justice Policy and Community Engagement (8359) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Young People and Crime (8507) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Women and the Law (8523) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Canberra Law Review (8672) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Comparative Law (8673) | 3 credit points – Level 3

International Commercial Arbitration (8683) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Mooting (8685) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Law in Action Project (8749) | 3 credit points – Level 4

Legal Advice Clinic (8892) | 3 credit points – Level 4

International Sale of Goods Law (8894) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Criminology (9177) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Privacy, Confidentiality and Access Law (9275) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Alternative Dispute Resolution in Law (9422) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Note:

- Honours: Eligible students will enrol in 7039 Law Honours in place of a Law Elective in their last year.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

# Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

**Year 1**

**Semester 1**

Chemistry 1a (1516)

Concepts in Biology (483)

Legal Methods and Skills (6601)

Legal Systems (6602)

**Semester 2**

Chemistry 1b (1517)

Contract Law (6594)

Data Analysis in Science (1809)

Law of Obligations (7042)

**Year 2**



**Semester 1**

Biochemistry (6530)

Corporations Law (7024)

Forensic Science 1 (8778)

Genetics (6531)

**Semester 2**

Analytical Chemistry (8043)

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Molecular and Cellular Biology (8375)

Property Law (7050)

**Year 3****Semester 1**

Forensic Chemistry (8376)

Forensic Science 2 (8779)

Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology (8342)

Population Genetics (8675)

**Semester 2**

Law Elective

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Forensic Toxicology and Drug Analysis (8780)

Legal Theory (7046)

**Year 4****Semester 1**

Constitutional Law (7022)

Two Law Electives

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)

**Semester 2**

Administrative Law (7018)

Two Law Electives

Evidence Law (7030)

**Year 5**

## Semester 1

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

[Equity Law \(7029\)](#)

[Litigation and Dispute Processing \(7047\)](#)

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358 Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

Law Elective

## Semester 2

[Lawyers and Professional Responsibility \(7043\)](#)

Three Law Electives

# Course information

## Course duration

Standard ten semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum twenty-four semesters.

## Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Ensure that court room evidence is as unbiased as possible with rigorous chain-of-custody for handling of exhibits.	Act responsibly, ethically and with integrity in the context of forensic science.
Recognise the skills of forensic scientists and lawyers that are transferrable to other disciplines.	Have an understanding of how to apply knowledge and abilities to many different contexts and fields.
Write reports that could be used as court records or form the basis for prosecution.	Collate, analyse, manipulate, evaluate, interpret and present information and numerical data from forensic case studies.
Allocate tasks among group members to complete forensic case studies.	Work with others as part of a group.
Communicate and quantify uncertainty when presenting expert evidence in a court environment.	Have the ability to cope with uncertainty.

Select appropriate analytical techniques to examine evidence.	Implement and evaluate strategies for the resolution of problems in environmental forensic science.
Provide evidence in a court environment and convince a jury of your competence.	Be confident in yourself and your own skills and knowledge.
Interpret outputs from analytical instruments.	Select and use appropriate information and communication technology to retrieve, manipulate and present data from forensic case studies.
Present evidence in court.	Express an opinion in the field of forensic science with confidence and clarity.
Uphold the rule of law for the benefit of the community.	Accept service to the community as the primary purpose for a professional life in forensic science.

## Majors

- [Major in Forensic Chemistry \(MJ0042\)](#)
- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Major in Forensic Biology \(MJ0043\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)

## Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Laws	LLB
Bachelor of Forensic Studies	B ForSt

## Honours

The degree of Bachelor of Laws may be awarded with first or second class honours. Requirements are specified in the Determination of Course Particulars for the Bachelor of Laws.

## Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective International Students	Email <a href="mailto:international@canberra.edu.au">international@canberra.edu.au</a> or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Prospective Domestic Students	Email <a href="mailto:study@canberra.edu.au">study@canberra.edu.au</a> or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	In person Faculty of Business, Government and Law student support area (Building 11, Level B, Room 27 - Reception counter) or Email <a href="mailto:BGLCourseConveners@canberra.edu.au">BGLCourseConveners@canberra.edu.au</a>

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.