



Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy/Bachelor of Laws (238JA.1)

Please note these are the 2015 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank

English language requirements

An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

Duration

5.0 years

UAC code

Faculty

Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline

Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society
Canberra Law School

Location

International students

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](#)

English language
requirements

An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

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CRICOS code

077605A

Faculty

Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline

Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society

Location

Duration 5.0 years

About this course

This course qualification to practice law with a contextual understanding of the economic, social and political forces which shape contemporary Australian society. It provides a contextual understanding of Australia's social, economic and political landscape, suitable for those who wish to use their legal qualifications in areas such as government and the corporate business world. This course is designed specifically for students wishing to combine a qualification to practise law, with a politics course that is Australian-specific, a combination that will have special appeal for those working in government legal policy areas within the ACT and Commonwealth government sector.

Professional accreditation

Professional accreditation: LLB: 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 UC requirements for admission to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

Refer to individual courses.

Assumed knowledge

Refer to individual courses.

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 Australian Politics and Public Policy/Bachelor of Laws (238JA) | 120 credit points

Required - 93 credit points as follows

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Australian Politics and Public Policy - 48 credit points as follows

Minor in Australian Politics Foundation (MN0143) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

[Politics and Democracy \(675\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Introduction to Economics (6355) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Indigenous Politics and the State (7000) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Indigenous History and Self Expression (6536) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Indigenous History and Identity (9467) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Major in Australian Politics and Public Policy (MJ0188) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Economics of the Public Sector (6404) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Local Government (7076) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Public Sector Management (7083) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Minor in Business and Government Foundation (MN0144) | 12 credit points

Restricted Choice - 9 credit points as follows

Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Government-Business Relations (6606) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

- From 2018 students should take unit 8296 Introduction to Politics & Government instead of unit 6606. Students who are already required to take 8296 in their course may select an Open Elective instead.

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Sociology of Technology and Work (7087) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Governance for Environmental Sustainability (7778) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Business and Government Internship (8036) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785) | 3 credit points – Level 3

The Social Entrepreneurial Project (8917) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Climate Change and Sustainable Business Futures (9469) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Business Statistics (5123) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Business Research Methods (9522) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

- 1. Unit 8730 Problem Evaluation and Resolution was replaced by unit 5123 Business Statistics or 9522 Business Research Methods from 2016.
- 2. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce at Bruce campus not undertaking an Accounting, Banking & Finance

or Financial Planning major can substitute 5123 with 9522 Business Research Methods

Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732) | 3 credit points – Level 1

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

International Taxation (7036) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

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

Law Honours (7039) | 3 credit points – Level 4

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

Taxation of Entities and Tax Planning (7055) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

What Works in Criminal Justice (Criminology) (7915) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

Transnational Crime (8893) | 3 credit points – Level 2

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 may need to 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

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Legal Methods and Skills (6601)

Semester 2

Contract Law (6594)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Legal Systems (6602)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Year 2

Semester 1

Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716)

Corporations Law (7024)

Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730)

Public Sector Management (7083)

Year 3

Semester 1

Constitutional Law (7022)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Local Government (7076)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Year 4

Semester 1

Two Law Electives

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)

Equity Law (7029)

Year 5

Semester 1

Litigation and Dispute Processing (7047)

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Two Law Electives

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

Law of Obligations (7042)

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732)

Semester 2

Indigenous History and Identity (9467)

Indigenous Politics and the State (7000)

Property Law (7050)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Semester 2

MN0144 Restricted Choice Part B Unit

Economics of the Public Sector (6404)

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Legal Theory (7046)

MN0144 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Administrative Law (7018)

Evidence Law (7030)

Two Law Electives

Semester 2

Three Law Electives

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (7043)

Course information

Course duration

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

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
1. A strong understanding of the characteristics of Australian democracy, including the roles of key actors and institutions, both within and outside the formal structures of government;	
2. An understanding of the processes and practices of policy makers, and an appreciation of the challenges of developing sound policy in a democratic environment;	
3. The ability to apply an in depth understanding of the historical and current systems of Australian Politics and Public Policy in order to give policy advice and develop new policy;	
4. The capacity to recognise the relationships between the nature of political values, political power and public policy and the particular impact of the Australian context;	
5. the development of advocacy abilities and legal skills while understanding their connections to the theory and history of law, with an emphasis on respect for social and ethical responsibilities.	
6. Graduates will have a broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of law, suitable for entering the legal profession or undertaking other careers involving legal work. The course will provide students with a program of study and learning to satisfy the academic requirements for admission to legal practice.	Communication, Analysis and inquiry, problem solving, working independently and with others, professionalism
7. Students will also undertake an in depth study of selected areas of law, including the Priestly 11 units, and in chosen law electives, with an emphasis on commercial law and/or justice studies.	Communication, Analysis and inquiry, problem solving, working independently and with others, professionalism
8. In addition to the above, students graduating with Honours will have developed the ability to independently identify and provide solutions to complex legal problems.	Communication, Analysis and inquiry, problem solving, working independently and with others, professionalism

Majors

- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)
- [Minor in Business and Government Foundation \(MN0144\)](#)
- [Minor in Australian Politics Foundation \(MN0143\)](#)
- [Major in Australian Politics and Public Policy \(MJ0188\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Laws	LLB

Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy

B AustralianPolitics&PubPol

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.

(i) To be eligible to undertake studies at honours level, a student must achieve at least a credit average in all law units undertaken at the University of Canberra, this being determined by averaging their scores in all eligible subjects.

Eligible Units: Eligible Units are those which count towards the Entry GPA and Honours GPA. Eligible Units are:

- Any Law unit done which counts towards your LLB (i.e., not the subjects going only towards the non-law degree if you are enrolled in a double degree. If you are enrolled in a straight LLB, your open electives are not counted).
- This includes Units for which you receive Advanced Standing, whether done at UC or elsewhere.
- Where you have done extra subjects which may count, e.g. more than the required amount of law electives, your best results will be counted.

(ii) Law Honours has 12 credit points of research-related units. These are made up of:

- Legal Methods and Skills (3cp)
- Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours) (3cp)
- Law Honours (6cp)

(iii) The degree of Bachelor of Laws may be awarded with first or second class honours. Following submission of an Honours thesis as part of the unit Law Honours, students must show a Good performance by receiving a minimum of a Credit in the 6 credit point restricted choice unit Law Honours.

Calculating the final class of honours:

Law degrees with Honours are awarded in the following classes depending on the Honours GPA obtained and the standard of the Honours Thesis.

First Class: Showing an exceptional performance by both an Honours GPA of at least 6 and a mark of 80 and above in the honours component of your assessment

Second Class - Division I: Showing a Very Good performance by both an Honours GPA of at least 5.5 and a mark of 73 and above in the honours component of your assessment

Second Class - Division II: Showing a Good performance by both an Honours GPA of at least 5 and a mark of 65 and above in the Honours component of your assessment

Calculating the Honours GPA

∫ GPAs are calculated by using the University's system. The Unit Law Honours will be weighted as 30% for the purposes of calculating the Honours GPA. Units used in the Honours GPA are as described in ∫Eligible units∫ above for entry to the Honours component of the course.

Note that marks are not automatically rounded up for purposes of Honours. Thus 4.99 does not become 5.00. Where your final mark is within two marks of the next level of honours, or of achieving honours at all (e.g. a 4.8 is rounded up to 5.0), you can apply in writing to have your honours result upgraded. This will be determined by the Law Program Manager and the Law Honours Unit Convener, taking into account your

academic record and any mitigating circumstances which may have affected your academic performance.

High achieving students may also be eligible for enrolment in the Bachelor of Philosophy

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

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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.