

## Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy/Bachelor of Laws (238JA.3)

Please note these are the 2018 details for this course

### Domestic students

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Selection rank

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**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. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.

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**Duration** 5.0 years

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**UAC code** 361516

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

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**Discipline** Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society  
Canberra Law School

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**Location** UC - Canberra, Bruce

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### 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.

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**CRICOS code** 077605A

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## About this course

### Get political about your law degree

Have you set your political sights on utilising your specialised legal qualifications in the echelons of the Commonwealth government or corporate business sectors?

This Double Degree (along with its career-enhancing electives) will provide you with a contextual understanding of Australia's social, economic and political landscape, arm you with a broad theoretical and technical proficiency in the discipline of law and policy development and enable you to communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

This qualification is also recognised by the Supreme Court of the ACT and NSW, meaning that through mutual recognition, it may also serve as the basis for your admission to the tippity-top level of Australian's national jurisdictions. Goal-kicking media or government job post-graduation? Affirmative.

### Combine a Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy / Bachelor of Laws at UC and you will:

- be able 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 policies
- be able to recognise the relationships between the nature of political values, political power and public policy and its particular impact on the Australian context
- gain 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
- have to opportunity to choose from a variety of law electives, with an emphasis on commercial law and/or justice studies
- be able to apply your knowledge and skills to analyse and solve legal problems, undertake complex legal research tasks, reflect upon ethical issues and make suggestions for law reform.

### Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning (WIL) is learning first-hand through real work or work-like experiences. WIL is a key element to enhancing employability in the workplace and is integral to many of our courses. This reinforces our commitment to preparing professional and highly employable graduates with the right mix of skills and knowledge.

### Career opportunities

Opportunities exist for Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy / Bachelor of Laws graduates in a range of private and public sectors, including in:

- Government Departments
- The Public Service

- Community Groups and Agencies
- Media & Public Relations
- Publishing
- Business and Industry
- Education and Research

## Course specific information

Applicants must meet normal university requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree course.

## 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 6 credit points as follows

[Indigenous Politics and the State \(7000\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 2

[Indigenous History and Identity \(9467\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - 6 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

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

Introduction to Politics (9548) | 3 credit points – Level 1

**Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

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

Foundations of Macroeconomics (9519) | 3 credit points – Level 1

**Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P) (MN0203) | 12 credit points**

**Required - Must pass 3 credit points as follows**

Research Methods in Social Science (10086) | 3 credit points – Level 1

**Restricted Choice - 9 credit points as follows**

**Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

- From 2018 students should complete unit 11012 Professional Orientation (Government & Policy) in lieu of unit 9799.

**Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

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

The Challenge of Modern Terrorism (8724) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

Management Communication (9527) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Politics and Policy Internship (9600) | 3 credit points – Level 3

**Part A - 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.

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

**Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows**

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

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

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

**Restricted Choice - 15 credit points as follows**

**Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

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

Public Finance (9545) | 3 credit points – Level 3

**Part B - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

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

Feminist Politics (9559) | 3 credit points – Level 3

**Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Asia-Pacific Politics (9565) | 3 credit points – Level 3

**Part D - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

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

Public Administration (9552) | 3 credit points – Level 2

**Part E - Must pass 3 credit points from the following**

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

Introduction to Western Political Thought (9549) | 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

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

Building and Construction Law (7827) | 3 credit points – Level 2

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

Sentencing and Corrections (9803) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Law Honours (6cp) (9804) | 6 credit points – Level 4

Health and Biotechnology Law (9997) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- Honours: Eligible students will enrol in 9804 Law Honours (6cp) in place of two Law Electives in their last year.
- Unit Availability: In any semester and year only a selection of these units are available.

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

Semester 2

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)

Legal Methods and Skills (6601)

Legal Systems (6602)

Politics and Democracy (675)

Contract Law (6594)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Law of Obligations (7042)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

## Year 2

### Semester 1

Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716)

Corporations Law (7024)

Government-Business Relations (6606)

Public Sector Management (7083)

### Semester 2

Indigenous History and Identity (9467)

Indigenous Politics and the State (7000)

Property Law (7050)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

## Year 3

### Semester 1

Constitutional Law (7022)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

### Semester 2

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)  
Restricted Choice Part B Unit

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Restricted Choice Unit

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)  
Restricted Choice Part C Unit

Economics of the Public Sector (6404)

Legal Theory (7046)

## Year 4

### Semester 1

Two Law Electives

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)

Equity Law (7029)

### Semester 2

Evidence Law (7030)

Two Law Electives

Administrative Law (7018)

## Year 5

### Semester 1

Litigation and Dispute Processing (7047)

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

### Semester 2

Law Elective

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (7043)

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (from 2018)

**Year 1**

**Semester 1**

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)  
Legal Methods and Skills (6601)  
Legal Systems (6602)  
Politics and Democracy (675)  
Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

**Semester 2**

Contract Law (6594)  
Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)  
Law of Obligations (7042)  
Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

**Year 2**

**Semester 1**

Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716)  
Corporations Law (7024)  
Government-Business Relations (6606)  
Public Sector Management (7083)

Open Elective Unit

**Semester 2**

Indigenous History and Identity (9467)  
Indigenous Politics and the State (7000)  
Property Law (7050)  
Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

**Year 3**

**Semester 1**

Constitutional Law (7022)  
Introduction to Economics (6355)  
Politics and Security in the Asia-Pacific (8297)  
Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

**Semester 2**

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)  
Restricted Choice Unit  
Economics of the Public Sector (6404)  
Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)  
Legal Theory (7046)  
Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)  
Restricted Choice Part C Unit  
Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)  
Restricted Choice Part B Unit

**Year 4**

**Semester 1**

Two Law Electives  
Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)  
Equity Law (7029)

**Semester 2**

Two Law Electives  
Administrative Law (7018)  
Evidence Law (7030)

**Year 5**



## Semester 1

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

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

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

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

## Semester 2

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

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

## Course information

### Course duration

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

### Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Students will acquire the full range of generic skills and attributes as per the UC policy.	<p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; identify, analyse problems and then formulate and implement policy solutions.</p> <p>Working independently and with others: ability to plan own work, be self-directed, use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively</p>
Students will be able 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.	<p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; identify, analyse problems and then formulate and implement policy solutions.</p>
Students will be able to recognise the relationships between the nature of political values, political power and public policy and the particular impact of the Australian context.	<p>Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.</p> <p>Communicate: ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibility for the benefits of others and the environment</p>

Knowledge:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. In addition to the above, students graduating with Honours will have developed the ability to independently identify and provide solutions to complex legal problems.

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Skills

1. Communication

The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries

- Communicate, both orally and in writing, in ways that are effective, appropriate and persuasive for legal and non-legal audiences
- Ability to communicate in plain English
- Ability to engage with culturally diverse audiences
- Appreciation and adaptability to the communication context, including genre and audience

2. Analysis and inquiry

The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way

- Develop intellectual and practice skills to identify, research, evaluate and synthesise relevant factual, legal and policy issues, drawing on a range of sources
- Legal referencing skills and ethical academic practice
- Engage in critical analysis and make a reasoned choice among alternatives

3. Problem Solving

The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems, then formulate and implement solutions

- Identify and articulate legal issues in a text or scenario
- Apply legal reasoning and research to generate appropriate responses to legal issues
- Think creatively in approaching legal issues and solutions, including both adversarial and non-adversarial options

4. Working independently and with others

The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively

- Use interpersonal skills to collaborate effectively in teams

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- Learn and work independently, including directing aspects of learning and effective management of times and workload
- Reflect on capabilities and performance and develop self-awareness
- Make use of feedback to support personal and professional development

#### 5. Professionalism

The capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment

- Appreciate the principles and values of justice and ethical practice in legal professional roles
- Understand and be able to apply ethical approaches to decision-making
- Recognise and reflect upon ethical issues likely to arise in professional contexts
- Recognise and reflect upon the professional responsibilities of lawyers in promoting justice and in service to the community

#### Application of Knowledge and Skills:

Graduates will have applied their knowledge and skills to analyse and solve legal problems, both in writing and orally (through presentations and mooting programs). They will have undertaken complex legal research tasks, made suggestions for law reform, and reflected upon ethical issues.

Graduates who have completed with Honours will have developed a research proposal and written a thesis.

## Majors

- [Minor in Business & Government Foundation \(G&P\) \(MN0203\)](#)
- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)
- [Major in Australian Politics and Public Policy \(MJ0188\)](#)
- [Minor in Australian Politics Foundation \(MN0143\)](#)

## 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 <a href="mailto:study@canberra.edu.au">study@canberra.edu.au</a> or Phone 1800 UNI CAN 1800 864 226
Prospective International Students	Email <a href="mailto:international@canberra.edu.au">international@canberra.edu.au</a> 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  
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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.