

Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (241JA.3)

Please note these are the 2018 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank 96.8

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. 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

UAC code 361546

Faculty Faculty of Business, Government & Law

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

Location UC - Canberra, Bruce

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.

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CRICOS code	077629D
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
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Duration	5.0 years

About this course

This course couples a qualification to practice law with a capacity to research and develop solutions to social issues. It provides a grounding in social science theories and research skills suitable for those who wish to use their legal qualifications in research and policy.

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 Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (241JA) | 120 credit points

Required - 93 credit points as follows

Social Science - 48 credit points as follows

Minor in Social Science Foundation (MN0148) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

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Law and Society (6599) | 3 credit points – Level 1

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

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

Foundations of Microeconomics (9518) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Part B - 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

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 Sociology and Social Policy (Restricted) (MJ0298) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

Introductory Sociology (6607) | 3 credit points – Level 1

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

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

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

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

Restricted Choice - 9 credit points as follows

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

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

Ethics and Public Policy (9555) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Part C - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Cybercrime (7026) | 3 credit points – Level 2

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

Criminology (9177) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799)
 Government-Business Relations (6606)
 Legal Methods and Skills (6601)
 Legal Systems (6602)

Semester 2

Contract Law (6594)
 Law and Society (6599)
 Law of Obligations (7042)
 Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Year 2**Semester 1**

Restricted Choice Part C MJ0298
 Corporations Law (7024)
 Government-Business Relations (6606)
 Introduction to Economics (6355)
 Introductory Sociology (6607)

Semester 2

Indigenous History and Identity (9467)
 Indigenous Politics and the State (7000)
 Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)
 Property Law (7050)

Year 3**Semester 1**

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)
 Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)
 Restricted Choice Part C Unit
 Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716)
 Constitutional Law (7022)
 Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)
 Restricted Choice Part B Unit
 Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)
 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)
 Legal Theory (7046)
 Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)
 Sociology of Technology and Work (7087)

Year 4**Semester 1**

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)
 Two Law Restricted Choice
 Equity Law (7029)

Semester 2

Two Law Restricted Choice
 Administrative Law (7018)
 Evidence Law (7030)

Year 5**Semester 1**

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

Semester 2

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility (7043)

Two Law Restricted Choice

Litigation and Dispute Processing (7047)

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing (from 2018)

Year 1

Semester 1

Introductory Sociology (6607)

Legal Methods and Skills (6601)

Legal Systems (6602)

Professional Orientation (Government and Policy) (11012)

Semester 2

Contract Law (6594)

Law and Society (6599)

Law of Obligations (7042)

Research Methods in Social Science (10086)

Year 2

Semester 1

Corporations Law (7024)

Introduction to Economics (6355)

Restricted Choice Part C MJ0298

Open Elective Unit

Semester 2

Indigenous History and Identity (9467)

Indigenous Politics and the State (7000)

Introduction to Politics and Government (8296)

Property Law (7050)

Year 3

Semester 1

Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716)

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)

Restricted Choice Part C Unit

Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785)

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)

Restricted Choice Part B Unit

Constitutional Law (7022)

Minor in Business & Government Foundation (G&P)

Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072)

Legal Theory (7046)

Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534)

Sociology of Technology and Work (7087)

Year 4

Semester 1

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)

Equity Law (7029)

Two Law Restricted Choice

Semester 2

Administrative Law (7018)

Two Law Restricted Choice

Evidence Law (7030)

Year 5

Semester 1

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358 [Lawyers and Professional Responsibility \(7043\)](#)

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

Two Law Restricted Choice

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

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Law Restricted Choice

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 date.	Specialist units Problem Analysis and Problem Evaluation and Resolution in conjunction with applied assessment is specialist units.
Students will have studied a range of social science theories in order to be able to use them to analyse scenarios and develop theories and policies related to them. Skills gained relating to research, analysis and interpretation can be used to develop positions on social issues and propose possible interventions Students will be able to develop strategies to help find solutions to a range of social issues at the local, national and international level.	---
Students will be able to apply an in depth understanding of Social Science in Australia and internationally in order to understand the complexities of social science in contemporary times and develop timely solutions to key issues that emerge in contemporary social science.	Graduates at this level will have a broad and coherent theoretical and practical knowledge with depth in one or more disciplines, specifically social science, indigenous studies and justice studies
Students will acquire the full range of generic skills and attributes as per the UC policy.	Graduates at this level will have well developed cognitive, technical and communication skills to select and apply methods and technologies to: - Analyse and evaluate information to complete a range of activities - Analyse, generate and transmit solutions to unpredictable and sometimes complex problems

- Transmit knowledge, skills and ideas to others

Students will be able to recognise the relationships between the nature of values, power and social policy and the particular impact of the Australian context.

Graduates at this level will apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well developed judgement and responsibility in contexts that require self-directed work and learning and within broad parameters to provide specialist advice and functions.

Knowledge:

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.

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.

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

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
- 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 mooted 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

- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Minor in Business & Government Foundation \(G&P\) \(MN0203\)](#)
- [Minor in Social Science Foundation \(MN0148\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)
- [Major in Sociology and Social Policy \(Restricted\) \(MJ0298\)](#)

Awards

Award

Official abbreviation

Bachelor of Laws	LLB
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Bachelor of Social Science

B SocSc

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

GPA's 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.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN 1800 864 226

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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.