



## Bachelor of Laws (794AA.3)

Please note these are the 2015 details for this course

### Domestic students

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#### Selection rank

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#### English language requirements

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#### Duration

4.0 years

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#### UAC code

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#### Faculty

Faculty of Business, Government & Law

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#### Discipline

Canberra Law School

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#### Location

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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

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Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School
Location	
Duration	4.0 years

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## About this course

This course is for undergraduates who seek completion of a law degree in minimum time. It is fully accredited as a basis for admission to practice law in Australia. We proudly use research-led educational methods that support students in the adventure of learning law. We emphasise practical legal problem-solving in social and economic context and the development of advocacy abilities and legal skills while understanding their connections to the theory and history of law. We strive to graduate professionals with respect for social and ethical responsibilities. Governance in public and private spheres is the common element in the three main areas of strength of the Canberra Law School, - Corporate and Commercial Law, - Revenue Law, including the Customs and Excise Law specialisation led by our Centre for Customs & Excise Studies [CCES], and - Justice, embracing the Administration of Justice, Access to Justice, Justice Environments and Law & Society studies.

## 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

Attainment of the published ATAR or its equivalent.

## Assumed knowledge

None.

## 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 Laws (794AA) | 96 credit points

Required - 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

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

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.

#### Open Electives - 24 credit points as follows

- Elective Options: Students are encouraged to broaden their study by taking units from Law or other disciplines.
- Unit Levels: In selecting electives students should note that no more than 30 credit points at Level 1 is permitted for the entire course.

Note:

- Must pass 24 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a major, a minor and/or individual units.

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

Accelerated Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

### Year 1

#### Semester 1

Legal Methods and Skills (6601)

Two Open Elective Units

Legal Systems (6602)

#### Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

Contract Law (6594)

Law of Obligations (7042)

#### Winter

Term

Two

Open

Elective

Units

## Year 2

### Semester 1

Two Law Electives

[Constitutional Law \(7022\)](#)

[Corporations Law \(7024\)](#)

### Semester 2

[Legal Theory \(7046\)](#)

[Property Law \(7050\)](#)

Two Law Electives

### Winter

Term

Open

Elective

Unit

## Year 3

### Semester 1

[Criminal Law and Procedure \(7025\)](#)

Two Law Electives

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

### Semester 2

Law Elective OR 7039 Law Honours

[Administrative Law \(7018\)](#)

[Evidence Law \(7030\)](#)

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

### Winter

Term

Open

Elective

Unit

## Year 4

### Semester 1

Law Elective OR 7039 Law Honours

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

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

Law Elective

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

## Year 1

### Semester 1

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\)](#)

[Legal Systems \(6602\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

### Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

[Contract Law \(6594\)](#)

[Law of Obligations \(7042\)](#)

## Year 2

### Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Constitutional Law \(7022\)](#)

[Corporations Law \(7024\)](#)

### Semester 2

[Legal Theory \(7046\)](#)

[Property Law \(7050\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

## Year 3

**Semester 1**

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

Two Law Electives

[Criminal Law and Procedure \(7025\)](#)

**Year 4**

**Semester 1**

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

7019 Advanced Legal Research and Writing OR 8358 Two Law Electives

Advanced Legal Research and Writing (Honours)

Law Elective OR 7039 Law Honours

Law Elective

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

**Year 1**

**Semester 2**

[Legal Methods and Skills \(6601\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

[Legal Systems \(6602\)](#)

**Year 2**

**Semester 1**

Four Open Elective Units

**Semester 2**

Two Law Electives

[Administrative Law \(7018\)](#)

[Evidence Law \(7030\)](#)

**Semester 2**

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

Two Law Electives

Law Elective OR 7039 Law Honours

**Semester 2**

[Contract Law \(6594\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

[Law of Obligations \(7042\)](#)

**Year 3**

**Semester 1**

[Constitutional Law \(7022\)](#)

Two Law Electives

[Corporations Law \(7024\)](#)

**Year 4**

**Semester 1**

**Semester 2**

[Legal Theory \(7046\)](#)

Two Law Electives

[Property Law \(7050\)](#)

**Semester 2**

[Criminal Law and Procedure \(7025\)](#)

Two Law Electives

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

Law Elective OR 7039 Law Honours

[Administrative Law \(7018\)](#)

[Evidence Law \(7030\)](#)

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

Year 5

Semester 1

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Law Elective OR 7039 Law Honours

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

Law Elective

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

## Course information

### Course duration

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

### Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<p>Knowledge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li></ol>	-
<p>Skills</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Communication</li></ol> <p>The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>¿ Communicate, both orally and in writing, in ways that are effective, appropriate and persuasive for legal and non-legal audiences</li><li>¿ Ability to communicate in plain English</li><li>¿ Ability to engage with culturally diverse audiences</li><li>¿ Appreciation and adaptability to the communication context, including genre and audience</li></ul>	-

## 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 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

- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)

## Awards



Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Laws	LLB

## Honours

Requirements for Degree with Honours

(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) 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 obtain at least a classification of Good Performance for a substantial piece of legal writing in the elective 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 Paper.

First Class: both an Honours GPA of at least 6 and an exceptional performance in the honours component of your assessment

Second Class - Division I: both an Honours GPA of at least 5.5 and a very good performance in the honours component of your assessment

Second Class - Division II: both an Honours GPA of at least 5 and a good performance in the Honours component of your assessment.

Calculating the Honours GPA:

GPA's are calculated by using the University's system. The unit 7039 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.

## Alternative exits

944AA Bachelor of Applied Economics/Bachelor of Laws

821AA Bachelor of Arts in International Studies/Bachelor of Laws

801AA Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws

238JA Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy / Bachelor of Laws

239JA Bachelor of Building and Construction Management / Bachelor of Laws

808AA Bachelor of Business Informatics/Bachelor of Laws  
 810AA Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws  
 225JA Bachelor of Communication in Advertising / Bachelor of Laws  
 226JA Bachelor of Communication in Journalism / Bachelor of Laws  
 227JA Bachelor of Communication in Media and Public Affairs / Bachelor of Laws  
 228JA Bachelor of Communication in Public Relations / Bachelor of Laws  
 194JA Bachelor of Forensic Studies/Bachelor of Laws  
 240JA Bachelor of Human Resource Management / Bachelor of Laws  
 829AA Bachelor of Management/Bachelor of Laws  
 149JA Bachelor of Politics and International Relations/Bachelor of Laws  
 833AA Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Bachelor of Laws  
 836AA Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws  
 833AA Bachelor of Science in Psychology / Bachelor of Laws  
 241JA Bachelor of Social Science / Bachelor of Laws  
 837AA Bachelor of Sports Media/Bachelor of Laws

## 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 <a href="mailto:bglstudent@canberra.edu.au">bglstudent@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.