

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies/Bachelor of Laws (821AA.5)

Please note these are the 2016 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank

Delivery mode On campus

Location

Duration 5.0 years

Faculty Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline School of Arts and Communications
Canberra Law School

UAC code

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[View IELTS equivalences](#)

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
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About this course

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies degree gives students the opportunity to attain intercultural understandings and develop conceptual knowledge of international issues. International Studies investigate the interplay of cultural, political and economic forces in the global arena. A highly recommended international exchange semester provides first-hand international experience. The law majors, minors and practice units lead to a fully accredited Law degree that is the basis for admission to practice law in Australia. 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, (i) Corporate and Commercial Law, (ii) Revenue Law, including the Customs and Excise Law specialisation led by our Centre for Customs & Excise Studies [CCES], and (iii) Justice, embracing the Administration of Justice, Access to Justice, Justice Environments and

Law & Society studies, There are opportunities for law internships and international study through linkages with law firms, governments and overseas universities. This course features small class sizes, highly qualified staff, state-of-the art facilities, including on-campus and remote access to all the major online legal databases. Graduation from this course provides outstanding employment opportunities and high starting salaries. Students who wish to take out a single degree in the BA International Studies only will be able to do so upon completion of the academic requirements for that degree. To ensure the single degree course can be completed in the minimum time of six semesters for a single degree, students must seek the advice of the course convener during the first year of their study.

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, UCs 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 USA

Admission requirements

Attainment of the published ATAR or its equivalent. Note students who fail to make the initial entrance score may undertake another UC course and enrol in the Law Foundation Major. Upon achieving a credit average in their first year of study students may seek transfer into the formal Law program.

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](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies/Bachelor of Laws (821AA) | 120 credit points

Required - 84 credit points as follows

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Required Units - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

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

International Studies - 36 credit points as follows

Minor in Human Rights and Social Justice (MN0132) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Global Peace and Conflict Studies (8167) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Global Social Movements (8168) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Global Ethical Challenges (8510) | 3 credit points – Level 2

International Human Rights (8513) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Major in International Studies (Restricted) (18cp) (MJ0240) | 18 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

Anarchy and Order in International Relations (8166) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Globalisation and Resistance (8169) | 3 credit points – Level 1

International History of the 20th Century (8511) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Cultures and Diversity (8671) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Politics and Democracy (675) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Discourse and Culture (6696) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Global Challenges in Governance (7533) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Language, Cultures and Communication (7546) | 3 credit points – Level 3

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

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

International Studies Internship (8512) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Language, Cultures and Communication (9485) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Discourse and Culture (9493) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Required Units - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

Introduction to International Studies (8668) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to International Development (8669) | 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 - 30 credit points as follows

International Studies - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Faculty of Arts and Design Restricted Choice Unit (ARTSFOUND) | credit points

Pre Curriculum Renewal 2019 Units - May select from

- Introduction to Journalism (5565) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Editing Sound and Image (8120) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Media Production (8121) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Writing Short Narratives (8147) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Globalisation and Resistance (8169) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Creative Writing (8304) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Cultures and Diversity (8671) | 3 credit points – Level 1

People, Place and the Past (8948) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Digital Media Literacy (9022) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Communication (9023) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Political Communication (9024) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Media, Technology and Society (9027) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Design History (9483) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Academic English (9487) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Units Available from 2019 - May select from

Pixels and Polygons (11013) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Heritage Conservation (11015) | 3 credit points – Level 1

BE: History and Culture (11016) | 3 credit points – Level 1

The Art and Power of Communication (11079) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Digital Media Fundamentals (11080) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Journalism Now and Next (11084) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Creative Writing (11113) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Writing, Rewriting (11114) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Cultures and Diversity (11129) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Fundamentals for Building Construction Management (11483) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

- 1. If one of the units in this list is already a required unit within the typical course structure, it cannot be counted as an Arts Foundation Unit.
- 2. This list includes units from both Semesters 1 and 2 so you will need to check unit availability.
- 3. Pre Curriculum Renewal 2019 Units are not offered at UC BRUCE from Semester 1, 2019. Students who commenced prior to 2019 can have these units counted towards course completion.
- 4. Units 9494 AND 9498 are no longer apart of this course from Semester 2, 2016. Students who commenced prior to 2017 can have these units counted towards course completion.

Law - 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](#)

[Sentencing and Corrections \(9803\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Law Honours \(6cp\) \(9804\) | 6 credit points – Level 4](#)

Note:

- Honours: Eligible students will enrol in 9804 Law Honours (6cp) in place of two Law Electives in their last year.

Open Electives - 6 credit points as follows

- 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 6 credit points from anywhere in the University.

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

Faculty of Arts and Design Restricted Choice Unit

[Introduction to International Studies \(8668\)](#)

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

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

Semester 2

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

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Globalisation and Resistance \(8169\)](#)

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

Year 2

Semester 1

Corporations Law (7024)

Cultures and Diversity (8671)

Global Ethical Challenges (8510)

Introduction to International Development (8669)

Semester 2

Anarchy and Order in International Relations (8166)

International History of the 20th Century (8511)

International Human Rights (8513)

Property Law (7050)

Year 3

Semester 1

Global Peace and Conflict Studies (8167)

MJ0240 Restricted Choice Unit

Open Elective Unit

Constitutional Law (7022)

Semester 2

Global Social Movements (8168)

Legal Theory (7046)

Open Elective Unit

MJ0240 Restricted Choice Unit

Year 4

Semester 1

Criminal Law and Procedure (7025)

Two Law Electives

Equity Law (7029)

Semester 2

Administrative Law (7018)

Evidence Law (7030)

Two Law Electives

Year 5

Semester 1

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

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

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

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 semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
6. Students will have the analytical skills required to understand and evaluate the global socio-economic impact on cultures and communities	<p>Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.</p> <p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefits of others and the environment</p>

7. The course equips students with skills needed for generation of creative ideas and problem solving. The course provides internship and field research

Communication: ability present knowledge,

units which aims to develop skills needed in workplaces

ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Working independently and with others: ability to plan own work, be self-directed, use interpersonal skills and attitude to work collectively.

Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.

Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions

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

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.

Communication, Analysis and inquiry, problem solving, working independently and with others, professionalism

5. The course introduces students to a range of academic fields and approaches its themes and topics from a variety of multi- disciplinary perspectives, and improves their ability to engage in critical analysis of knowledge and practices.

Communication: ability present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Working independently and with others: ability to plan own work, be self-directed, use interpersonal skills and attitude to work collectively.

Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather

	<p>information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.</p> <p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions</p>
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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.

Communication, Analysis and inquiry, problem solving, working independently and with others, professionalism

<p>3. The course gives students an opportunity to attain interdisciplinary understanding of global issues. It helps them understand the connection between geography, history, politics and cultures of global communities.</p>	<p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.</p>
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4. The course develops students' ability to understand and analyse current world events, by contextualising and communicating them in relation to relevant global developments and processes

Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.

Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions

Majors

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

- [Major in International Studies \(Restricted\) \(18cp\) \(MJ0240\)](#)
- [Minor in Human Rights and Social Justice \(MN0132\)](#)
- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Laws	LLB
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies	BA IntSt

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. Refer also to the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies course for further details.

Related courses

- [Bachelor of Arts in International Studies \(698AA\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts in International Studies \(793AA\)](#)

- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies/Bachelor of Laws (701AB)
- Bachelor of Laws (794AA)
- Bachelor of Laws (349AB)

Enquiries

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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.