

Bachelor of Sports Media/Bachelor of Laws

(837AA.4)

Please note these are the 2017 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank 90.00

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.

Delivery mode On campus

Location

Duration 5.0 years

Faculty Faculty of Arts and Design

Discipline School of Arts and Communications
Canberra Law School

UAC code

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. Students who have undertaken all of their education in an English speaking country (as defined on UC website) are deemed to have met our English language proficiency requirements.

[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

Tell the story of sport with legal insight

Looking to give your sports media career a distinct advantage? Achieve a fully accredited law degree with professional knowledge and skills in sports journalism.

Extend your understanding of the business of sport. Pursue your passion for sports reportage while ensuring outstanding career opportunities in the field of law.

Combine a Bachelor of Sports Media with a Bachelor of Laws at UC to:

- immerse yourself in sport studies
- train to a professional standard in print, radio, television and online journalism
- qualify as a practicing lawyer
- develop a commercial law focus that will benefit other professions
- become an expert in the world of sport.

Study opportunities

- Take advantage of our law internships and international study options.
- Exit early with a:
 - Bachelor of Laws
 - Bachelor of Sports Media.

Career opportunities

- The law degree prepares you to work as a solicitor or barrister.
- This program has professional accreditation with the Supreme Court of the ACT and the State of NSW.
- Our graduates also enjoy outstanding employment opportunities in:
 - public relations work with sporting firms and bodies
 - management of sports recreation or leisure centres
 - sport reportage via print or electronic media.

Important to know

- There are non-standard [English language requirements](#) for this course.

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.

Admission to a double degree course will ensure that the student will be permitted to proceed in the Bachelor of Laws component of the course. However, before the final two years (full time equivalent) of the Bachelor of Laws course can be undertaken, students undertaking a double degree must have satisfied the requirement for the first degree in the double degree course. Students undertaking the double degree course will be awarded the first degree in the double degree course upon completion of the academic requirements for that

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](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Sports Media/Bachelor of Laws (837AA) | 120 credit points

Restricted Choice - Must pass 27 credit points from the following

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

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.

Required - 93 credit points as follows

Sports Media - 48 credit points as follows

Major in Sports Media (Restricted) (MJ0114) | 18 credit points

Restricted Choice - Must pass 18 credit points from the following

Sports Journalism 1 (7142) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Sports Journalism 2 (7143) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Contemporary Issues in Sport (7983) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Sport Business (9367) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Sport Event and Venue Management (9371) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Sport Management and Development (9372) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Major in Journalism (MJ0217) | 18 credit points

Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

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

Audio Journalism (9019) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Newsroom (9028) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Video Journalism (9036) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Long Form and Investigative Journalism (9309) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Reporting (5572) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Mobile Reporting (9923) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Required Units - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

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

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

Journalism and Society (9303) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Law of Communication (9424) | 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

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

Introduction to Journalism (5565)

Legal Methods and Skills (6601)

Legal Systems (6602)

Sport Management and Development (9372)

Semester 2

Contract Law (6594)

Editing Sound and Image (8120)

Law of Obligations (7042)

Reporting (5572)

Year 2

Semester 1

Audio Journalism (9019)

Introduction to Media Production (8121)

Journalism and Society (9303)

Sports Journalism 1 (7142)

Semester 2

Contemporary Issues in Sport (7983)

Law of Communication (9424)

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Year 3

Semester 1

Constitutional Law (7022)

Corporations Law (7024)

Long Form and Investigative Journalism (9309)

Newsroom (9028)

Semester 2

Legal Theory (7046)

Property Law (7050)

Sport Business (9367)

Sports Journalism 2 (7143)

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

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

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

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

MJ0083 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

Two Law Electives OR 9804 Law Honours (6cp)

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

Law Elective

Course information

Course duration

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

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
4. Develop analytical and critical thinking skills, and apply them to journalistic practice and to analysis of sport.	As above.

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

1. Produce a range of content to sports media industry standards, which includes developing the ability to initiate story ideas as well as respond to material provided by news sources. It also includes learning how to gather material, sift and sorts its newsworthiness, verify its accuracy and choose from a range of modes of presentation.

1. Communication

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

2. Analysis and inquiry

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

3. Problem solving

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

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

5. Professionalism and social responsibility

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

2. Demonstrate production and presentation techniques in broadcast, print and online environments to the sports media industry standard.

As above.

5. An understanding of the theoretical principles of communication in society.

As above.

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

<p>3. Demonstrate an ability to apply the journalistic and communication theories which underpin journalism practice in general and sports journalism practice in particular.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>7. Understanding of the role of the media and of sport in society and the impact of sports journalism on public debate. In particular, understand the rapid changes currently occurring in the media industries, especially in sport.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>8. Understand and apply the legal and ethical principles of contemporary sports journalism, including in the processes of researching news and presenting it in various forms across various media.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>9. Experience in a professional sports journalism or media environment through a compulsory internship that will both reinforce skills and approaches learnt in a classroom and make explicit for students the gaps ; for good and for ill ; between what is learnt in a classroom and what is experienced in a newsroom.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>10. Develop generic communication and personal presentation skills to equip graduates for success in professional life.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>6. Understand and apply media research methods to the sports media industry.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>---</p>

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 Journalism \(MJ0217\)](#)
- [Major in Sports Media \(Restricted\) \(MJ0114\)](#)
- [Major in Law Foundation \(MJ0082\)](#)
- [Major in Legal Practice \(Restricted\) \(MJ0083\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Laws	LLB
Bachelor of Sports Media	B SportsMedia

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.

High performing students may be eligible to enrol in the Bachelor of Sport Studies (Honours)

Related courses

- [Bachelor of Laws \(794AA\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Laws \(349AB\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Sports Media \(689AA\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Sports Media/Bachelor of Laws \(691AA\)](#)

Enquiries

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

Prospective
International Students

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Current and
Commencing Students

In person Faculty of Business, Government and Law student support area Building 11, Level B, Room 27
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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.