

University of New England Degree Guide
Bachelor of Laws





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Assist with navigating study load and enrolment.

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About Open Universities Australia

We're a not-for-profit that's been dedicated to helping students access education for over 30 years — no matter your location or study experience.

Our knowledge spans thousands of courses with leading Australian universities — this course guide represents just one of them.

Together, we've got this.

Bachelor of Laws

Snapshot

Course code

UNE-LLB-DEG-2022

Level

Undergraduate

Qualification

Bachelor Degree

Subjects

32

Provider

University of New England

Why choose this degree

Description

The University of New England offers a flexible approach to the study of law. UNE boasts one of Australia's largest law schools outside a capital city, as well as being an early adopter of innovative technology in the delivery of its law programs. The Bachelor of Laws (4 year) is designed for people who are new to university study or to the study of law, including school leavers or people who want to change careers or get a qualification.

The Bachelor of Laws is accredited by the Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW for admission as a legal practitioner in NSW and mutual recognition legislation extends admission to other Australian jurisdictions. After completion of academic qualifications in law, there is a range of employment options from which to choose. Graduates who wish to be admitted to practice as a solicitor, barrister or legal practitioner anywhere in Australia will also have to undertake a course of professional legal training (PLT). This can consist of approximately half a year's full-time training undertaken internally or externally, or of equivalent part-time training. In some jurisdictions, it may be possible to do articles of clerkship instead. Because the system adopted varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, enquiries should be made to the admission authority in the state or territory in which you intend to practice; this is usually a committee of the Supreme Court of that State or Territory or a special body set up to administer admissions to the legal profession. Additional information can be found on the [School of Law page](#).

Please note: students will only be admitted to the full LLB degree upon successful completion of the first four open subjects with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 4.2.

The Bachelor of Laws aims to graduate students who can demonstrate:

1. understanding and knowledge of Australian law and awareness of indigenous, international and theoretical perspectives;
2. competence in using legal research and analytical skills that equip them to work in the legal profession or in a broad range of law related occupations;
3. the ability to take a strategic approach to problem-solving by applying critical and innovative thinking to complex legal issues and situations;
4. competence in oral and written communication;
5. the ability to work independently and in groups; and
6. professional judgment and knowledge of the ethical responsibilities associated with having completed a law degree.

Overview

If you're passionate about the legal system, or looking for a start to your legal career, this law degree is open to everyone—no matter your background or school marks. Understand Australian law, conduct legal research, and communicate with persuasion.

What you'll learn

Upon completion of this degree, LLB students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a sound knowledge of the fundamental areas of law prescribed by the admitting authorities; a wide range of legal and theoretical concepts, values and principles; and have an awareness of international law and an appreciation of Indigenous legal issues;
2. communicate in an effective and persuasive manner an argument, advice or opinion that is clear, coherent and logically sustainable, to both legal and nonlegal audiences, both orally and in writing;
3. demonstrate an awareness of global legal, political, and social perspectives;
4. demonstrate an ability to design a research strategy and access legal resources including using practical applications that respond to the factual, legal, theoretical and policy issues, to achieve a considered outcome that represents an evaluation of the data generated;
5. demonstrate an appreciation that the law will change and the need for both self-directed and professional legal education that seeks to ensure the currency of legal knowledge;
6. demonstrate an ability to identify issues and apply legal knowledge and principles to complex problems and projects, with a view to constructing relevant, creative and ethically appropriate responses;

7. demonstrate an ability to apply principles of professional and social responsibility in formulating considered responses to ethical issues that require an analysis and evaluation of a diverse range of values, norms and behaviours in the professional, societal and global contexts;

8. demonstrate an ability to engage with others in a way that respects diverse opinions and perspectives to achieve relevant and efficient outcomes that reflect the contribution of all those involved; and

9. demonstrate an ability to critically reflect upon and analyse the law's effect on society and, where appropriate, develop arguments for reform.

Degree structure details

Recommended study pattern

From Trimester 2 2022 students must complete four Open Access subjects as outlined below and achieve a minimum GPA of 4.2 to gain admission to the degree. Students are required to begin with LSU100 - Introduction to Legal Studies.

Complete the following 3 subjects:

- LSU100 Introduction to Legal Studies
- LAW100 Foundations of Law
- LAW102 Legal Professional Skills

Complete 1 of the following subjects:

- LAW131 Torts Law
- LAW162 Criminal Law
- LAW172 Contract Law

LSU100 is a prerequisite of LAW100. LAW100 is a prerequisite of LAW102 and LAW131. LAW100 and LSU100 are prerequisites of LAW162 and LAW172.

Once students complete the Open Enrolment Subjects, apply and are accepted into the degree, they can then enrol in the remaining Core and Listed subjects provided they meet the prerequisite requirements.

The Program of Study and Course Plans can be accessed from the below link:

<https://cauc.une.edu.au/courserules/2022/BLAW01/cp-landing-page.html>

Study Load

• Most law subjects will require students to spend at least 15 hours of study per subject per week. That includes time spent online in the Learning Management System (LMS), doing private study and working on assignments. The amount of time needed will vary depending on your existing study skills.

• Law subjects are particularly time-heavy because of the amount of reading that's required and the type of reading. Reading cases and other types of legal texts will be unfamiliar at first.

• Learning law involves learning new skills, and UNE's law teachers will help with that, but it does take a commitment of time on your part.

• You need to consider carefully your existing time commitments before enrolling in multiple subjects.

Award requirements

To qualify for the award, a candidate must pass subjects to the value of 192 credit points (32 subjects) with not more than 72 credit points (12 subjects) at 100-level as prescribed below:

- 16 Core subjects
- 8 Listed subjects; and
- 8 electives not from the school of law** with the exemption of LSU100 - Introduction to Legal Studies

The Bachelor of Laws follows a strict study plan from the commencing trimester. The first four open subjects must be completed and a minimum GPA of 4.2 achieved to gain admission to the degree.

Subjects in this degree

Open Enrolment Subjects

Total number of subjects to complete: 4 units

Code	Title	Class start	Required
LSU100	Introduction to Legal Studies ¹		Yes
LAW100	Foundations of Law		Yes
LAW102	Legal Professional Skills		Yes
LAW131	Torts Law ²		No
LAW162	Criminal Law ²		No
LAW172	Contract Law ²		No

1. This subject should be the first unit of study in the Bachelor of Laws. It is not a core subject, but it will count towards the elective requirements for this degree.

2. Students need to complete 1 of these subjects.

Core Subjects

Total number of subjects to complete: 16 units

Code	Title	Class start	Required
LAW100	Foundations of Law		No
LAW101	Law in Context		No
LAW102	Legal Professional Skills		No

LAW131	Torts Law	No
LAW162	Criminal Law	No
LAW172	Contract Law	No
LAW283	Property Law	No
LAW310	Civil Dispute Resolution	No
LAW313	Evidence and Proof	No
LAW320	Professional Conduct	No
LAW340	Equity and Trusts	No
LAW351	Corporations Law	No
LAW399	Constitutional Law	No
LAW400	Administrative Law	No
LAW480	Remedies and Advanced Legal Skills	No
LAW499	Technology and the Law	No

Listed Subjects

Total number of subjects to complete: 8 units

Code	Title	Class start	Required
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LAW157	Alternative Dispute Resolution	No
LAW164	Law and First Peoples of Australia	No
LAW207	Water Law and Governance	No
LAW260	World Legal Systems	No
LAW270	Interviewing for Advocacy	No
LAW301	Succession	No
LAW315	Criminal Process, Sentencing and Punishment	No
LAW323	Intellectual Property Law	No
LAW325	International Trade Law	No
LAW352	Taxation Law	No
LAW361	International Law	No
LAW370	Family Law	No
LAW379	Commercial Law	No
LAW447	NDIS and Disability Legal Issues	No
LAW493	Taxation Law	No
OSSE300	Overseas Study Experience	No

WORK300

Work Integrated Learning - Professional Skills
Development

No

Entry requirements

Subjects without entry requirements

To be admitted to the Bachelor of Laws (4 Years) you need to complete four of the following subjects and achieve a minimum GPA of 4.2:

Complete the following 3 subjects:

- LSU100 Introduction to Legal Studies
- LAW100 Foundations of Law
- LAW102 Legal Professional Skills

Complete 1 of the following subjects:

- LAW131 Torts Law
- LAW162 Criminal Law (previously LAW161)
- LAW172 Contract Law (previously LAW171)

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

- The 4.2 GPA requirement equates to three Passes and one Credit.
- Be aware that if you fail a subject it is included in your GPA calculation and means you will need to achieve higher grades to obtain admission to the degree.
- For this reason, we recommend students consider their study load and academic skills before attempting a subject.
- For more information on GPA requirements, please refer to the UNE website.

For students who have not studied before

- If you've not studied previously, or have been out of study for a while, in your first year we recommend you don't attempt more than one UNE Law subject per trimester, and consider completing an introductory study subject like [APC100](#), [COM10](#), [COM15](#) and [SSK10](#).
- If you are successful in gaining admission to the Bachelor of Laws (4 years) either of these subjects could count towards the Elective component of the degree.

Higher education

Students who have already successfully completed at least four units of study within an AQF Level 7 qualification of a recognised Australian University or tertiary institution; and who have achieved a minimum grade point average 4.2 and are of good standing with the institution, may apply to enter directly into the UNE Bachelor of Laws (4 years) degree.

English proficiency requirements

<https://policies.une.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=221>

At least one of the following criteria must be met:

1. English is the applicant's first language; or
2. Satisfactory completion, no more than five years prior to the date of application for admission to UNE, of at least one year of full-time or equivalent full-time study at senior secondary, post-secondary or tertiary level in a country in which English is the primary official language or co-official language and in which English was the sole medium of instruction and assessment for the particular period of study claimed, resulting in an AQF award or an award recognised by the Australian Department of Education; or
3. An IELTS (Academic) overall score of at least 6.5, with a minimum sub-band of 6.5 for writing and no other sub-band less than 6.0, or TOEFL IBT score of 91 with no less than 22 in writing and no less than 20 in listening, speaking and reading.
4. Satisfactory completion of the Advanced English for Academic Purposes program (EAP Level 4) at the University of New England English Language Centre.

Recognition of previous work or study

Students admitted to the degree with prior tertiary studies that satisfy part of the academic requirements of this degree may be eligible for advanced standing. For more information about Advanced Standing or Recognition of Prior Learning, please visit:

<http://www.une.edu.au/about-une/faculty-of-science-agriculture-business-and-law/school-of-law/current-students/school-policies/advanced-standing-for-llb>

Study method requirements

Special requirements

Inherent Requirements -

<https://www.une.edu.au/current-students/my-course/managing-my-course/inherent-requirements>

Academic Integrity and Referencing Learning Instrument (AIRLI)

Please note that all students are required to complete the Academic Integrity and Referencing Learning Instrument (AIRLI) prior to the submission of their first assessment. AIRLI is an online tool specifically designed to help law students meet the academic integrity standards required for their course, including how to use the Australian Guide to Legal Citation. It is a self-paced suite of 10 learning modules with quizzes taking appropriately two to three hours to complete. On completion students will be awarded an e-AIRLI Badge.

Students studying UNE Law units must obtain two badges before they can submit their first assessment: the AIRLI Badge and the “standard” UNE Academic Integrity Module (AIM) Badge.

Let's get enrolled. Together.

Your step-by-step guide

Whether you'd like to enrol on your own, or be guided by a student advisor over the phone, we're here to help.

Simply follow the steps that appeal to you. If you need help at any point, we're in your corner – 7 days a week.

How to enrol: Online

1. Select 'Start studying now' on the course page.
2. Tell us about yourself so that we can create your Student Hub account and check your student loan eligibility.
3. Pay your tuition fees with a student loan or credit card.

How to enrol: Over the phone

1. Visit open.edu.au/contact-us/book-consultation
2. Select a date and time you would like to receive a call from an expert student advisor.
3. Prepare for your call. This might involve writing down any questions you have, as well as finding a quiet space to talk.
4. Be guided through the steps by your student advisor over the phone. If you're eligible, you may become a student by the end of the phone call!

Unsure about meeting entry requirements?

If you're unsure whether you meet the entry requirements listed in this course guide, get in touch. We'll ask you a series of questions that will help us understand if you've studied before, or whether your work history may count as credit towards this course.

Open Universities Australia has a unique arrangement with the Australian Government and leading universities across Australia – giving you the chance to start with single subjects that have no entry requirements. They're even covered by FEE-HELP if you're eligible.

Once completed successfully, these subjects can become credit towards your ideal degree. We call this Open Access.

No matter your story, we'll find a way.

Get in touch

Simply choose how you would like to start the conversation.

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