

# BACHELOR OF ARTS (PSYCHOLOGY)/BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) (2844)

**Approved Abbreviation:** BA(Psy)/LLB(Hons)  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 2844  
**AQF Level:** 8

**CRICOS code:** 108411F

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

This program is designed for high achieving law students in the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) /Bachelor of Laws program who wish to undertake an extended level of study and research in Law. An honours degree indicates academic excellence in a professional context and, as an Australian Qualifications Framework Level 8 (<https://www.aqf.edu.au/aqf-levels/>) qualification, students may also have direct entry into postgraduate programs including Masters and Doctor of Philosophy programs.

There is no direct entry into the Honours program. Entry is by application only following completion of at least 160 credit points of Law study and by meeting specified criteria (see Admission details).

As an embedded honours program, students are not required to undertake an additional period of study. Further details regarding the honours program and its requirements are available at: Honours in Law (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sol/honours/>) and School of Law Honours Guidelines (<https://policies.westernsydney.edu.au/download.php?associated=1&id=498&version=4>).

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program satisfies the academic degree requirements for admission to practice as an Australian lawyer. Students will engage in collaborative face-to-face problem and case-based learning, will be supported by online learning materials, and will participate in authentic assessment to develop knowledge and skills. The program provides students with a broad progressive legal education with a strong practical orientation to the law. Students develop skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, research, communication, collaboration, self-management, and ethical and professional awareness and judgement. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in legal advocacy, negotiation, and legal technology and extend their professional and learning experiences through work integrated learning, clinical placement and international exchange engagements.

## Study Mode

Five and a half years full-time or eleven years part-time. Law subjects are available at Campbelltown and Parramatta campuses. Arts subjects are available at various campuses (mainly Parramatta, Bankstown and Penrith), depending on the units chosen.

## Program Advice

Dr Patrick Foong (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown	Full Time	Internal	See above
Campbelltown	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above

## Accreditation

Graduates from the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program are eligible to apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for admission to legal practice in NSW after undertaking prescribed practical legal training.

The Testamur Major in Psychology offered within the Bachelor of Arts is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as an undergraduate three year sequence in Psychology.

## Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent requirements ([http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_law\\_courses/](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_law_courses/))

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is an optional work component available in this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should be aware that if an elective is a requirement of the program but the work itself was not registered with CRICOS, students can still complete these electives but it would be counted towards the work limitation. For more details, refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website.

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## Admission

This program is designed for students in the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws program who wish to undertake an Honours program.

Students must meet all of the following criteria for admission:

- Completion of at least 160 credit points of law study (or 140 credit points if two Summer subjects are undertaken);
- Demonstration of the likelihood of graduating with an Honours Weighted Average Mark (HWAM) of at least 70 at the time of graduation; or an Admission Average Mark (AAM) of at least 70 at the time of admission to the Honours program. Refer to <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sol/honours> for details (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sol/honours> for details/)
- Submission of a 'Nomination of Topics' form which expresses preferences among supervisor-defined topics

and/or describes a student-defined topic in a scholarly manner. Refer to [https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/\\_data/assets/word\\_doc/0008/1784474/Honours\\_topic\\_nomination\\_form\\_2020.docx](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0008/1784474/Honours_topic_nomination_form_2020.docx)

- Demonstration of satisfactory academic writing skills
- Availability of a principal supervisor

## Special Requirements

Students enrolling in these subjects may need to have a National Police Certificate and consent or prohibited employment declarations as they may be conducting their placement in circumstances where they work with minors. This would be managed on an as needs basis:

- JUST 4001 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=JUST%204001>) Clinical Legal Placement
- LAWS 3074 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%203074>) Judicial Internship
- LAWS 3077 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%203077>) Legal Internship
- LAWS 4012 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%204012>) First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic
- LAWS 3080 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%203080>) Street Law Clinic
- JUST 3011 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=JUST%203011>) Issues in the Criminal Justice System (corrective services field trip requirement) also records and identity check.

The following units require a visa for the relevant country and the ability to travel at a specified time:

- LAWS 3024 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%203024>) Foundations of Chinese Law
- LAWS 3025 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%203025>) Foundations of Indian Law
- LAWS 3078 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/search/?P=LAWS%203078>) Legal, Economic and Social Transformation in Taiwan

## Program Structure

Qualification for a double degree in law requires the successful completion of 420 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequences for the relevant double degree programs.

Students enrolled in the 2844 Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) will only be eligible to graduate from their Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree upon completion of the entire 420 credit point program. Students enrolled in this program who wish to graduate with a standalone law degree prior to completion of the entire Bachelor of Arts component must transfer to program 2829 Bachelor of Laws (Non Graduate Entry) (Honours) which requires the completion of 320 credit points (inclusive of 80 credit points of non-LLB study).

**Students must complete 240 credit points of Law subjects comprising:**

- 160 credit points of specified core subjects to meet Priestly 11 accreditation requirements;
- 10 credit points Research Training Component (LAWS 4016 Legal Research and Methodology)

- 20 credit points Research Component (LAWS 4011 Law Honours Dissertation)
- 50 credit points of LLB alternate subjects.

## Arts Subjects

Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) students are required to complete four Level 1 Bachelor of Arts core subjects plus 14 Psychology, Testamur Major subjects (18 subjects, including the four level 1 Arts core subjects) together with the LLB program (24 subjects).

Students must complete the four Level 1 (40 credit points) of Bachelor of Arts (BA) core subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10

Students must choose the Psychology testamur major (T133) and complete all subjects.

Students may exit with a Bachelor of Arts with a Psychology testamur major on completion of the four Core Arts subjects plus the Psychology testamur major and any six of the first eight LLB core subjects in the recommended sequence.

## Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 420 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

### Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
LAWS 1003	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
LAWS 2004	Criminal Law	10
BEHV 1018	Psychology: Human Behaviour	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 1009	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
LAWS 2013	Torts Law	10
BEHV 1016	Psychology: Behavioural Science	10
BEHV 1003	Introduction to Research Methods	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
LAWS 2003	Contracts	10
MATH 2006	Experimental Design and Analysis	10
BEHV 2010	Perception	10
BEHV 2018	Personality	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 2001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10
BEHV 2005	Human Learning	10
BEHV 3007	Cognitive Processes	10
Select one of the following Level 1 Art core subjects:		10

HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Year 3****Autumn session**

LAWS 2015	Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics	10
BEHV 2002	Brain and Behaviour	10
BEHV 3009	Developmental Psychology	10
Select one of the following Level 1 Art core subjects:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Spring session**

LAWS 2008	Government and Public Law	10
BEHV 3014	Motivation and Emotion	10
BEHV 3023	Social Psychology	10
Select one of the following Level 1 Art core subjects:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Year 4****Autumn session**

LAWS 3018	Equity & Trusts	10
LAWS 3082	Property Law	10
BEHV 3004	Advanced Research Methods	10
Select one LLB Alternate subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Spring session**

LAWS 3081	Administrative Law	10
LAWS 3045	Law of Associations	10
BEHV 3002	Abnormal Psychology	10
Select one LLB Alternate subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Year 5****Autumn session**

LAWS 4015	Constitutional Law	10
LAWS 4004	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	10
LAWS 4016	Legal Research and Methodology	10
Select one LLB Alternate subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Spring session**

LAWS 4014	Remedies	10
LAWS 4013	Civil Procedure and Arbitration	10
LAWS 4011	Law Honours Dissertation	20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

**Year 6****Autumn session**

Select two LLB alternate subjects	20
<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>	<b>420</b>

**LLB Alternate Subjects**

Students must complete 50 credit points of subjects from the list of Bachelor of Laws alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 4017	Access to Justice Clinic	10
LAWS 3001	Advanced Family Law	10
LAWS 4003	Advanced Taxation Law	10
LAWS 3002	Advanced Torts and Civil Wrongs	10
LAWS 3003	Advocacy	10
LAWS 3004	Anti-Discrimination Law	10
LAWS 3005	Australian Competition Law	10
LAWS 3006	Australian Consumer Law	10
LAWS 3007	Banking and Securities Law	10
LAWS 2014	Bioethics	10
LAWS 3089	Children's Rights: Local and International	10
LAWS 3011	Comparative Law: Legal Systems of the World	10
LAWS 3013	Conflict of Laws	10
LAWS 3088	Construction Law	10
LAWS 3014	Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 3015	Cyber Law and Justice	10
LAWS 4010	Designing Law Apps for Access to Justice	10
LAWS 3016	Elder Law	10
LAWS 3022	Family Dispute Resolution	10
LAWS 3023	Family Law	10
LAWS 2005	Financial Services Law	10
LAWS 2007	First Peoples and the Australian Legal System	10
LAWS 4012	First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic	10
LAWS 3024	Foundations of Chinese Law	10
LAWS 3025	Law, Culture and Entrepreneurial Innovation in India	10
LAWS 3083	Gender and the Law	10
LAWS 3028	Human Rights and the Asia Pacific	10
LAWS 3027	Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 3029	Immigration and Refugee Law	10
JUST 3008	Independent Study (Law)	10
LAWS 3030	Information and Data Governance Law and Regulation	10
LAWS 3031	Insolvency Law and Policy	10
LAWS 3032	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 3033	International Business Transactions Law	10
LAWS 4006	International Climate Law	10
LAWS 3034	International Criminal Law	10
LAWS 4007	International Environmental Law	10
LAWS 3036	International Trade Law	10
LAWS 3039	Islam, International Law and Human Rights	10
JUST 3011	Issues in the Criminal Justice System	10
LAWS 3074	Judicial Internship	10
LAWS 3042	Jurisprudence	10
LAWS 3079	Law, Economics, Ethics and Change	10

LAWS 3084	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 3044	Law and Public Policy (Referendum 2023: engaging in constitutional change)	10
LAWS 3046	Law of Employment	10
LAWS 3047	Law of International Organisations	10
LAWS 3048	Law of the Sea	10
LAWS 3085	Law of War	10
LAWS 3075	Law's Self-Understanding	10
LAWS 3078	Legal, Economic and Social Transformation in Taiwan	10
LAWS 3077	Legal Internship	10
LAWS 4016	Legal Research and Methodology	10
LAWS 3086	Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law	10
LAWS 3049	Media Law	10
JUST 2013	Mediation	10
LAWS 3050	Medical Law	10
LAWS 3052	Mental Health Law	10
LAWS 3053	Moot Court	10
LAWS 3055	Planning and Environment Law	10
LAWS 3056	Practising in the Public Interest	10
LAWS 3061	Public Health Law	10
LAWS 3063	Public International Law	10
LAWS 4008	Revenue Law	10
LAWS 3067	Self-Managed Superannuation and Trusts	10
LAWS 3068	Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 3087	Sports Law	10
LAWS 3080	Street Law Clinic	10
LAWS 3076	Technology, Innovation and the Law	10
LAWS 3071	Wills and Succession	10
LAWS 3072	Work Health and Safety Law	10

Please note that the availability of Bachelor of Laws Alternate Subjects may vary from year to year. New subjects may become available and some others discontinued. The School will publish information on which subjects are available in a session.

### Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of the program for students who may have passed subjects in the list in 2022 or earlier.

JUST 4001 Clinical Legal Placement, replaced by LAWS 4017 Access to Justice Clinic