

BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION/BACHELOR OF LAWS (2752)

Approved Abbreviation: BComm/LLB
Western Sydney University Program Code: 2752
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 105744J

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

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement Year 2017 - 2752.5 Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2752.5>)

Commencement Year Spring 2014 to 2016 - 2752.4 Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2752.4>)

Commencement Year Autumn 2014 - 2752.3 Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2752.3>)

Commencement Year 2013 - 2752.2 Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2752.2>)

This double degree permits students to undertake multi-skilling into two diverse career paths, providing increased marketability to multiple areas of expertise. The Bachelor of Laws provides students with professional skills including: the ability to analyse legal material and understand fundamental legal principles; an understanding of the relationship between law and society; the skills to analyse and solve legal and non-legal problems and specialised study into the Australian legal system. The Bachelor of Communication encompasses a wide range of units in the field of communication and media with a core program of media studies, practices and theory, and specialised major sequences in advertising, journalism, public relations and media arts production.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 80 credit points with a 2827 Diploma in Laws (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/diploma-laws-exit-only/>)

Study Mode

Five years full-time or ten years part-time. Communication subjects are offered at Parramatta, Penrith, WSO and Sydney City campuses and Law subjects are offered at Campbelltown and Parramatta campuses. Students may be required to travel between campuses in order to complete their subjects.

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/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/)) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Campbelltown Campus	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 are eligible to apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for admission to legal practice in NSW after undertaking prescribed practical legal training. The Bachelor of Communication is accredited with the International Advertising Association (IAA), the Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA) and the Media Federation of Australia (MFA).

Inherent Requirements

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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 (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/)

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.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

Eligibility for admission to the Bachelor of Communication Studies/Bachelor of Laws is based on the following requirements:

Assumed knowledge: any 2 units of HSC English

Recommended studies: HSC English standard or equivalent

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below

to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students enrolling in these units 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:

- LAWS 3077 Legal Internship
- LAWS 4012 First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic
- LAWS 3080 Street Law Clinic
- JUST 3011 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 Foundations of Chinese Law
- LAWS 3025 Law, Culture and Entrepreneurial Innovation in India
- LAWS 3078 Legal, Economic and Social Transformation in Taiwan

Program Structure

Qualification for a double degree in law requires the successful completion of 400 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequences for the relevant double degree programs.

Students are eligible to graduate in the associated degree at the end of three years of full-time study, only when they have completed all non-law subjects plus the eight law subjects specified in the study sequence as being in the first three years of the relevant double degree.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws will only be eligible to graduate from their Bachelor of Laws degree upon completion of the entire 400 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 Communication

component must transfer to program Bachelor of Laws (Non Graduate Entry) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-laws-non-graduate-entry/>) which requires the completion of 320 credit points (inclusive of 80 credit points of non-LLB study).

Students may early exit with the Diploma in Laws (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/diploma-laws-exit-only/>) on completion of 80 credit points, comprising 20 credit points of specified Law core subjects and 60 credit points of Law core or alternate subjects, as provided in the program structure. Please refer to the Diploma in Laws links above for details.

It may be possible to vary the sequence of subjects so that students study a greater concentration of either law or their second discipline of study each semester to minimise travel between campuses and to overcome timetabling problems. Students should speak to their academic advisor as needed. However students who enrol in LAWS 1003 Fundamentals of Australian Law must also be enrolled in LAWS 2004 Criminal Law and students who enrol in LAWS 1009 Legal Analysis and Critique must also be enrolled in LAWS 2013 Torts Law.

Students considering varying their recommended program sequences, should also refer to the separate Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-laws-graduate-entry/>) or Bachelor of Laws (Non Graduate Entry) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-laws-non-graduate-entry/>) and Bachelor of Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-communication/>) recommended program sequences, to ensure that they are completing their studies in a manner which will avoid problems due to a lack of prerequisites or prior knowledge. Continuing students should refer to the earlier versions of the above programs.

The Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws requires students to undertake the 12 core Communication subjects plus 40 credit points from one of the following majors, selecting 20 credit points at Level 2, and 20 credit points at Level 3

Advertising, Major (0159) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/majors-minors/advertising-major/>)

Journalism, Major (0069) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/majors-minors/journalism-major/>)

Public Relations, Major (0160) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/majors-minors/public-relations-major/>)

Screen Media, Major (0268) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/majors-minors/screen-media-major/>)

Replaced Major

The Major listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who began studying this major in 2020 or earlier.

M1094 Media Arts Production (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1094.1>), replaced by Screen Media, Major in 2021.

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 400 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Students commencing via mid-year entry, please consult the Academic Program Advisor (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14661/>)

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
LAWS 1003	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
LAWS 2004	Criminal Law	10
Select two First Year Communication subjects		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
LAWS 1009	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
LAWS 2013	Torts Law	10
Select two First Year Communication subjects		20
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
LAWS 2003	Contracts	10
Select one of the following:		10
COMM 2024	Media Law and Ethics	
COMM 2032	Professional Writing and Editing	
Select two First Year Communication subjects		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
LAWS 2001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10
Select one of the following:		10
COMM 2024	Media Law and Ethics	
COMM 2032	Professional Writing and Editing	
Select two First Year Communication subjects		20
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
LAWS 2015	Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics	10
Select one of the following:		10
COMM 3008	Communication Research Project	
COMM 3022	Media Memory	
Select two Level 2 subjects from chosen major		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
LAWS 2008	Government and Public Law	10
Select one of the following:		10
COMM 3008	Communication Research Project	
COMM 3022	Media Memory	
Select two Level 3 subjects from chosen major		20
Note: Students who wish to exit this double degree after their third year and graduate with 1696 Bachelor of Communication must have completed 240 credit points and completed the subjects as listed above in Years 1, 2 and 3		
Credit Points		40
Year 4		
Autumn session		
LAWS 3018	Equity & Trusts	10
LAWS 3082	Property Law	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
Credit Points		40

Spring session

LAWS 3081	Administrative Law	10
LAWS 3045	Law of Associations	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
Credit Points		40

Year 5**Autumn session**

LAWS 4015	Constitutional Law	10
LAWS 4004	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
Credit Points		40

Spring session

LAWS 4013	Civil Procedure and Arbitration	10
LAWS 4014	Remedies	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
Credit Points		40

Total Credit Points 400**First year Communications Subjects**

Subject	Title	Credit Points
MKTG 1001	Advertising: An Introduction	10
INFO 1004	Data Analysis and Storytelling	10
COMM 1012	Data, Mediation, Power	10
COMM 1018	Introduction to Journalism	10
COMM 1039	Introduction to Screen Media	10
COMM 1020	Media Cultures and Industries	10
MKTG 1009	Public Relations Theory and Practice	10
COMM 1032	Writing Ecologies	10

Chosen Majors**Students in Journalism Major**

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 Subjects		
COMM 2017	Feature Writing	10
COMM 2022	Journalism: Research and Investigation	10
COMM 2027	News Reporting	10
COMM 2029	Photo Journalism	10
Level 3 Subjects		
COMM 3015	Digital Journalism Production	20
COMM 3018	Internship	10
COMM 3025	News Teams	10
COMM 3037	Transmedia Production	10

Students in Public Relations Major

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 subjects		
COMM 2001	Account and Client Management	10
COMM 2011	Communication Strategies	10
COMM 2015	Events Management	10
MKTG 2005	Issues, Risk and Crisis Communication	10
Level 3 subjects		
COMM 3014	Digital Communication	20
MKTG 3018	Public Relations: Campaigns	10
COMM 3018	Internship	10

Students in Advertising Major

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 subjects		
COMM 2001	Account and Client Management	10
MKTG 2001	Advertising: Creative	10
COMM 2006	Advertising: Media	10
COMM 2011	Communication Strategies	10
Level 3 subjects		
COMM 3045	Advertising: Campaigns	10
COMM 3014	Digital Communication	20
COMM 3018	Internship	10

Students in Screen Media Major

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 subjects		
COMM 2051	Animation and Visual Effects	10
COMM 2053	Narrative: Fictional Screen Media	10
COMM 2052	Documentary: Factual Screen Media	10
Level 3 subjects		
COMM 3047	Episodic Screen Media	10
COMM 3048	Immersive Screen Technologies	10
Select one of the following:		
COMM 3018	Internship	10
COMM 3046	Personal Branding Strategies: Build and Manage Your Career Profile	10

Students in Media Arts Production Major

Please note: Media Arts Production, Major has been replaced by Screen Media, Major for students who commence this program from the 2021 academic year. Continuing students enrolled in Media Arts Production, Major are able to remain in and successfully complete the subject requirements for this major (40 credit points: selecting 20 credit points at Level 2, and 20 credit points at Level 3

M1094 Media Arts Production, Major (<https://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1094.1>)

LLB Alternate Subjects

Students must complete 80 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 4011 - Law Honours Dissertation (200700)
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 equivalent subjects listed below counts toward completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

LAWS 3008 - Civil Procedure and Arbitration (200813), replaced by LAWS 4013 Civil Procedure and Arbitration
 LAWS 3064 - Remedies (200756), replaced by LAWS 4014 Remedies
 LAWS 2002 - Constitutional Law (200009), replaced by LAWS 4015 Constitutional Law
 LAWS 4001 - Administrative Law (200013), replaced by LAWS 3081 Administrative Law
 LAWS 2011 - Property Law (200012), replaced by LAWS 3082 Property Law
 LAWS 3059 - Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics (200020), replaced by LAWS 2015 Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics

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

DESN 1018 - Visual Storytelling, replaced by INFO 1004 Data Analysis and Storytelling

Replaced Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

COMM 3077 Communication Campaigns, replaced by COMM 3045 Advertising: Campaigns
 JUST 2002 - Bioethics, replaced by LAWS 2014 Bioethics

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

COMM 1015 Foundations of Media Arts and Production, replaced by COMM 1039 Introduction to Screen Media
 COMM 2008 Animations and Visual Effects, replaced by COMM 2051 Animation and Visual Effects
 COMM 2035 Screen and Sound Practices 1
 COMM 2036 Screen and Sound Practices 2

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

COMM 1041 Screen Media Fundamentals, replaced by COMM 2052 Documentary: Factual Screen Media
 COMM 3020 Media Arts Project, replaced by COMM 2053 Narrative: Fictional Screen Media
 COMM 3034 TV Production 1, replaced by COMM 3047 Episodic Screen Media

LAWS 3043 - Land Transactions Law (200021)
 LAWS 3035 - International Moot Court (200663)
 LAWS 4002 - Advanced Constitutional Law (200755)
 LAWS 4009 - Transaction Law (200758)
 LAWS 3066 - Revenue Law Industry Placement (201007)
 LAWS 3073 - Elder Law Industry Placement (201020)
 JUST 2009 - Law Economics and Business Ethics (200296)