

# BACHELOR OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY/BACHELOR OF LAWS

**Effective from:** 2022

**Approved Abbreviation:** BICT/LLB

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 2768

**AQF Level:** 7

**CRICOS Code:** 084731C

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 2015 - 2016 - 2768.1 Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2768.1>)

The program offers multi-skilling and highly marketable career paths in information and communications technology and law. It equips students with professional legal skills and knowledge which are required by the Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) for admission to legal practice, solve non-legal problems and undertake specialised study in topical local and international law. The Information and Communications Technology component of the program is accredited by the Australian Computer Society and involves applied study of systems analysis and design, networking, programming and databases, web development, project management, communications, operating systems, human computer interaction and numeracy.

## Study Mode

Five years full-time. Information and Communications Technology subjects are offered at Penrith, Campbelltown and Parramatta campuses and Law subjects are offered at Campbelltown and Parramatta campuses. Students may be required to travel between campuses in order to complete their core subjects.

## Program Advice

Dr Sarah Hook (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/courseadvice@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 Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above

## Accreditation

Graduates from this 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 Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology is accredited with the Australian Computer Society (ACS) at Professional level.

## 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 ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_law\\_courses/](https://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

Assumed knowledge: HSC Mathematics and any two units of HSC English (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 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 Clinical Legal Placement
- LAWS 3074 Judicial Internship
- LAWS 3077 Legal Internship
- LAWS 3080 Street Law Clinic
- LAWS 4012 First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic
- JUST 3011 Issues in the Criminal Justice System (corrective services field trip requirement) also records and identity check.

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

- LAWS 3024 Foundations of Chinese Law
- LAWS 3025 Foundations of Indian Law
- 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 comprising all subjects listed in the recommended sequence.

To gain early exit from the combined degree, with a Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology students are required to complete 16 technology subjects and the first eight law subjects listed in the recommended sequence.

Students enrolled in the 2768 Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/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 Information and Communications Technology component must transfer to program 2502 Bachelor of 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/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 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 technology each semester, to minimise travel between campuses and to overcome timetabling problems. Students should speak to their Academic Program 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.

## Recommended Sequence

### 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
COMP 1005	Programming Fundamentals	10
INFS 1006	Systems Analysis and Design	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 1009	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
LAWS 2013	Torts Law	10
COMP 2015	Programming Techniques	10
INFS 2001	Database Design and Development	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
LAWS 2003	Contracts	10
LAWS 2015	Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics	10
COMP 2020	Technologies for Web Applications	10
INFS 2006	Object Oriented Analysis	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 2001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10
INFS 3017	Web Systems Development	10
MATH 1030	Statistics for Business	10
COMP 2004	Computer Networking	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
COMP 3015	Operating Systems Programming	10
INFO 3003	Human-Computer Interaction	10
INFO 3008	Professional Development	10
COMP 3007	Computer Networks and Internets	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 2008	Government and Public Law	10
COMP 3018	Professional Experience	10
COMP 3020	Social Web Analytics	10
INFO 3011	Social Computing	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
LAWS 3018	Equity & Trusts	10
LAWS 3082	Property Law	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 3081	Administrative Law	10
LAWS 3045	Law of Associations	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

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

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

**Spring session**

LAWS 4013	Civil Procedure and Arbitration	10
LAWS 4014	Remedies	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>400</b>

**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 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
JUST 4001	Clinical Legal Placement	10
LAWS 3011	Comparative Law: Legal Systems of the World	10
LAWS 3013	Conflict of Laws	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	Foundations of Indian 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 3044	Law and Public Policy (Development and Implementation)	10
LAWS 3046	Law of Employment	10
LAWS 3047	Law of International Organisations	10
LAWS 3048	Law of the Sea	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 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 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

**Equivalent Subjects**

The equivalent subjects listed below counts toward completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

JUST 2002 - Bioethics, replaced by LAWS 2014 Bioethics

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

**Replaced Subjects**

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

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)

LAWS 4011 - Law Honours Dissertation (200700)

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