

BACHELOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES/ BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

Effective from: 2022

Approved Abbreviation: BIntlSt/LLB(Hons)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 2834

AQF Level: 8

CRICOS code: 108421D

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

This program is designed for high achieving law students in the Bachelor of International Studies/ 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 years full-time or ten years part-time. International Studies subjects are offered at Bankstown 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 subjects.

Program Advice

Dr Sarah Hook (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14661/>)

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 |
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| Campbelltown | Full Time | Internal | See Above |
| Campbelltown | Part Time | Internal | See Above |
| Parramatta | Full Time | Internal | See Above |
| Campus - Victoria Road | | | |
| Parramatta | Part Time | Internal | See Above |
| Campus - Victoria Road | | | |

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.

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.html)

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

This program is designed for students in the Bachelor of International Studies/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

- 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 Clinical Legal Placement
- LAWS 3074 Judicial Internship
- 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 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 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 2834 Bachelor of International Studies/ Bachelor of Laws (Honours) will only be eligible to graduate from their Bachelor of Laws (Honours) 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 International Studies component must transfer to course 2829 Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (Non Graduate Entry) which requires the completion of 320 credit points (inclusive of 80 credit points of non-LLB study).

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.

For details of International Studies subjects required please see program 1658 Bachelor of International Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-international-studies/>).

Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Laws(Honours) students are required to complete the four level 1 Arts core subjects plus the eight-subject International Relations and Asian Studies major and one of the four-subject language sub-majors. together with the LLB key program (24 subjects). The double degree combination therefore consists of 40 subjects with no additional flexible subjects or choice beyond that already included within the separate Bachelor of International Studies and Law programs.

Note that instead of the minimum of 80 credit points of flexible subjects required to be completed by Bachelor of International Studies students enrolled in course 1658, students in this Bachelor of International Studies /Bachelor of Laws Honours) program are required to complete the eight law subjects listed in the first three years of the recommended sequence.

Core Subjects

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

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

Students must also complete subjects in the following, as per the chosen program structure

Major - International Relations and Asian Studies

International Relations and Asian Studies, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-major/>)

Minor

A minor in Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian or Japanese must be undertaken in conjunction with the major

Note: The following minors have inherent requirements, 0004 - Chinese (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>), 0021 – Japanese (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/japanese-minor/>), 0003-Arabic (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/arabic-minor/>). Please check the inherent requirements online.

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

Bankstown Campus

- Arabic, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/arabic-minor/>)
- Chinese, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>)
- Japanese, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/japanese-minor/>)
- International English, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-english-minor/>)

Parramatta Campus

- Chinese, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/chinese-minor/>)
- Japanese, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/japanese-minor/>)
- International English, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/international-english-minor/>)

Students may complete the Immersion Language sub-major which covers languages that are not taught at Western Sydney University. Details of this minor are available via the link below:

Immersion Language, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/immersion-language-minor/>)

Students should seek program advice in relation to the level 2/3 language sequences

Students must also 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

Recommended Sequence

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

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 subjects from the Year 1 core Arts subjects | | 20 |
| HUMN 1052 | Australian Politics and Active Citizenship | |
| LANG 1029 | Foundations of Academic English | |
| HUMN 1053 | Diversity, Language and Culture | |
| LANG 1030 | Thinking Critically About Texts and Society | |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 1009 | Legal Analysis and Critique | 10 |
| LAWS 2013 | Torts Law | 10 |
| Select two of the remaining Year 1 core Arts subjects | | 20 |
| HUMN 1052 | Australian Politics and Active Citizenship | |
| LANG 1029 | Foundations of Academic English | |
| HUMN 1053 | Diversity, Language and Culture | |
| LANG 1030 | Thinking Critically About Texts and Society | |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Year 2 | | |
| Autumn session | | |
| LAWS 2003 | Contracts | 10 |
| CULT 1001 | Asia in the World | 10 |
| Select one International Relations and Asian Studies Major subject | | 10 |
| Select one Language minor subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 2001 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 10 |
| Select two International Relations and Asian Studies Major subjects | | 20 |
| Select one Language minor subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |

Year 3

Autumn session

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| LAWS 2015 | Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics | 10 |
| Select two International Relations and Asian Studies Major subjects | | 20 |
| Select one Language minor subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |

Spring session

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| LAWS 2008 | Government and Public Law | 10 |
| Select two International Relations and Asian Studies Major subjects | | 20 |
| Select one Language minor subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |

Year 4

Autumn session

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| LAWS 3018 | Equity & Trusts | 10 |
| LAWS 3082 | Property Law | 10 |
| Select two LLB alternate subjects | | 20 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |

Spring session

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

Year 5

Autumn session

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| 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 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |

Spring session

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| LAWS 4014 | Remedies | 10 |
| LAWS 4013 | Civil Procedure and Arbitration | 10 |
| LAWS 4011 | Law Honours Dissertation | 20 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Total Credit Points | | 400 |

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 |
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| 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 3011 | Comparative Law: Legal Systems of the World | 10 |
| LAWS 3013 | Conflict of Laws | 10 |

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| 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 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 3084 | Law and Literature | 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 |

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| 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