



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism)

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School of Law & Business

Whether you are a budding politician looking to change Australian law or a passionate journalist who wants to report on our country's latest legal developments, understanding the law is valuable. The University of Notre Dame Australia's Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) is an exciting double degree that covers the legal knowledge necessary to excel as a lawyer and an introduction to current affairs, world politics and journalism. Contact us today to start your learning journey.

Why study this degree?

This double degree in Law and Politics & Journalism is your gateway to many rewarding careers in law, politics, or journalism. Many lawyers pursue political careers, but studying the law also equips you to become a policy adviser in state or Federal Government. In addition, our Bachelor of Laws degree is an accredited degree for admission to legal practice. It covers underlying legal and ethical principles and explains how they are applied in legal practice.

Being part of the School of Law is an enriching and enjoyable experience. As a student, you will be in a small class (for the last few years, our average class size has been 31 students) and have access to academics outside of class. Inspired by the caring Catholic ethos which runs through the School of Law, academics are committed to quality teaching and providing excellent pastoral care to each student. The University aims to give students every opportunity to fulfil their potential as a student and be inspired to go out into the community and make a difference.

The Notre Dame Law degree has a particular focus on the basic building blocks of the law (the so-called “Priestley” subjects) and on developing practical skills such as public speaking, advocacy, alternative dispute resolution and commercial practice skills. Through our mentoring and internship programs, students have many opportunities to experience the law in practice. All your lecturers have substantial experience in legal practice (either as solicitors, Canon law or environmental law experts, barristers or judges). This allows each student to learn the Principles of law and how they apply in legal practice.

Program summary

Year One

- Legal Research and Writing
- Legal Process and Statutory Interpretation
- Introduction to World Politics
- Introduction to Journalism
- Legal History
- Politics, Democracy and Governance in Australia
- Journalism: Theory and Practice

Year Two

- Criminal Law A
- Contract Law A
- Torts A
- Setting the Agenda: The Media and Politics
- Criminal Law B
- Contract Law B
- Torts B
- Media and Society
- One Journalism Elective

Year Three

- Property Law A
- Property Law B
- Two Journalism Electives
- Three Politics Electives

Year Four

- Advocacy

- Constitutional Law
- Equity
- Corporations and Partnerships
- Evidence
- Administrative Law
- Trusts
- Law Elective One

Year Five

- Remedies
- Civil Procedure
- Legal Philosophy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Practice & Ethics
- Law Elective Two
- Law Elective Three
- Law Elective Four

Law Electives*

- Advanced Administrative Law
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Advanced Constitutional Law
- Advanced Evidence
- Advanced Research Project (i.e. Honours research – two courses)
- Bioethics and the Law
- Advanced Taxation Law
- Commercial Drafting
- Commercial Law
- Construction and Building Contract Law

- Contemporary Legal Issues
- Directed Research Project
- Employee Relations Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Human Rights Law
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property Law
- Canon Law (i.e. Church Law)
- Law in Context (Externships) – involves work experience
- Law Review (i.e. the University's legal journal)
- Mining and Petroleum Law
- Occupational Safety and Health Law
- Introduction to Australian Taxation Law
- Succession
- Competition and Consumer Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Indigenous Law
- Law & Religion

*Available law electives are subject to change and may vary depending on your campus and year of study. Please check with your school for the current electives on offer.

Politics & Journalism Electives

- Politics, Democracy and Governance in Australia
- Introduction to World Politics
- Setting the Agenda: The Media & Politics

- Introduction to Journalism
- Journalism: Theory and Practice
- Media and Society
- Australian Foreign Policy
- Comparing Political Systems
- Strategy, Security & Diplomacy
- Media Ethics and Law
- Journalism for TV & Video
- Interactive Media
- Radio

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Core Curriculum

- CORE I: Foundations of Wisdom
- CORE II: Elective
 - Electives in philosophy and\or theology
 - Professional embedded electives that integrate studies in a profession with philosophy and\or theology
 - An option to undertake a pilgrimage embedded in the study of the philosophy and theology of pilgrimage, e.g., World Youth Day
 - An option to undertake a course that integrates philosophy & theology with community service and charity work
 - An option to undertake an elective in philosophy, theology, and the liberal arts contained within an international experience

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-law-and-business/law-fremantle/course-descriptions>) Sydney (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-law-and-business/law-sydney/course-descriptions>).

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/403/Politics-and-Journalism.pdf).

Entry requirements

drop-down code

Entry requirements WA

Entry requirements NSW

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Laws (Honours), graduates will be able to:

1. Write effective and professional documents adapted to suit the purpose and audience
2. Develop and deliver effective and professional presentations adapted to suit the purpose and audience,

using appropriate technologies

3. Synthesise, interpret and apply information in order to resolve legal problems
4. Demonstrate a sound knowledge of foundational legal concepts, principles and theories, and apply and transfer knowledge to diverse national, regional and international legal contexts
5. Undertake self-directed learning with an appreciation of the value and importance of engaging in continuing professional development
5. Provide social justice in the community including the provision of legal advice on a pro bono basis
7. Use ethical and socially responsible decision-making skills
8. Critically reflect on the influence of Catholic and other philosophical and intellectual traditions on the law and on their role in resolving legal issues
9. Work responsibly and collaboratively in diverse teams to achieve shared outcomes
9. Conduct independent legal research and employ appropriate legal research methods and sources to locate, evaluate, synthesise and present accurate, up-to-date and reliable legal sources
- .. Critically evaluate, analyse and deploy evidence in support of a research thesis and communicate their findings in both oral and written form (Honours Only)

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism), graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate broad theoretical and practical knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts related to politics, international relations and journalism
2. Identify appropriate sources and evaluate information

3. Demonstrate an awareness of different conceptual approaches and/or research methods
4. Identify the ethical considerations informing the study and professional practice of politics, international relations and journalism
5. Synthesise knowledge and apply skills in order to solve complex political and cultural problems
5. Communicate arguments and/or ideas to specialist and non-specialist audiences in a range of forms
7. Exemplify the technical and professional skills required in the domains of politics, international relations and journalism
3. Work independently and, where appropriate, in collaboration with others; and
9. Reflect upon personal knowledge, skills and experiences drawn from the study and practice of politics, international relations and journalism.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors; Career opportunities range from Solicitor, barrister, judge's associate, and research assistant in the fields of law, politics or journalism.

Real-world experience

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are internship courses and work-integrated learning opportunities available, but not required, in the Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) component of the Awards.

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the [Bachelor of Law \(Honours\), Bachelor of Arts \(Politics & Journalism\) regulations](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/403/Politics-and-Journalism.pdf) (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/403/Politics-and-Journalism.pdf), or by contacting the [School of Law & Business](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-law-and-business) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-law-and-business>).

Study abroad

A global perspective adds a valuable dimension to your university education. At Notre Dame University you can study while experiencing the world. We encourage students to become active global citizens through a range of exchange programs, professional placements, study tours, and volunteer opportunities. Visit [International Opportunities](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/international-students) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/international-students>) to find out more.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) accreditation requirements are according to the accreditation rules administered by the Legal Profession Admission Board in New South Wales and the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia. There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to the Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) component of the Award.

Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The HECS-HELP loan scheme (<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd>) assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

Student profile data

The tables below gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students in this Program. It provides data on all students who commenced in this Program in the most relevant recent intake period, including those admitted through all offer rounds and international students studying in Australia.

Fremantle Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	N/A	N/A
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	N/A	N/A
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	N/A	N/A

(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) 	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	<5	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement) 	6	86%
International students	N/A	N/A
All students	7	100.0%

TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF *RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION* IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION -	ATAR (Excluding adjustment	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment
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ATAR-based offers	factors) *	factors) *[only if relevant]
Highest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Median rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Lowest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A

Sydney Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	N/A	N/A
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	N/A	N/A
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	N/A	N/A
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the 	N/A	N/A

consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)		
◦ Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	N/A	N/A
◦ Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)	7	100%
International students	N/A	N/A
<i>All students</i>	7	100.0%

TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics & Journalism) ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF *RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION* IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers	ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]
Highest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Median rank to	N/A	N/A

receive an offer		
Lowest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A

Notes:

“<5” – the number of students is less than 5

N/A – Students not accepted in this category

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent the calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

In 2022, due to COVID, additional adjustment factor points were granted to applicants from NSW, ACT and VIC.

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a personalised advice session (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **Book my session. (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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Duration: 5.25 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle; Sydney

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 3514

CRICOS code: 095679M

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
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