



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce

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School of Law & Business

Do you dream of having your own legal practice? The University of Notre Dame Australia's combined Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce will give you a competitive edge as it draws upon the teachings of both the School of Law and the School of Business. For students who wish to become lawyers, having a solid understanding of business can help you succeed both in your legal practice and in assisting your business clients. Alternatively, if you wish to start your own business or work within the corporate environment, having a sound understanding of the legalities surrounding your work will also serve you well. Start your learning journey today.

Why study this degree?

Designed with some of Australia's most prominent legal professionals, this combined Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce places a strong focus on experiential and case-based learning. When undertaking the legal component of the degree, you will find that Notre Dame's small class sizes give you ample opportunity to engage in spirited debate and discussion.

Furthermore, we also encourage students to participate in our Mentorship Program. Working in collaboration with highly respected law practitioners, this unique program bridges the gap between law students and the legal profession. The program connects penultimate and final year students with experienced legal practitioners who provide guidance and advice on matters such as elective choices and applying for clerkships.

Similarly, the inclusion of a Business Internship in the Commerce component of your degree forms yet another opportunity for you to implement the skills you have learned in a real working context. Held over three phases, you will undertake classroom-based learning in phases one and two before undertaking a four-week industry placement in your third phase. By adding this industry experience to your already impressive formal qualifications, you will graduate with a keen competitive edge.

Program summary

Year One

- Legal Research & Writing
- Legal Process & Statutory Interpretation

- Media Ethics and Law
- Legal History
- Media and Society
- Two Communications and Media Subjects

Year Two

- Criminal Law A
- Contract Law A
- Torts A
- Criminal Law B
- Contract Law B
- Torts B
- Three Communications and Media Subjects

Year Three

- Property Law A
- Property Law B
- Arts Major Elective Seven
- Arts Major Elective Eight
- Four Communications and Media Subjects
- One Communications and Media Elective

Year Four

- Advocacy
- Constitutional Law
- Equity
- Corporations & Partnerships
- Evidence
- Administrative Law
- Trusts
- Law Elective One

Year Five

- Remedies
- Civil Procedure
- Legal Philosophy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Practice & Ethics
- Law Elective Two (International)
- 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 - 2 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
- Indigenous Law
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Dispute Resolution
- Canon Law (i.e. Church Law)
- Law and Religion
- Law in Context (Externships) – involves work experience
- Mining and Petroleum Law
- Occupational Safety and Health Law
- Introduction to Australian Taxation Law
- Succession
- Competition and Consumer Law
- Trial Advocacy

*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.

Commerce Majors

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Sport and Recreation Management

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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/0012/404

Entry requirements

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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
6. 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

3. Critically reflect on the influence of Catholic and other philosophical and intellectual traditions on the law and on their role in resolving legal issues
4. Work responsibly and collaboratively in diverse teams to achieve shared outcomes
5. 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
6. 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 Commerce, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply the professional skills of their chosen business discipline through the ethical delivery of strategy, advice and services
2. Reflect on their performance and implement change as necessary
3. Think critically, reason and use judgment in preparation for their professional practice
4. Identify relevant evidence-based research for use in professional analysis and advice; and
5. Identify their own values and beliefs and be empowered to act on these values to advocate for people with whom they are engaged.

Practical component

You are required to complete BUSN3900 Business Internship that includes a minimum of 150 hours of practicum.

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. This double degree will also provide you with the know-how to start your own business or practice.

Real-world experience

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

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>) to find out more.

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the Bachelor of Law (Honours), Bachelor of Commerce regulations

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/404 or by contacting the School of Law & Business (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-law-and-business>)).

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.

The Bachelor of Commerce (Major: Accounting) is fully accredited by the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, CPA Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants.

The Bachelor of Commerce (Major: Human Resource Management) is accredited with the Australian Human Resource Institute.

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>).

Student profile data

Tables 1 and 2 below give 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 Commerce
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)	<5	N/P
(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) 	<5	N/P
<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

◦ 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)	11	52%
International students	N/A	N/A
<i>All students</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce
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	97.90	99.95
Median rank to receive an offer	91.58	94.08
Lowest rank to receive an offer	82.50	86.50

Sydney Student Profile Data

**TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce
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 	19	83%

minimum ATAR requirement)		
International students	N/A	N/A
<i>All students</i>	23	100.0%

**TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce
ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON
THE BASIS OF *RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION* IN
SEMESTER 1, 2021 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 receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Lowest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A

**TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Laws (Honours) / Bachelor of
Commerce 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)	<5	100%
<i>All students</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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
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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

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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: 3520

CRICOS code: 095682E

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
II Fees

Practical Component: 150 hours

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