



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Laws

School of Law, Sydney Campus

A Bachelor of Laws from The University of Notre Dame Australia provides a gateway to an exciting and rewarding career in law. Completed over four years of full-time study and taught by highly respected practitioners, this program combines a comprehensive coverage of legal and ethical principles, as well as the skills to apply these principles in legal practice.

Why study this degree?

As a student at Notre Dame's School of Law, you will benefit from small class sizes, a supportive Catholic ethos and academic staff who are committed to quality teaching and providing pastoral care to each student. The University aims to give each student every opportunity to fulfill their potential and be inspired to go out into the community and make a difference. Our Law degrees are accredited by the New South Wales Legal Profession Admission Board. Subject to completing the relevant practical legal training requirements graduates are eligible for admission as a lawyer in New South Wales.

The Bachelor of Laws has a particular focus on the basic building blocks of the law (the legally required “Priestley” subjects) and on developing practical skills such as public speaking, advocacy, alternative dispute resolution and commercial practice skills. Through the mentoring and internship programs students are provided with many opportunities to experience the law in practice.

All of our academics at the School of Law have a substantial amount of experience in legal practice (as solicitors, environmental law experts, barristers, judges or canon lawyers). This allows students to learn not just the legal principles but how they apply in legal practice.

We know that students find the environment at Notre Dame’s School of Law both stimulating and rewarding. According to a recent QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) survey Notre Dame ranked first out of all law schools in NSW and Western Australia for Overall Quality of Educational Experience, Teaching Quality, Overall Learner Engagement and Student Support.

Program summary

Core Curriculum - The Logos Program

- Logos I
- Logos II
- Logos III

Year One

- Legal Research & Writing
- Legal Process & Statutory Interpretation
- Criminal Law A

- Legal History
- Criminal Law B

Year Two

- Contract Law A
- Torts A
- Property Law A
- Equity
- Contract Law B
- Torts B
- Property Law B
- Trusts

Year Three

- Advocacy
- Constitutional Law
- Corporations & Partnerships
- Evidence
- Administrative Law
- Law Elective One
- Law Elective Two (International)
- Law Elective Three

Year Four

- Remedies
- Civil Procedure
- Legal Philosophy

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Practice & Ethics
- Law Elective Four
- Law Elective Five
- Law Elective Six

Law Electives

- Advanced Research Project (i.e. Honours research)
- Advanced Taxation Law
- Bioethics & The Law
- Commercial Drafting
- Commercial Law
- Competition & Consumer Law
- Construction & Building Contract Law
- Directed Research Project
- Employee Relations Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Human Rights Law
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property Law
- Introduction to Australian Taxation Law
- Introduction to Canon Law (i.e. Church Law)
- Law & Religion
- Law in Context (Externships)

- Mining & Petroleum Law
- Occupational Safety & Health Law
- Succession
- Trial Advocacy

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/403).

Study Abroad

You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions through our exchange program. Get in touch with the Study Abroad Office (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad>) to find out more about studying in Asia, Europe and North America.

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.

Entry requirements

Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at admission requirements (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements>). These include those relating to age and English Language Proficiency

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>). We also consider your application more broadly – your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

Applicants with recent Secondary Education:

- HSC Performance Band Results with a Band 5 in English, a minimum average of Bands 5s and an overall minimum average HSC mark of 80% in HSC Category A Courses (or Interstate equivalent). Applicants must be eligible for an ATAR or OP; or
- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 31.

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other University Studies completed at undergraduate level or higher. A minimum number of 4 subjects with a high credit average is required.

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/sydney/advanced-standing>).

Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study

- Completed AQF Diploma or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as

TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Applicants with Work and Life Experience

Applicants with relevant work and life experience who left secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then may seek admission on the basis of:

- Their experience. 'Experience' could include a combination of factors sufficient to demonstrate readiness for higher education. These include Mature Age entry and relevant professional experience particularly in a legal context such as paralegal, legal clerk, tipstaff, alternative dispute resolution, law enforcement, relevant social work or legal secretarial work. Work experience and community involvement involving commercial business practice, caring for others, working in religious activities, social welfare or social justice activities will also be considered. Evidence must be provided as to the type and duration of relevant employment or community involvement (more than two years). The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) may be required.
- STAT - Scores of 160 in the Multiple Choice and Written English sections are required.
- Higher School Certificate (HSC) (or equivalent) results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Fees and costs

For more information and indicative fees, please visit the [Fees page \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees).

Career opportunities

The following careers are open to graduates of this program:

- Academia
- Banking and finance
- Courts (federal and state/territory)
- Corporations
- Government developments and sectors
- Journalism and media
- Political landscapes
- Private practice
- Politics

Student profile data

Table 2 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.

TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Laws BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2021 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2021	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students

<p>(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)</p>	<p><5</p>	<p>N/P</p>
<p>(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study</p>	<p><5</p>	<p>N/P</p>
<p>(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)</p>	<p><5</p>	<p>N/P</p>
<p>(D) Recent secondary education:</p> <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) 	<p><5</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extratest, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	<p><5</p>	<p>N/A</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 & 	<p>17</p>	<p>65%</p>

recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)		
International students	N/A	N/A
All students	26	100.0%

TABLE 2b - Bachelor of Laws 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

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 calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Laws or related double degrees, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 2 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au (<mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au>).

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

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Duration: 4 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Campus: Sydney

Loan Scheme: HECS-HELP

Study mode: On campus

Code: Program Code 3510, CRICOS Code 023751D

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2

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