

Bachelor of Laws (BLAW) - LLB

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the 3-year LLBP Bachelor of Laws which will be offered from Semester 1, 2014.

	On-campus	External
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba; Springfld	Toowoomba
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	4 years full-time, up to 8 years part-time	

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Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Laws has been accredited by the [Legal Practitioners Admissions Board, Queensland](#), and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland as an approved academic qualification under the *Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004* (Qld). This will partially satisfy the requirements to practise as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland, or as a legal practitioner elsewhere in Australia. Intending solicitors and barristers must also complete an approved practical legal training course in order to become admitted to practice. UniSQ law graduates have the option of completing their practical legal training through a one-year traineeship in a law practice, or through an institution that offers a practical legal training qualification.

Program aims

The Bachelor of Laws provides students with the opportunity for a comprehensive study of law, not only to prepare for practice as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland but also to examine the legal process and its social, political and economic context.

The program aims to equip students with an academic qualification for professional practice. While students undertake the traditional studies in the litigation process, they also learn about the increasingly important alternative methods of resolving disputes. They learn about conflict and communication, negotiating, mediating – from a theoretical as well as practical perspective.

Not all law graduates aspire to a career in legal practice and so the program also builds the special capabilities that a legal education can offer. It provides opportunities to develop analytical, complex problem-solving and research skills. It seeks to build critical thinkers with an appreciation for a range of theories explaining legal regulation as well as for the social, political and economic context of the legal process. To inform students on global issues, an international dimension, for example on the regulation of business and on the protection of human rights, is also available.

Program objectives

On successful completion of this program students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical framework of subject areas of study
- apply theoretical knowledge, concepts and principles to areas of practical significance
- research legal issues at a proficient level
- critically appraise law reform trends and recent developments and assess their impact upon legal practice and public policy
- demonstrate advanced communication, problem-solving and analytical skill
- satisfy academic admission requirements for legal practice in Queensland (subject to accreditation).

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Year 12 English [4,SA] or equivalent.
- Admission to the Bachelor of Laws is in accordance with [University's admissions policy](#) for undergraduate programs.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The undergraduate program is 32 units in total. It has 3 prime components: a core (22 units), law electives (at least 3 and no more than 6 units), and non-law electives (4 but no more than 7 units). It is highly recommended that students complete non-law electives before law electives.

Required time limits

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Core courses

Compulsory core courses:

All students are required to complete a core of 22 single-unit courses. The purpose of the core courses is to expose law students to fundamental legal concepts and methods in legal research and reasoning.

The following courses are required of all students in the Bachelor of Laws:

LAW3481 Law, Technology and Your Future	2		2
PWE3000 ~ ^	2, 3		

Footnotes

~ PWE3000 is not available to international students regardless of location or mode of study as it is an elective course. Australian regulations do not allow an elective work-based training course that is not a mandatory program requirement to be offered to international students.

^ A student must have completed 16 units before enrolling in PWE3000.

Non-law elective courses

All students must select elective courses from courses offered at undergraduate level by any of the faculties at the University of Southern Queensland. Enrolment and pre-requisites requirements must be satisfied for any course selected.

The exceptions to this ruling are the following business law courses:

- LAW1101
- LAW2104
- LAW2106

These business law courses are NOT considered to be suitable non-law electives, as the content of these courses is either covered in other core law courses or are not relevant to the Bachelor of Laws program structure. These three business law courses should NOT be completed as part of the non-law elective requirement of the Bachelor of Laws program.

Students considering legal practice are encouraged to choose as one of their non-law electives ACC1101 in order to understand the accounting environment and the common financial accounting (external) reports and management accounting (internal) tools used for decision-making purposes. This is useful for many areas of legal practice, not only commercial fields such as taxation but also family and succession law, as well as for a lawyer's own practice management.

Students with an interest in examining the political and economic context for the legal process are encouraged to choose POL2000 as one of their non-law electives. This is a course for students interested in political and economic debates who wish to develop a capacity for critical analysis.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure](#).

Credit

Credit may be permitted for a limited number of courses, equivalent in content and level, successfully completed recently with a recognised institution, in accordance with UniSQ policy.

Honours

The Bachelor of Laws may be awarded with Honours. The class of honours to be awarded to a student is dependant upon the Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated from the grades achieved in the core law courses and electi


