

# HOW TO BECOME A LAWYER

## **AUSTRALIA**

DECODE THE LAW APPLICATION PROCESS

**Study Work Grow** 

## FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS

## So you want to be a Lawyer?

The journey to become a lawyer requires grit, enthusiasm and energy, but the rewards can be great.

The legal profession is changing, and today's lawyers harness the power of new technology to help people resolve their issues and move forward with positive and fair resolutions. You could find yourself supporting business owners to secure their work, mediating family conflicts, or protecting the community through criminal law.

The path to law can be complex, and you'll need to complete multiple tasks before you are able to qualify and work as a lawyer.

In this Handbook, you'll find all the details you need to submit your initial application and follow the process through to completion. We've liaised with universities across Australia to bring you the latest degree information, so you can quickly compare programs and entry requirements, and find a program that's right for you.

You'll also find information on Practical Legal Training, scholarships, and the law admissions process.

This Handbook will help you understand what's required so you can formulate a plan (and a couple of backups) to get you to where you want to go.

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## There are a few main career paths in

## LAW

## Solicitor | Very Strong Job Growth

Solicitors work with clients to prepare documents and information as part of a court case, or provide clients with documentation and advice in their legal matters.

You could start as a Junior Solicitor, then progress to become a Senior Solicitor or General/Legal Counsel.

## Barrister | Very Strong Job Growth

Barristers usually act as advocates for clients in a courtroom setting. They offer specialist advice and work with Solicitors to serve clients.

You could start as a Junior Counsel, then become a Queen's/Senior Counsel or a Judge or Magistrate.

"Lawyer" is a term that encompasses many different kinds of legal professionals, including solicitors, barristers, mediators and judges.

There are many main areas you can

## PRACTICE IN

Business and Finance Law

Criminal Law

Family Law

Litigation

Property Law

Intellectual Property Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution

## THE LAW PROFESSION

For millennia, people have lived together peacefully thanks to rules and law. Law has a long-stretching history in civilisations across the world.

In Australia, our legal system is based on the system brought over from the UK during colonisation, and still shares many similarities with it today. Australia has a robust legal system with opportunities for careers in several different areas of law.

You could become a solicitor and practice law in a firm or business, advising clients on a variety of legal matters, or a barrister and represent clients in the courtroom.



As society evolves, the law does too. Some recent significant legal changes include native title and same-sex marriage, and even now with COVID-19, we are seeing the evolution of the legal system as courts move online.

As a lawyer, you could expect to find yourself:

- listening to client's problems
- providing legal advice
- discussing their options
- taking instructions about what they want to do
- helping them to understand how the law applies to their case
- explaining the limitations of the law
- representing clients in court

You'll be required to complete mandatory continuing professional development each year to maintain your practising certificate (varies between states).

## You could work in a range of

## LOCATIONS



Lawyers are needed right across Australia



Opportunity to work from home or online



Rural and remote opportunities exist

As a Lawyer, you could find yourself working in a private practice, in-house or in a government role.

Generally, there is high demand for Lawyers across all states, but the demand is highest in New South Wales.

In remote and regional areas there is a high demand for Lawyers, as many communities don't have access to legal practitioners. If you're considering a career in law you could find applications for roles in these locations less competitive.

Remote and regional areas generally don't have many specialist lawyers, so your chance of exposure to many varied issues is far greater. Law is a highly competitive industry to get into.

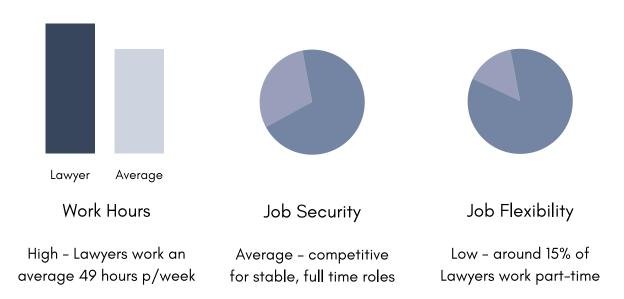
Once you have graduated and registered, you may consider applying for internships and even voluntary roles in order to gain experience and do some valuable networking.

Admission to practise in law is regulated by the states so you'll need to check the requirements.

Once you've been admitted, individual employers can determine your working conditions and you'll be free to negotiate salary and conditions.

## Very high

## LIFESTYLE IMPACT



As a Law Graduate, you should expect to have lots of competition for job openings in your preferred field, and you'll have to remain passionate and competitive if you'd like to progress.

Lawyers are required to do lots of reading, research, and paperwork. You'll often be expected to work overtime hours, which includes evening and weekend working. You'll need to remain professional when dealing with emotional and gruelling clients and cases, changing some people's lives and disappointing others.

On the flip side, law can be highly rewarding and can be considered a prestigious career.

Do you	u think you could handle the impact on your lifestyle?
	Yes, sounds like it would suit me
	No, I'm not so sure this is sounding like me

## SALARY

Law graduates make an average of \$63,200 in their first year, and have a high earning capacity over their lifetime. Lawyers have the potential to earn far higher than average salaries.

The average salary of a lawyer by state:



Does this meet your earning expectations?

This salary sounds good to me

No, I'd like to earn more

## SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES



Research skills

Expect lots of reading and research



Public speaking

Speak in front of groups and lead teams



Great with people

Support clients and negotiate solutions

Circle the attributes you feel you have:

Decisive

Confident

Critical judgement

Excellent communicator

Persistent

Can function under pressure

Analytical

Observant

Persuasive negotiator

Creative

Can think on your feet

Team player

How many did you circle?

0 to 3 - you may not be a good fit4 to 6 - there could be potential

7 and up - sounds like you could make a great lawyer

## **WORK STYLES**

We all have different preferences for how we work and learn. Some of us like to gather all the information in the one place before we start making decisions, others like to get started and adjust along the way.

Each work environment is also unique, and suits different types of work styles. If you work in an environment which requires you to operate your non-preferred work style, you could find yourself swimming upstream.

Most of us have a preference for one type of work or another – circle the style which resonates with you:



Active
Learn by 'doing'

or

Reflective
Think things through





Sensing
Practical, fact-based

or

Intuitive
Innovation and testing





Visual
Diagrams, images

or

Verbal
Listen and talk





or

Global
Bigger picture



### **Active or Reflective**

Active people like to jump right into the task at hand, but reflective people like to think things through first.

Lawyers often spend time researching and informing themselves in advance, but when working with clients or in the courtroom unexpected events and changes happen. If you're the kind of person who likes to take their time making decisions, you could find yourself under pressure.

## Sensing or Intuitive

Sensing people like to follow the plan and stick to facts, and thrive in a predictable environment. Legal situations can be unpredictable, but your patience, listening and mediation skills could help you to remain in control of proceedings.

Intuitive people like to innovate and try things out, and can get bored doing the same job twice. Lawyers will often have many repetitive jobs and tasks which could be challenging if you like to change things up. You could consider becoming a Barrister, as life in the court room could be a better fit.

### Visual or Verbal

Writing contracts, researching and arguing cases, negotiating deals and agreements all require excellent communication skills, meaning verbal learners could thrive as a lawyer.

Visual learners may struggle more with some aspects of law but they tend to be great problem solvers with great listening and observational skills.

## **Sequential or Global**

Sequential people like to follow steps one at a time, which can be good when you're getting through cases, but global people can see the bigger picture. If you're a sequential person (and most of us are to some degree), you will excel in working out the smaller details of a case.

Global people can sometimes struggle with the details, so if you're going to become a lawyer you'll need to be comfortable slowing down and going through the steps when your clients need you to.

## DAILY ACTIVITIES

Circle the activities that you think you would enjoy doing:

Teamwork	Group c	liscussions
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	Working to a	schedule	Wor	king indoors
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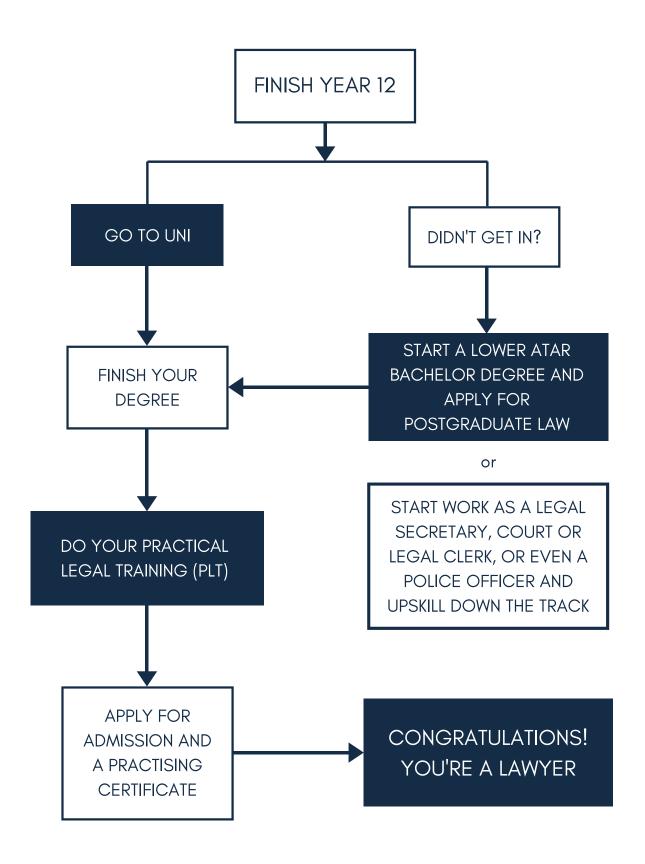
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To consider becoming a lawyer, you need to be ok with a majority of these activities.

## LAW PATHWAYS



## YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

In Australia, the law degree you complete must be accredited by your State or Territory's Legal Profession Admission Board for you to be eligible to practice law once you finish.

Accredited courses cover the "Priestley 11" subjects, which give students an overview of some of the essential areas of law:

- Administrative Law
- Civil Dispute Resolution
- Company Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Equity (including Trusts)
- Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- Evidence
- Federal and State Constitutional Law
- Property
- Torts

Note: Only accredited undergraduate courses are included in this guide. Combined and postgraduate entry degrees are not listed.

Before you commit to any course you should always double check your eligibility, whether the course is accredited and that the above subjects are covered in the core units.

As a Year 12 student you have options:

**The first**, most obvious, and possibly most competitive option is to commence one of the Undergraduate Bachelor degrees once you finish School. They could take 3–5 years to complete.

**Double or nothing:** consider a double or combined degree. You could graduate with two degrees in 5 years, with a broader range of knowledge and skills.

This could make you a more competitive candidate for employment, as well as opening up more career options.

**The second pathway** – complete an undergraduate degree in another field, then meet the requirements and apply for admission to a postgraduate Law degree.

You might need to sit the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test), and many programs have strict prerequisites and performance standards.

An added benefit of this pathway is that the range of legal careers is huge, and you may find something else you prefer along the way. Mediation, politics, social justice and advocacy are just some of the fields you could choose to pursue.

## BE COMPETITIVE

### Subject selection

In Year 11 and 12 choosing ATAR English (advanced or higher options preferably), English literature, History, Politics, and of course Law could help you meet the eligibility requirements for your preferred courses.

Having prior knowledge from these subjects could also help you maintain a higher GPA (Grade Point Average). That could both help you apply for postgraduate opportunities and be more appealing to employers.

## Keep your conduct and records impeccable

To be successfully admitted into Law, you'll need to be a "fit and proper person".

Your character will be scrutinised and you'll have to declare any criminal, academic or general misconduct. It's worth bearing in mind even at high school, so your future as a lawyer isn't jeopardised.



## Get relevant experience and knowledge

Find out if Law is a career for you.

Get a feel for the language and overall environment, while building on your skills and knowledge – it could make you a more appealing applicant to the university law schools, as well as to potential employers.

## Consider advanced postgraduate studies

Taking time to complete an Honours degree (usually an additional year), post-graduate certificates, or even a Masters degree (LLM), could really boost your confidence and elevate your resume to the next level.

## PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING

Finishing your degree is just the first step towards being able to practice as a lawyer.

After you finish your degree, you will then be required to undertake between 6 and 12 months of Practical Legal Training (PLT). The form and length of PLT can differ depending on the requirements in your state.

There are three main kinds of PLT:

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
- Supervised Legal Training (in QLD and VIC)
- Clerkship (WA) or other traineeship

### **Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice**

A Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) is usually a 6 to 12 month course that combines coursework with practical work placements.

To apply for most GDLPs, you'll need to have finished your undergraduate degree first. Occasionally you can commence your GDLPs before graduating. You'll have to check with each provider individually.

The following institutions currently offer a GDLP or equivalent:

- UTS
- University of Newcastle
- UNSW
- Bond University
- QUT

**Supervised Legal Training** 

Supervised Legal Training (SLT) is a 12month traineeship with a legal practitioner. Instead of continuing studies, you will receive training from a mentor. You'll be classed as an employee of a firm and get paid. This kind of training is only available in Victoria and Queensland.

#### **Articles of Clerkship**

Similar to SLT, your work placement under a supervisor conforms to set standards. Only around 50 applications a year are received for this method of PLT in WA, so it's becoming increasingly uncommon.

#### Judges' Associate

The Federal Court of Australia, Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia offer a few places annually to recent law graduates to work as a Judges' Associate.

positions are prestigious competitive, and only a few are offered each year (and are not an option in all states).

- University of Adelaide
- Curtin University
- UTAS
- The College of Law
- Leo Cussen Centre for Law

### Understanding the post-degree

## **ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

There are some differences in the admission process between states, but the main process is the same across Australia.

Firstly, you must send in your application to the relevant body (such as the Legal Profession Admission Board in New South Wales, or your state or territory's Supreme Court). They will ensure that you have completed the relevant study and training to be admitted, and may also require references.

This is where they will assess whether you are "fit to practice" law. They may look at things like your student record (including any academic misconduct), criminal history, driving record, or whether you have any outstanding debts.

You must disclose anything that may affect your application. Note, however, that having any negative history does not necessarily mean you can never be admitted to practice.

If your application is successful, you will then be invited to attend an admission ceremony, which is usually held in your state or territory's Supreme Court. Your admission will be "moved" by someone who is currently admitted for practice, and you will then be asked to take an oath.

After the ceremony, you will sign the Supreme Court Role, and are now officially a lawyer.



Read more about the admissions process in your state or territory:

## **NEW SOUTH WALES**

Apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for a compliance certificate.

To apply you must:

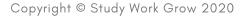
- be aged 18 years or over; and
- not be already admitted to the Australian legal profession; and
- have attained the specified academic qualifications prerequisite; and
- · have satisfactorily completed the specified practical legal training prerequisite; and
- be a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Australian legal profession

You'll need to submit a completed application and all the required documentation and evidence including evidence of your qualification, PLT, your personal statement and two character references.

Undertake a compulsory police check.

Pay the fee.

If approved, attend an admission ceremony at the Supreme Court to take an oath of office or make an affirmation of office, and to sign the Supreme Court Roll



## VICTORIA

File an application with the Victorian Legal Admissions Board.

To apply you must:

- Be aged 18 years or over
- Not already be admitted to the Australian legal profession
- Have attained the specified academic qualifications prerequisite
- · Have satisfactorily completed the specified practical legal training prerequisite
- Be a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Australian legal profession

You must also lodge a completed Application for Compliance Certificate form including:

- Academic transcript
- Student Conduct Report from your uni and PLT provider
- A National Police Certificate
- Two character statements
- A disclosure statement and capacity disclosure statutory declaration if required
- Photo ID

Pay your fees.

If approved, you'll need to take an oath of office, or make an affirmation of office, in the form required by the Supreme Court.

## QUEENSLAND

Apply to the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board.

To apply you must:

- Have complete approved law qualifications
- Have undertaken approved practical legal training via a practical legal training course or Supervised Traineeship at a firm
- Be able to satisfy the Admissions Board and the Court of their fitness to practise

Submit your completed application and any required supporting documentation or evidence.

Pay the fee.

If approved, you'll need to attend an admission ceremony at the Court of Appeal in Brisbane or at a Supreme Court in regional areas and carry out an oath or affirmation of allegiance. You'll then be admitted to the Roll of Lawyers.

Before you can start practising, you'll also need to apply for a practising certificate.

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

File an originating application for admission to law with the ACT Supreme Court. You must file your application at least 21 days before the admission day. You'll need to file your application in person if you live in the ACT.

Include any relevant supporting documentation or evidence with your application, such as:

- A personal affidavit including full disclosure
- Three character affidavits

#### Pay the fee

If your application is approved, you'll need to attend a ceremony, agree to the terms of the ceremony and make an oath or an affirmation.

Apply to the Law Society of the ACT for a practising certificate to become a solicitor or undertake further study to become a barrister at the private bar.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

File an originating application with the Law Society of South Australia.

To apply you must:

- Have completed an approved academic qualification
- Have completed the required PLT
- Be of fit and proper character

Provide any required documentation when you submit your completed application to the Board of Examiners for its report and recommendation. This may include an affidavit or statutory declaration.

Pay the fee.

If the report recommends admission, the Supreme Court will list your application for hearing, which you must attend in person.

If you are approved, you'll sign the Roll of Practitioners and become a Barrister or Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

You'll then need to apply to the society for a practising certificate before you can start working in legal practice.



## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Apply through the Legal Practising Board of Western Australia.

To apply you must:

- Have completed academic requirements
- Have completed the PLT requirements
- Be a fit and proper person
- Satisfy English Language Proficiency Requirements

File a Motion Paper with the Supreme Court at least 2 months before your proposed admission date. Within 2 days of filing your Motion Paper you must also file a Notice of Application for Admission, including supporting documents such as:

- Police Certificate
- Evidence of academic qualifications and PLT

If approved, you'll have to attend a ceremony at the Supreme Court, then apply for a practising certificate before you can start working.

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Apply through Legal Practitioners Admission Board for admission to the Supreme Court.

You must be eligible (completed required approved academic qualifications and approved PLT) and suitable for admission. You must provide the following along with your completed application:

- Academic certification
- PLT certification
- A personal full disclosure affidavit to determine your suitability
- English proficiency
- A National criminal history check through SAFE NT
- Two character references

You will also need to apply to the Law Society NT for a practising certificate.

## **TASMANIA**

Apply to the Supreme Court of Tasmania for admission to the legal profession.

To apply you must:

- Have appropriate academic qualifications
- Have appropriate practical legal training
- Have proof you are a fit and proper person for admission

You'll need to submit a completed application with all the appropriate supporting documentation and evidence, such as a full disclosure statement about your suitability for admission, character statements, etc.

Pay any fees.

If you are approved, you'll need to attend a ceremony at the Supreme Court and sign the Roll of Practitioners.

You'll then need to apply to the Law Society of Tasmania for a practising certificate.



## CREATING A PLAN B

So, you may want to consider something other than Legal Studies if there's something else you're interested in.

Luckily, many Graduate Law Programs (i.e. ones you can only get into once you already have a degree) don't put limits on the type of degree you can have. Which means that you could apply with a Bachelor of Arts, Nursing, Engineering, Accounting, or IT.

It could be wise for your Plan B to include career options other than 'lawyer', in case you don't get into an accredited law course, or you change your mind during your uni studies.

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You can still achieve your goal of a career in law if you miss out in the first round of offers, so don't give up.

Research alternative pathways with each uni, and look around at all the degrees on offer. They'll have different eligibility criteria, e.g. lower ATAR requirements.

A Bachelor of Legal Studies is one alternative to Law. It's also a competitive pathway, as other highly talented students who also just missed out on law often apply. Bear in mind this could make it harder to get a good GPA, which in turn could make it more challenging to get into a Graduate Law Program.





## UNDERGRAD LAW PROGRAMS

NEW SOUTH WALES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QUEENSLAND

VICTORIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NORTHERN TERRITORY

TASMANIA

These programs are designed for school-leavers and will give you the skills and knowledge you need to become an lawyer.

As long as you meet all your degree requirements (i.e. you don't fail), you'll graduate able to start your PLT and become a lawyer.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

**70**MIN ATAR

#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC, VTAC or QTAC by close of applications.

4 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

NSW: English (Standard) (Band 3) or EAL (Band 4)

QLD: English (4, SA) at year 12 level

VIC: Units 3 and 4 – a study score 30+ in EAL or 25 in

any other English

## FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

Work experience is included in the course, but PLT must be done separately.

## \$14,496 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Alternative Entry is available to the Bachelor of Laws through ACU's Passion 4 Law Program.

# BLACKTOWN BRISBANE MELBOURNE SYDNEY

## CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

80 MIN ATAR

#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC or VTAC by close of applications.

3 YEARS

**FULL-TIME** 

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Minimum CSU English Language Proficiency Requirements apply.

## PART-TIME FLEXIBLE

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships <u>here</u>.

### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Alternative entry is available to the Bachelor of Laws through the Indigenous Access Program.

### FIND OUT MORE

# ONLINE WITH RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

## MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

96 MIN ATAR

#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC by close of applications.

## 4 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

All applicants for undergraduate coursework studies at Macquarie University are required to provide evidence of proficiency in English.

## FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Use the Macquarie Entry Navigator to discover the pathways available to you.

## **NORTH RYDE**

## SOUTHERN **CROSS** UNIVERSITY

BACHFLOR OF LAWS



#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply directly to SCU by close of applications.

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#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

## **FULL-TIME PART-TIME**

#### INTEGRATED PLT

You can undertake a practical placement as part of your studies, but PLT must be done separately.

## **\$14,500**

PER YEAR CSP **INDICATIVE FEE 2021** 

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Alternative Entry may be available through STAR Early Offer or SCU Head Start.

## **FIND OUT MORE**

## **GOLD COAST LISMORE ONLINE**

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90 MIN ATAR

#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC by close of applications.

3 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Any 2 units of English.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

## FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## \$14,496 PER YEAR CSP

**INDICATIVE FEE 2021** 

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Students in another award may apply for admission into this course on successful completion of at least 4 units of study with a minimum GPA of 5.1.

## ARMIDALE ONLINE

## UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) COMBINED

**92**MIN ATAR

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply through UAC by close of applications.

## 5 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

## FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### INTEGRATED PLT

You can choose to undertake the <u>Diploma of Legal</u> <u>Practice</u> as part of your studies, fulfilling the PLT requirement.

## \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

You can apply through the Year 12 Subject Spotlight Early Offer Program or the Indigenous Early Entry Scheme.

## FIND OUT MORE

NEWCASTLE CITY

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

BACHELOR OF LAWS DOUBLE DEGREE **88.15**MIN ATAR (2020)

#### HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC by close of applications.

## 5 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

All domestic applicants who wish to study an undergraduate Law double degree at UNSW need to sit the <u>Law Admission Test (LAT)</u>.

## FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# PEE WILL DEPEND ON WHICH COMBINED COURSE YOU CHOOSE

**KENSINGTON** 

#### **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Indigenous students undertaking the Pre-Law Program are not required to sit the LAT.

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90 MIN ATAR

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply directly to Notre Dame.

# YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Recommended ATAR Subjects: English or English Literature, History, Politics & Law, and/or LOTE. You must also answer three questions upon application.

## FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## \$16,720 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Notre Dame also offer combined or double law degrees and a 3-year graduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

## **SYDNEY**

# UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

BACHELOR OF LAWS AND BACHELOR OF ARTS

99.5 MIN ATAR

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply through UAC before close of applications.

You can also study a Bachelor of Laws combined with Commerce, Economics, Science or Engineering Honours.

# 5 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

English

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

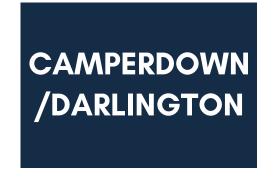
Apply through the Dalyell Scholars Program.

You can also apply to transfer into the BA/LLB after your first year of tertiary study in a different program.

Or complete an undergraduate degree and apply for graduate entry to the Juris Doctor (3 years).

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# FIND OUT MORE



# UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

96.05
MIN ATAR

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC before close of applications.

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

You can find scholarships here.

INTEGRATED PLT

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws have the option of completing the PLT program within their undergraduate law degree.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

The Jumbunna Pathways Program offers prospective undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students an opportunity to illustrate their capability for higher education via a testing, assessment and interview process.

FIND OUT MORE

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME FLEXIBLE

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

CITY (BROADWAY)

# UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90 MIN ATAR

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through UAC before close of applications.

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Any 2 Units of English (Advanced recommended).

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

You can find scholarships here.

INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

You can also apply to the Bachelor of Laws at UOW through:

- Access UOW
- Portfolio admission
- Woolyungah Indigenous Centre's Indigenous Admissions Program

UOW also offers a 3-year graduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

FIND OUT MORE

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

WOLLONGONG SW SYDNEY

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS (NON-GRADUATE ENTRY)



4 YEARS

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply directly to Western through their online application portal, or through UAC before close of applications.

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Apply through the HSC True Reward Early Offer Program.

WSU also offers a 3-year graduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

# FIND OUT MORE

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

CAMPBELLTOWN
PARRAMATTA
SOUTH

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

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**HOW TO APPLY** 

Apply directly to ANU through their online application portal, or through UAC before close of applications.

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

As part of your domestic direct application, you need to demonstrate your involvement in activities outside of the classroom, such as sports, volunteering, internships and exchange opportunities.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Admission into the ANU Bachelor of Laws (Honours) is highly competitive with entry reserved for undergraduate applicants only.

# FIND OUT MORE

96 MIN ATAR

> 4 YEARS

> > FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

**BRUCE** 

# UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

BACHELOR OF LAWS

85 MIN ATAR

# **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply through UAC before close of applications, or direct to UC.

4 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### INTEGRATED PLT

Through a program offered in conjunction with the College of Law, students may (in their final year of the Bachelor of Laws at UC) begin their Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice course that qualifies for them for admission.



# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Apply for early entry through the UC Fast Forward Program in year 11.

# **BRUCE**

# FIND OUT MORE

# BOND UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

85 MIN ATAR

# **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply directly to Bond.

Annual admissions to the undergraduate Bachelor of Laws at Bond are capped at 180.

2.8 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships <u>here</u>.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$31,120 PER YEAR INDICATIVE FEE 2021

#### **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

To ensure students are not disadvantaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, current Year 12 students can be assessed now for a guaranteed offer for 2021 entry conditional on the completion of Year 12.

# FIND OUT MORE

GOLD COAST BLENDED

# CENTRAL QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through QTAC, UAC, VTAC or SATAC, or direct to CQUni in WA.

3 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

English, Queensland Year 12 (4, SA) or equivalent.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME FLEXIBLE

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

CQUni have a wide range of options and pathways for students that are disadvantaged or identify as Indigenous.

# **ONLINE**

# FIND OUT MORE

# GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

83.65
MIN ATAR

# **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply through QTAC before close of applications.

4 YEARS

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

General English (Units 3 & 4, C).

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500

PER YEAR CSP
INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

If you do not meet the minimum entry requirements, you can complete at least 1 year of full time undergraduate study with a minimum overall GPA 4.0 and transfer into the Bachelor of Laws.

# FIND OUT MORE

GOLD COAST NATHAN

# JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

75.7
MIN ATAR

# **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply through QTAC before close of applications.

3 YEARS

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

English (Units 3/4, C).

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

JCU offers pathway courses to help you move into a degree. Pathway courses provide you with an individualised study plan and specialised support as you transition to university.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# FIND OUT MORE

CAIRNS TOWNSVILLE ONLINE

# QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

**HOW TO APPLY** 

Apply through QTAC before close of applications.

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

English (Units 3 & 4, C).

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

You can find scholarships here.

INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

**ALTERNATIVE ENTRY** 

If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, you may be eligible for admission through QUT's Centralised Assessment Selection Process (CASP).

FIND OUT MORE

87 MIN ATAR

YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

GARDENS
POINT
ONLINE

# UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

98 MIN ATAR

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply through QTAC before close of applications.

# YEARS

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent) General English subject (Units 3 & 4, C).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500

PER YEAR CSP
INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

If you're from an educationally disadvantaged or culturally diverse background, UQ's Undergraduate Law Admission Scheme may help you gain entry to their law programs.

# FIND OUT MORE

ST LUCIA

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

BACHELOR OF LAWS

MIN ATAR

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through QTAC before close of applications.

3 YEARS

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

English (Units 3 & 4, SA).

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

You can find scholarships here.

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

\$14,500

PER YEAR CSP
INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

If you identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent you may be eligible to enter the Indigenous Higher Education (IHEPP) program.

FIND OUT MORE

TOOWOOMBA IPSWICH ONLINE

# UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

BACHELOR OF LAWS

75.7
MIN ATAR

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply through QTAC before close of applications.

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

English (Units 3 & 4, C).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) is for applicants whose ATAR doesn't meet entry requirements.

Indigenous Direct Entry Scheme (IDEAS) eligible applicants may receive direct entry based on their potential to succeed (ATAR not required).

# FIND OUT MORE

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

SUNSHINE COAST BLENDED

# DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

**84.2**MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through VTAC before close of applications.

\*Min ATAR 84.2 applies to Waterfront Campus Min ATAR for Burwood Campus is 90.05 4 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500

PER YEAR CSP
INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Special entry access schemes (SEAS) enable Deakin to consider disadvantaged circumstances you may have experienced and the impact upon your studies.

# FIND OUT MORE

BURWOOD WATERFRONT ONLINE

# LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90.1 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through VTAC before close of applications.

# 4 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME FLEXIBLE

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500

PER YEAR CSP
INDICATIVE FEE 2021

## ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

If you're applying through VTAC, you can complete a SEAS application as a part of your online application.

# FIND OUT MORE

MELBOURNE BENDIGO

# MONASH UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

93.6
MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through VTAC before close of applications.

4 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English other than EAL.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

## **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

If you're applying through VTAC, you can complete a SEAS application as a part of your online application.

# **CLAYTON**

# FIND OUT MORE

# SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

85 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through VTAC before close of applications.

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# INTEGRATED PLT

As a Swinburne law student you can choose to take part in a dual award program with Leo Cussen Centre for Law. This makes it possible to study your LLB at Swinburne while also completing Practical Legal Training (the Swinburne program) at Leo Cussen.

## **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

You may be able to progress from another course at Swinburne to this course.

Swinburne also offers a 3-year graduate entry Law degree.

# FIND OUT MORE

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

HAWTHORN BLENDED

# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

80.75
MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through VTAC before close of applications.

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

#### INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

VU's special admission programs cover a range of access and equity schemes that allow applicants from participating schools or disadvantaged social, economic or cultural environments to receive additional consideration.

You are guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Laws if you have successfully completed the Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice

# **FIND OUT MORE**

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

**CITY QUEEN** 

# CURTIN UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through TISC before close of applications.

# 3 YEARS

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships <u>here</u>.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Successful StepUp Entry and StepUp Equity Adjustment Admission Pathway (StepUp Bonus) applicants will be eligible to be considered for admission into this course.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# FIND OUT MORE

PERTH

# EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

85 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through TISC before close of applications.

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Year 12 English ATAR/English Literature ATAR grade C or better or equivalent.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

If your ATAR doesn't meet the indicative or guaranteed requirements, you could still gain admission through the following:

- AQF Advanced Diploma or equivalent
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test
- University Preparation Course
- Indigenous University Orientation Course
- Aboriginal Student Intake Test
- Associate Degree.

# FIND OUT MORE

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

JOONDALUP ONLINE

# MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through TISC before close of applications.

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Scaled mark of 50 or higher in one of the following:

- English ATAR
- Literature ATAR
- English as an Additional Dialect (EALD) ATAR

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

Students who do not achieve an ATAR score or 90 Selection Rank, but excel in one or more ATAR classes may be eligible for Law Start as a Pathway into Law.

# FIND OUT MORE

YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME FLEXIBLE

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

PERTH

# UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

3 + 3 PATHWAY TO LAW

96 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through TISC before close of applications to Arts, Biomedical Science, Commerce, Science, or Philosophy [Honours] Direct Pathway course.

Completion of a UWA bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 5.5 will provide entry into the Juris Doctor.

# **6–7**YEARS (UG + PG)

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Completed English ATAR/Literature ATAR or EALD ATAR or equivalent with a final scaled score of 50 or higher.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021 (UG ONLY)

# **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

There are multiple pathways to undergraduate study at UWA for Indigenous, disadvantaged and first in family students.

# **PERTH**

# FIND OUT MORE

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

BACHELOR OF LAWS

90 MIN ATAR

# **HOW TO APPLY**

Apply directly to Notre Dame.

# 4 YEARS

#### SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Recommended ATAR Subjects: English or English Literature, History, Politics & Law, and/or LOTE. You must also answer three questions upon application.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# \$16,720

PER YEAR CSP
INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Notre Dame also offer combined or double law degrees and a 3-year graduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

# FIND OUT MORE

**FREMANTLE** 

# FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS AND LEGAL PRACTICE

90 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through SATAC before close of applications.

# YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

# INTEGRATED PLT

Qualify to practise law in four years with integrated practical training that gets you work-ready.

#### **ALTERNATIVE ENTRY**

If you have a passion for law but didn't gain entry into the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice at Flinders, the Bachelor of Law and Society (Law Pathway) is available to give you a foot in the door.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# FIND OUT MORE

BEDFORD PARK

# UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

BACHELOR OF LAWS

80 MIN ATAR

# HOW TO APPLY

Apply through SATAC before close of applications.

# 4 YEARS

## SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

# INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

## ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is recognised as an alternative entry pathway.

Indigenous applicants may be eligible for entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# FIND OUT MORE

NORTH TERRACE

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)

**HOW TO APPLY** 

Apply through SATAC before close of applications.

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

You can find scholarships here.

INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

An alternative entry option is available through the Foundation Studies program with UniSA College subject to Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements. You may also be considered for entry through the Diploma of Business program with UniSA College. A competitive GPA is required.

FIND OUT MORE

90 MIN ATAR

4 YEARS

FULL-TIME PART-TIME

\$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

**CITY WEST** 

# CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LAWS

80 MIN ATAR

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply through SATAC before close of applications.

3 YEARS

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

For domestic students who don't meet course entry requirements, or need a hand to get into the swing of study, CDU offers a free Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP), or Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS) for Indigenous students.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **FIND OUT MORE**

DARWIN ONLINE

# UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

BACHELOR OF LAWS

80 MIN ATAR

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply direct to UTAS before close of applications.

**3.5**YEARS

# SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

None specified.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

You can find scholarships here.

# FULL-TIME PART-TIME

## INTEGRATED PLT

There is no integrated PLT option in this course.

#### ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Students who do not receive an offer for the Bachelor of Laws are encouraged to enrol in the UTAS Bachelor of Arts or other Bachelor's degree with an elective component such as the Bachelor of Business or Bachelor of Science and complete 50 credit points.

# \$14,500 PER YEAR CSP INDICATIVE FEE 2021

# **FIND OUT MORE**

HOBART

# STUDY WORK GROW

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We've created this Handbook to help make the process a little bit easier, but we are all unique and your circumstances may be different, so we recommend doing your own research before starting your application.

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We wish all students the best of luck with their applications, and best wishes for an exciting and fulfilling career.



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