

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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Current students
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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. USQ 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, via distance education/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

Students have a maximum of 10 years to complete this program.

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:

Course	Semester/mode of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester/mode of offer Springfield campus
LAW1111 Australian Legal System	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)
LAW1114 Law in Context	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW2201 Contract A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW1123 Contract B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW1124 Torts B	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW2204 Torts B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW3423 The Criminal Courts – Practice and Sentencing	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW1122 Dispute Management	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW3311 Company Law	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW2211 Constitutional Law	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW2221 Administrative Law	S2 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW3461 Principles of Public Law	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW3204 Property Law B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW2212 Equity	S1 (ONC, EXT), (S1 (ONC)
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW3321 Evidence	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW3322 Civil Procedure	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW2224 Theories of Law	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics	S1 (ONC, EXT), (S3 EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW4401 Capstone Research Project *	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)

Footnotes

* Students are expected to have completed at least 16 core law courses before enrolling in LAW4401. It is also highly recommended that this course be taken in the last semester of the student's enrolment in the program.

Electives/Approved courses

The following law electives have been approved for the Bachelor of Laws:

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus
ECO3033 Law and Economics	3		
ENL3007 Law and Literature	1	1	

LAW2107 Environmental Law	1		1
LAW2222 Public International Law	2	2	2
LAW3110 Insolvency and Restructuring Law	2		
LAW3130 Revenue Law and Practice A	1, 2, 3	1	1
LAW3131 Revenue Law and Practice B	2		
LAW3404 Financial Service Law	1		
LAW3405 Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Law	3		
LAW3406 Intellectual Property Law	3		
LAW3421 Family Law	2	2	
LAW3422 Succession Law	3		
LAW3424 Land Contracts	2		
LAW3441 Energy and Resources Law	2		
LAW3444 Competition and Consumer Law	1		1
LAW3463 Private International Law	2		
LAW3464 International Trade Law	1		
LAW3465 Comparative Law	1	1	
LAW3466 Moot Court Bench	1		1
LAW3467 Health Law	1	1	
LAW3468 Regional and Rural Legal Practice	2	2	
LAW3469 Australian Criminal Codes	1	1	
LAW3470 Principles of Public Law	2	2	
LAW3471 Criminology	1	1	1
LAW3473 Construction Law	1	1	1
LAW3476 Privacy and Data Protection Law	1		

LAW3481 Law, Technology and Your Future	2		2
PWE3000 Professional Work Experience ^{~^}	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 Accounting for Decision-Making](#) 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 USQ 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 elective law courses studied in, or transferred to, the program. The minimum levels of achievement normally required for each class of honours are shown in the following table.

To be awarded a particular class of honours, students must meet the GPA requirements for all of the core and law elective courses studied or for the last 16 core and law electives studied or for the last 8 core and law elective courses studied.

Class of Honours	GPA calculated from the grades achieved in:			Minimum grade achieved in Capstone Research Project course
	All law courses studied	The last 16 law courses studied	The last eight law courses studied	
First Class Honours	6.0	6.2	6.5	A
Second Class Honours — Division A	5.5	5.7	5.9	B
Second Class Honours — Division B	5.0	5.1	5.3	C
Minimum number of courses required	20	16	8	

Recommended enrolment patterns

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

The flexibility of this program, particularly for the distance learning students means that there will be a range of enrolment patterns and many distance learning students will have a unique enrolment pattern. Students requiring assistance should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba and Springfield on-campus and Toowoomba external (standard semester 1 intake)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

It is highly recommended that students complete non-law electives before law electives.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW1111 Australian Legal System	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BBLA or BBBL or BCLW or BCLA or LLBP or BALW or BABL or BART or BEDU or BSED Enrolment is not permitted in LAW1111 if LAW1201 or LAW1101 or LAW1500 has been previously completed
LAW2201 Contract A	1	1	1	1			
LAW1124 Torts B	1	1	2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
Non-law elective	1	1	2	1			
LAW1114 Law in Context	1	2	1	2			
LAW1123 Contract B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
LAW2204 Torts B	1	2	2	2			
Non-law elective	1	2	2	2			
LAW2212 Equity	2	1	3	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1123

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure	2	1	3	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A	2	1	4	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1123
Non-law elective	2	1	4	1			
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B	2	2	3	2			Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2213
LAW3423 The Criminal Courts – Practice and Sentencing	2	2	3	2			
LAW3204 Property Law B	2	2	4	2			
Non-law elective	2	2	4	2			
LAW2211 Constitutional Law	3	1	5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: HIS1115
LAW2224 Theories of Law	3	1	5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 and (LAW1114 or HIS1115)
LAW1122 Dispute Management	3	1	6	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112
Non-law/law elective	3	1	6	1			
LAW2221 Administrative Law	3	2	5	2			Pre-requisite: LAW2211
LAW3461 Principles of Public Law	3	2	5	2			
Non-law/law elective	3	2	6	2			
Non-law/law elective	3	2	6	2			
LAW3321 Evidence	4	1	7	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2223
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics	4	1	7	1			Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2224
Law elective	4	1	8	1			
LAW3311 Company Law	4	1	8	1			Pre-requisite: LAW2212
LAW3322 Civil Procedure	4	2	7	2			Pre-requisite: LAW1123 and LAW1124
Law elective	4	2	7	2			
LAW4401 Capstone Research Project *	4	2	8	2			
Law elective	4	2	8	2			

Footnotes

* Students are expected to have completed at least 16 core law courses before enrolling in LAW4401. It is also highly recommended that this course be taken in the last semester of the student's enrolment in the program.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba and Springfield on-campus and Toowoomba external (standard semester 2 intake)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

It is highly recommended that students complete non-law electives before law electives.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW1111 Australian Legal System	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BBLA or BBBL or BCLW or BCLA or LLBP or BALW or BABL or BART or BEDU or BSED Enrolment is not permitted in LAW1111 if LAW1201 or LAW1101 or LAW1500 has been previously completed
LAW1114 Law in Context	1	2	1	2			
Non-law elective	1	2	2	2			

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Non-law elective	1	2	2	2			
LAW2201 Contract A	1	1	1	1			
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
LAW1124 Torts B	1	1	2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
Non-law elective	1	1	2	1			
LAW1123 Contract B	2	2	3	2			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
LAW3423 The Criminal Courts – Practice and Sentencing	2	2	3	2			
LAW2204 Torts B	2	2	4	2			
Non-law elective	2	2	4	2			
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A	2	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1123
LAW2211 Constitutional Law	2	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: HIS1115
LAW2212 Equity	2	1	4	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1123
LAW1122 Dispute Management	2	1	4	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112
LAW3204 Property Law B	3	2	5	2			
LAW2221 Administrative Law	3	2	5	2			Pre-requisite: LAW2211
LAW3461 Principles of Public Law	3	2	6	2			
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B	3	2	6	2			Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2213
LAW3311 Company Law	3	1	5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW2212
LAW2224 Theories of Law	3	1	5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 and (LAW1114 or HIS1115)
Non-law/law elective	3	1	6	1			
Non-law/law elective	3	1	6	1			
LAW3322 Civil Procedure	4	2	7	2			Pre-requisite: LAW1123 and LAW1124
LAW4401 Capstone Research Project*	4	2	7	2			
Non-law/law elective	4	2	8	2			
Law elective	4	2	8	2			
LAW3321 Evidence	4	1	7	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2223
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics	4	1	7	1			Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2224
Law elective	4	1	8	1			
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Recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba external (3 courses per semester)

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It is highly recommended that students complete non-law electives before law electives.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW1111 Australian Legal System			1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BBLA or BBBL or BCLW or BCLA or LLBP or BALW or BABL or BART or BEDU or BSED Enrolment is not permitted in LAW1111 if LAW1201 or LAW1101 or LAW1500 has been previously completed
LAW2201 Contract A			1	1			
Non-law elective			1	1			
Non-law elective			1	2			
LAW1114 Law in Context			1	2			
LAW1123 Contract B			1	2			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
LAW1124 Torts B			2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure			2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
Non-law elective			2	1			
Non-law elective			2	2			
LAW2204 Torts B			2	2			
Non-law/law elective			2	2			
LAW1122 Dispute Management			3	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A			3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1123
Non-law/law elective			3	1			
LAW3204 Property Law B			3	2			
Non-law/law elective			3	2			
Law elective			3	2			
LAW2211 Constitutional Law			4	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: HIS1115
LAW2212 Equity			4	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1123
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics			4	1			Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2224
LAW2221 Administrative Law			4	2			Pre-requisite: LAW2211
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B			4	2			Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2213
LAW3423 The Criminal Courts – Practice and Sentencing			4	2			
LAW3321 Evidence			5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2223
LAW2224 Theories of Law			5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 and (LAW1114 or HIS1115)
LAW3311 Company Law			5	1			Pre-requisite: LAW2212
LAW3461 Principles of Public Law			5	2			
LAW3322 Civil Procedure			5	2			Pre-requisite: LAW1123 and LAW1124
Law elective			5	2			
Law elective			6	2			
LAW4401 Capstone Research Project *			6	2			

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