

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (BALW) - BA LLB

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 909911; Online: 909915;
Springfield campus: 929911; Ipswich campus: 939911

CRICOS code (International applicants): 075196G

This program is currently undergoing internal reaccreditation. This may result in changes to the program for 2022.

	On-campus*	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Ipswich, Springfield, 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:	5 years full-time, up to 10 years part-time	

Notes:

Limited law courses are available in semester 3.

Footnotes

* Not all majors are available on-campus at Springfield.

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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 practise law. USQ does not offer practical legal training, but advice on practical legal training programs can be obtained through [Ask USQ](#).

Program aims

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws double degree aims to produce graduates who meet the aims and objectives of both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Laws. The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws double degree offers students the benefit of exposure to multiple disciplines.

Program objectives

Bachelor of Arts

On successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts, students should be able to:

- productively transfer discipline-based competencies in the Humanities and Social Sciences to further learning and professional contexts
- critically evaluate multiple sources of evidence in developing their own individual viewpoint
- clearly and coherently present ideas and logical arguments in a range of modes that are fit for purpose
- act as responsible, ethical citizens based on respect for diversity of cultures and peoples, both locally and globally
- apply relevant theories to researching, planning, and achieving effective solutions to complex problems
- participate both autonomously and collaboratively in informed debates, discussions and activities to produce new ideas, processes and artefacts.

Bachelor of Laws

On successful completion of the Bachelor of Laws, students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of a coherent body of knowledge that includes the fundamental areas of law, the Australian legal system, and underlying principles and concepts (including international and comparative contexts), the broader contexts within which legal issues arise, and the principles and values of justice and of ethical practice in lawyers' roles
- recognise ethical and justice related issues that are likely to arise in the legal professional context, an understanding of approaches to ethical decision making, and the developing ability to respond appropriately to ethical and justice related issues, and exercise professional judgment
- demonstrate how to identify and formulate legal issues, apply legal reasoning and research to generate appropriate responses to legal problems, engage in critical analysis and make a reasoned choice between alternatives, and think creatively in approaching and generating solutions to legal problems
- demonstrate the intellectual and practical skills needed to identify, research, evaluate and synthesise relevant factual, legal, and policy issues
- use appropriate means, including technology, to engage and communicate effectively and persuasively, both orally and in writing, with lawyers and non lawyers, and to collaborate effectively and constructively with others
- demonstrate the ability to learn and work independently; and reflect on and assess their own capabilities and performance, and seek and make use of feedback as appropriate, to determine personal and professional development needs and achievements.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

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

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **76.35**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- [Assumed knowledge](#) expectations: English (Units 3 & 4, C).

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.

- [^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2021 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

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 Finder](#).

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 Finder](#).

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 Finder](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws double degree comprises 40 units as follows:

Area of study	Number of courses
Arts courses	16 courses (4 x core courses; plus 1 x 12–unit extended major; or 1 x 8–unit major and 1 x 4–unit minor)
Law courses [#]	24 courses (19 core courses; plus 5 law elective courses)

Footnotes

The Legal Studies major is not available to students undertaking the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws double degree.

The structure is set out in the following table:

	All majors	
Arts core	4 courses	Refer to the Arts core course list below.
Arts major/minor	12 courses	1 x 12–unit extended major; or 1 x 8–unit major and 1 x 4–unit minor.
Law core	19 courses	Refer to the Law core course list below.
Law electives	5 courses	Refer to the Law elective course list below.

Required time limits

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

Core courses

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus	Semester of offer Ipswich campus
Arts core courses				
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1, 2, 3	1, 2	1	
HMT1000 A History of Ideas	2	2	2	
HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights	1	1		
ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia	1, 2	1, 2		
Law core courses				
HIS1115 Legal History	1	1		1
LAW1111 Australian Legal System	1, 2, 3	1, 2		1, 2

LAW1112 Legal Writing and Research	1, 2, 3	1, 2		1, 2
LAW1113 Contract and Torts A	1, 2	1		1
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure	2, 3	2		2
LAW1122 Dispute Management	2, 3	2		2
LAW1123 Contract B	2, 3	2		2
LAW1124 Torts B	2, 3	2		2
LAW2211 Constitutional Law	1, 3	1		1
LAW2212 Equity	1, 3	1		1
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A	1	1		1
LAW2221 Administrative Law	2	2		2
LAW2222 Public International Law	2, 3	2		2
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B	2	2		2
LAW2224 Theories of Law	2, 3	2		2
LAW3311 Company Law	1	1		1
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics	1	1		1
LAW3321 Evidence	2	2		2
LAW3322 Civil Procedure	2, 3	2		2

Electives/Approved courses

Choose five of the following Law electives. Some courses are offered biennially.

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus	Semester of offer Ipswich campus
CRI1111 Criminology	1	1	1	1
ECO3033 Law and Economics	1			
ENL3007 Law and Literature	1			

LAW2107 Environmental Law	2			2
LAW3110 Insolvency and Restructuring Law	2			
LAW3130 Revenue Law and Practice A	1, 2, 3	1	1	1
LAW3131 Revenue Law and Practice B	2			
LAW3404 Banking, Finance and Insurance Law [#]				
LAW3405 Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Law	3			
LAW3406 Intellectual Property Law [#]				
LAW3421 Family Law	1	1		
LAW3422 Succession Law	1			
LAW3424 Land Contracts	3			
LAW3441 Energy and Resources Law [#]				
LAW3442 Employment Law [#]				
LAW3444 Competition and Consumer Law	1			
LAW3463 Private International Law [#]				
LAW3464 International Trade Law [#]				
LAW3465 Comparative Law [#]				
LAW3466 Moot Court Bench	1			1
LAW3467 Health Law	2	2		
LAW3468 Regional and Rural Legal Practice [#]				

LAW3469 Australian Criminal Codes #				
LAW3470 Principles of Public Law#				
LAW3472 Local Government Law	3			
LAW3473 Construction Law	1	1		1
LAW3476 Privacy and Data Protection Law	3			
LAW3479 Family Violence and Child Protection Law	2	2		
LAW3481 Law, Technology and Your Future	2			
LAW3482 Law and Religion	3			
LAW3490 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Competition	3			3
LAW3719 Mediation Processes and Skills	3			
PWE3000 Professional Work Experience~^	1, 2, 3			
PWE3001 Learning Integrated Work	2, 3			

Footnotes

not available in 2021

~ 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.

IT requirements

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

Exit points

If students commence the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws double degree and wish to exit with a [Bachelor of Arts](#), then they may do so if they have completed the 4 Arts core courses, the Arts major, 4 Arts electives and 8 Law courses (4 Law courses if the student has completed the 12-unit extended Arts major).

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

For details regarding the award of Honours in the Bachelor of Laws program, please refer to the [Bachelor of Laws \(Honours\)](#).

Recommended enrolment pattern - 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.

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	
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1	1			1	1	Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.
Arts major 1	1	1			1	1	
LAW1111 Australian Legal System	1	1			2	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
LAW1112 Legal Writing and Research	1	1			2	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 LAW1112 if LAW1201 has been previously completed
HMT1000 A History of Ideas	1	2			1	2	
Arts major 2	1	2			1	2	
Arts major 3	1	2			2	2	
Arts major 4	1	2			2	2	
HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights	2	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: HMT1000
HIS1115 Legal History	2	1			3	1	Enrolment is not permitted in HIS1115 if LAW1114 or LAW1202 has been previously completed.
Arts Major 5	2	1			4	1	
LAW1113 Contract and Torts A	2	1			4	1	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
Arts Major 6	2	2			3	2	
Arts Major 7	2	2			3	2	
LAW1123 Contract B	2	2			4	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
LAW1124 Torts B	2	2			4	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia[#]	3	1, 2			5	1, 2	
Arts Major 8	3	1			5	1	
Arts Major 9 (extended) or Arts Minor 1	3	1			6	1	
LAW2212 Equity	3	1			6	1	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1123
Arts Major 10 (extended) or Arts Minor 2	3	2			5	2	
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure	3	2			5	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
Law elective 1	3	2			6	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	
LAW1122 Dispute Management	3	2			6	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112
LAW2211 Constitutional Law	4	1			7	1	Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: HIS1115
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A	4	1			7	1	Pre-requisite: LAW1123
Arts Major 11 (extended) or Arts Minor 3	4	1			8	1	
Law elective 2	4	1			8	1	
LAW2221 Administrative Law	4	2			7	2	Pre-requisite: LAW2211
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B	4	2			7	2	Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2213
LAW2222 Public International Law	4	2			8	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2211
LAW2224 Theories of Law	4	2			8	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 and (LAW1114 or HIS1115)
Law elective 3	5	1			9	1	
Law elective 4	5	1			9	1	
LAW3311 Company Law	5	1			10	1	Pre-requisite: LAW2212
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics	5	1			10	1	Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2224
LAW3322 Civil Procedure	5	2			9	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1123 and LAW1124
LAW3321 Evidence	5	2			9	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2223
Arts Major 12 (extended) or Arts Minor 4	5	2			10	2	
Law elective 5	5	2			10	2	

Footnotes

[ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia](#) is not available at Springfield campus.

Recommended enrolment pattern - 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.

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
LAW1112 Legal Writing and Research	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 LAW1112 if LAW1201 has been previously completed
HMT1000 A History of Ideas	1	2			2	2	
Arts major 1	1	2			2	2	
HIS1115 Legal History	1	1			1	1	Enrolment is not permitted in HIS1115 if LAW1114 or LAW1202 has been previously completed.
CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship	1	1			1	1	Enrolment is not permitted in CMS1000 if MGT1200 has been previously completed.

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	
LAW1113 Contract and Torts A	1	1			2	1	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
Arts major 2	1	1			2	1	
LAW1123 Contract B	2	2			3	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
LAW1121 Criminal Law and Procedure	2	2			3	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BEDU (Legal Studies) and BSED Students - LAW1111 ; all other Students - LAW1111 and LAW1112
Arts major 3	2	2			4	2	
LAW1124 Torts B	2	2			4	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 Pre-requisite: LAW1113
ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia *	2	1			3	1	
LAW2213 Property and Trusts A	2	1			3	1	Pre-requisite: LAW1123
HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights	2	1			4	1	Pre-requisite: HMT1000
Arts Major 4	2	1			4	1	
Law Elective 1	3	2			5	2	
LAW2224 Theories of Law	3	2			5	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112 and (LAW1114 or HIS1115)
Arts Major 5	3	2			6	2	
LAW1122 Dispute Management	3	2			6	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1111 and LAW1112
LAW2211 Constitutional Law	3	1			5	1	Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: HIS1115
LAW2212 Equity	3	1			5	1	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW1123
Arts Major 6	3	1			6	1	
Arts Major 7	3	1			6	1	
LAW2221 Administrative Law	4	2			7	2	Pre-requisite: LAW2211
LAW2222 Public International Law	4	2			7	2	Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2211
LAW2223 Property and Trusts B	4	2			8	2	Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2213
Arts Major 8	4	2			8	2	
LAW3311 Company Law	4	1			7	1	Pre-requisite: LAW2212
Law Elective 2	4	1			7	1	
Arts Major 9 (extended) or Arts Minor 1	4	1			8	1	
Arts Major 10 (extended) or Arts Minor 2	4	1			8	1	
LAW3322 Civil Procedure	5	2			9	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1123 and LAW1124
Arts Major 11 (extended) or Arts Minor 3	5	2			9	2	
Law Elective 3	5	2			10	2	
LAW3321 Evidence	5	2			10	2	Pre-requisite: LAW1121 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW2223
LAW3312 Lawyers' Ethics	5	1			9	1	Pre-requisite: LAW2212 and LAW2224
Arts Major 12 (extended) or Arts Minor 4	5	1			9	2	
Law Elective 4	5	1			10	1	
Law Elective 5	5	1			10	1	

Footnotes

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