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A UOW Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree provides an excellent foundation for a career in legal practice, and it also opens up a diverse range of other career options as well (see ‘Graduate Destinations’, below). The UOW Faculty of Law is committed to a style of legal education that involves much more than simply accumulating knowledge of the Law.

As well as meeting all the requirements necessary for accreditation by the NSW Legal Profession Admission Board, the UOW Law degree also has a number of distinctive features that ensure that graduates are ready for the real world, whatever their chosen career path. In addition to the standard prescribed subjects, and a range of elective options, the UOW Law degree includes a suite of skills subjects as part of the core curriculum: communication, legal research and writing, dispute management, advocacy and drafting. In addition, the UOW Law degree includes a unique Legal Internship which ensures that all students have the opportunity to obtain a minimum of four weeks of professional experience in a legal workplace. The internship forms part of students’ studies into the ethics, practices and role of the legal profession in Australia, helping them to understand the Law as a system of relationships between people, rather than just a set of rules in books.

In addition to the reputation enjoyed by its LLB program, the Faculty is also renowned for its interdisciplinary research strengths in: ocean resources and security; transnational crime; and law, society and culture.

GR ADUATE DESTINATIONS

→ Academic
→ Banking Executive
→ Barrister
→ Commercial Lawyer
→ Criminal Defence Lawyer
→ Diplomat
→ Environmental Lawyer
→ Government Lawyer
→ Human Rights Advocate
→ Intellectual Property Lawyer
→ Legal Adviser
→ Legal Consultant
→ Media Lawyer
→ Magistrate
→ Private Practitioner
→ Policy Adviser
→ Prosecutor
→ Public Interest Lawyer
→ Registrar
→ Research Officer
→ Teacher
→ Solicitor

UOW Law degrees are recognised for admission to practice as a solicitor or barrister, subject to completion of the required professional practical training detailed on page 86.

Full details of courses offered can be found at: www.uow.edu.au/handbook/current
JAY DRURY

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies

The community of people I get to surround myself in everyday is one of the best parts of study at UOW. Although the population of UOW is quite large I still feel as though it has a tight community feel, with plenty of new and interesting people to meet everyday.

While location was a big part of it, I’d heard it was a really good uni to study at for the resources and the level of teaching they give. I was told it was among the best in Australia for both of these and so far I’ve found that to be true.

I like the good surf spots around Wollongong. I try and get out as much as possible in between study and assignments; it helps to take the stress out of uni if I can get out at least once or twice a week.
I’d gone to school in the area, so I’d visited the campus many times, for sports excursions, information evenings and Discovery Days. Every time, I saw something new, and was continually impressed—the presentation of the campus, relaxed atmosphere or modern facilities. After I graduate, I’d like to find work in a business that allows me to travel around the world and experience different cultures. Having a double degree under my belt means increased flexibility and a higher chance of finding such work. The practical elements of my degree give me transferable skills that will further enable me to integrate successfully into the workforce.
### DEGREES AT A GLANCE

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**NB:** UAI is to be used as a guide only and are based on the previous year's demand.

### UNDERGRADUATE BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

The degree is for school leavers keen to complete their studies in Law without having to complete a double degree program. Its length (four years) allows for a greater period of time devoted to Law subjects than in the combined degrees, and also gives students the opportunity to undertake their pre-admission practical legal training at the end of the program. All students complete the standard three-year LLB program and then select from one of the following three strands:

- **LLB plus a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice:** This option includes three additional electives plus the Practice Legal Training course. Students choosing this option will qualify for admission to practice when they graduate from the degree.

- **LLB (Honours):** This option allows students to undertake a year of research in their chosen area.

- **LLB 4-year program:** Students can broaden their range of legal knowledge by completing six additional electives.

### BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) WITH ANOTHER DEGREE

Of course, students may still choose to combine their Law degree in any of the combinations listed below. These integrated double degrees are designed to provide an opportunity to study an extensive range of subjects that are the foundation for a career in a range of legal work, and that also allow the in-depth study of another discipline.

Study in other academic disciplines allows students to recognise the way Law functions in social, economic, technical, environmental and scientific contexts. Some degrees, such as the Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) – Bachelor of Laws offer the opportunity to obtain two professional qualifications.

The normal duration of most of the double degrees is five years (six years for double degrees with Engineering). All double degree students complete subjects including Foundations of Law; Law of Contracts; Criminal Law; Law of Torts; Public Law; Property and Trusts; Law of Business Organisations; and Lawyers and Australian Society. Students also have the opportunity to study a wide range of elective subjects such as Environmental Law; International Law; Media Law; Human Rights Law; Insurance Law; and Anti-discrimination Law.

The following double degrees with Law are available. Please see the relevant Faculty pages in this booklet for further information about the non-Law degree component.

#### ARTS – LAWS

- **Bachelor of Arts – Bachelor of Laws**

  This is the most popular double degree. Students can combine their studies in Law with the variety of majors available in the humanities, social sciences and languages. See page 39 for detailed information on Bachelor of Arts majors.

#### COMMERCE – LAWS

- **Bachelor of Commerce – Bachelor of Laws**

  Combining Law with a business major cements an understanding of the way Law functions in social, economic and technical contexts. This double degree attracts people who wish to combine their interest in Law with a major in one of the following areas of commerce: accountancy, economics, finance, human resource management, international business, management, marketing or supply chain management. Successful completion of a degree in accountancy may lead to professional qualifications in both Accountancy and Law.

#### COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES – LAWS

- **Bachelor of Communication & Media Studies – Bachelor of Laws**

  This degree provides students with an interest in Media Law with an overview of the industry, its practices and politics; and the opportunity to specialise in journalism, advertising and marketing, screen studies, or digital communication. Combining Law with Media and Communications and a second Arts major provides a solid foundation for students aiming for a career in politics or government.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE – LAWS

- **Bachelor of Computer Science – Bachelor of Laws**

  This double degree offers opportunities for students to undertake specialised studies in Computer Science and Law, developing an awareness of how Law functions in technical contexts, and supplementing their law studies with a specialisation in digital systems security, enterprise systems, software engineering, or multimedia and game development.

#### CREATIVE ARTS – LAWS

- **Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Laws**

  This degree combination is unique to UOW and permits the combination of studies such as creative writing, music, theatre, media arts or visual arts with studies in Law. Many lawyers find that knowledge of the arts and the media is extremely useful in their practice, and there are career opportunities in arts administration for those who are both legally qualified and familiar with the creative arts.

#### ENGINEERING – LAWS

- **Bachelor of Engineering – Bachelor of Laws**

  Studying Law with Engineering allows students to recognise how Law functions in technical contexts. Students can tailor their studies in Law to complement a major in civil, environmental, materials, mechanical, mechatronic or mining engineering.
I have been a law student at the University of Oxford since 2006 on a Clarendon Scholarship and an Oxford–Australia Magdalen College Scholarship. I was previously an Associate Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at UOW (2004–2005) and an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG (2005–2006).

Before coming to UOW, I completed a course at Wollongong College Australia that served as an alternative to the Higher School Certificate. This course prepared me well for tertiary study—the subjects I studied were run in a similar manner to the subjects in the first year of university.

There are two things that single Wollongong students out from other universities and are worth special mention. First, a UOW legal education emphasises how the law operates in the broader social and political context, and the rationales that underpin areas of law. Wollongong students are not just taught the formal content of the law. Secondly, the bulk of the tuition at Wollongong is given in the form of seminars rather than lectures. This enables an exchange of ideas between students and the teachers. As a result, Wollongong students are not simply told the ‘answers’ to legal problems; they are helped to discover how to analyse the law by themselves.

JOURNALISM – LAWS

Bachelor of Journalism – Bachelor of Laws

Students undertaking this double degree will develop a broad range of professional skills suitable for a career in journalism or law. The second major in the Bachelor of Journalism component will enable students to round out their skills with a specialisation taken from a third faculty.

MATHEMATICS – LAWS

Bachelor of Mathematics – Bachelor of Laws

This degree combination allows students to combine a specialisation in Law with the skills needed for a career in mathematics or statistics.

MEDICAL SCIENCE – LAWS

Bachelor of Medical and Health Sciences – Bachelor of Laws

This degree allows students to apply the knowledge gained in their legal studies to medical and scientific contexts, including medical ethics and bioethics. Students have the option of specialising in areas such as biology, biotechnology, neuroscience, nutrition, psychology and public health.

SCIENCE – LAWS

Bachelor of Science – Bachelor of Laws

Studying Law with a Science degree allows students to recognise how Law functions in social and scientific contexts. The Science component can be taken within the Faculty of Science (e.g. with majors in Environmental Science, Biological Science and Chemistry) or the Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences (e.g. with majors in Psychology, Exercise Science and Nutrition).

FURTHER STUDY

→ Graduate Certificate in Transnational Crime Prevention
→ Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
→ Graduate Diploma in Law (Prosecutions)
→ Master of Laws in Prosecutions
→ Master of Laws – Research
→ Master of Natural Resources Law – Research
→ Master of Transnational Crime Prevention
→ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

GRADUATE BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE

If you have already completed an undergraduate degree and have decided you would like to study law, you can enrol in a graduate version of the Bachelor of Laws degree. This three-year degree consists entirely of Law subjects with a narrower range of elective options.

For more information contact UniAdvice on 1300 367 869 or uniaidvice@uow.edu.au or visit www.uow.edu.au/handbook/current