DOUBLE DEGREE – LAW AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its small classes and caring community atmosphere as well as its commitment to excellence, pastoral care and social justice. The University is able to offer a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. As a consequence, Notre Dame can assist students to develop skills and confidence to enable them to succeed in their chosen field. Also, because Notre Dame is a town university, students have access to all the social, sporting and cultural activities Fremantle has to offer, making learning both an educational and a cultural experience.

The University emphasises the value of the human person and the importance of maintaining an ethical way of life. All students undertake studies in Ethics, Philosophy and Theology – dealing with issues that go to the very heart of participation in public life, while developing students with valuable life skills. These units are designed to broaden students’ thinking, develop business values and develop the capability to think critically and act morally.

INTRODUCTION
A feature of the courses at the University of Notre Dame Australia is the availability of double degree programs. The completion of a double degree enhances employment prospects and allows graduates to choose a career from a wider field of opportunities. The School of Law is backed by leading members of the Western Australian legal profession and judiciary, and offers an ethical and practical legal education of exceptional quality with a very high employment rate.

The Notre Dame School of Law has received enormous support from the legal profession. Judges, senior barristers and leading solicitors have combined to draw up a law curriculum that is intensely challenging and highly practical. The School of Law continues to call on prominent members of the profession to assist in teaching, adding further to the highly practical nature of legal education at Notre Dame.

The School of Health Sciences offers a comprehensive and relevant curriculum reflecting the opportunities open to students today in a climate of unprecedented change and rapid globalisation. Students will gain expertise, knowledge and the skills and confidence required of those entering the rapidly changing and evolving health industry. The courses are delivered by leaders in their respective fields, who have strong commercial and industry experience. This ensures that assignments and projects are practical, academically rigorous and remain relevant to today’s rapidly changing global environment.

Staff and students at Notre Dame interact on a personal basis in a caring and friendly environment. Ease of access to lecturers and their availability for consultation and out-of-class assistance ensures that every student receive the assistance they need.

COURSE OUTLINE
The Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Biomedical Science has been designed as a five year full-time (or equivalent part time) degree with a strong emphasis on ethics, practical legal learning and the concepts of duty, social function and service to others as dictated by the Objects of the University. The combination of these degrees allows students to develop their skills and knowledge in Biomedical Science while focusing on it within a context of Law.

LAW UNITS
Law units may include:

Year One
- Legal Research & Writing
- Legal History
- Legal Process
- Ethics & the Law
- Philosophy
- Theology

Year Two
- Criminal Law A - Procedures
- Criminal Law B - Defenses
- Principles of Torts A
- Principles of Torts B
- Principles of Contract Law A
- Principles of Contract Law B
- Contemporary Legal Issues

Year Three
- Property Law A
- Property Law B
- Principles of Equity
- Law of Trusts
- Advocacy

Year Four
- Constitutional Law A
- Constitutional Law B
- Administrative Law A
- Administrative Law B
- Law of Evidence A
- Law of Evidence B
- Corporations & Partnerships
- Legal Philosophy
- 3 Law Electives

Year Five
- Commercial Practice & Ethics A
- Commercial Practice & Ethics B
- Civil Procedure A
- Civil Procedure B
- Remedies
- ADR
- International & Comparative Law
- 4 Law Electives
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE UNITS (Required Units)
Biomedical Science units may include:
- Introduction to Biological Sciences
- Human Structure and Function
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Health Communications
- Introduction to Physical Sciences
- Anatomy and Physiology of Body Systems
- Data Analysis and Experimental Design
- Developmental Psychology
- Microbiology
- Biochemistry
- Physiology of Exercise
- Human Genetics and Evolution
- Pollution and Ecotoxicology
- Pathology
- Forensic Analysis
- Neuroscience
- Reproductive Biology

Plus Industry Practicum
Biomedical Science Practicum (150 hours)

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
Students may undertake study as a full-time or part-time student, commencing in first semester (February), or second semester (July), subject to unit availability.

Contact hours throughout the degree average 12 hours per week (full-time). The assessment of competency in each unit may consist of tutorial performance, a number of assignments or projects during the semester and a final examination.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
Notre Dame has strong links with a number of universities in the United States and around the world. Students may have the opportunity of completing part of their degree in destinations including Boston, Washington DC, Indiana and in Europe.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Courses at The University of Notre Dame do not strictly stipulate the completion of prerequisite school subjects in order to gain entry. All students applying for entry to undergraduate courses at Notre Dame are expected to have completed the requirements for secondary graduation and literacy.

Notre Dame also welcomes applications from mature-age students.

Please contact the Prospective Students Office for a copy of the Admissions Guide which outlines the application process.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The University prepares and encourages students to develop their full potential and assume leadership positions throughout their career in a way which will positively contribute to organisations and society.

The practical degrees, complemented with a work experience component and professional accreditation gives students the knowledge, skills and confidence to enter a highly competitive global workforce and achieve success in their chosen career path.

Graduates from the School of Biomedical Science can pursue careers in all industries and organisations as well as
- Research
- Forensic Science
- Biomedical Sales
- Administration

Completing a law degree does not limit a graduate to working in a legal firm. Past Notre Dame Graduates have obtained employment in the following positions:
- Journalist
- High Court of Australia Research Assistant
- District, Supreme and Family Court Associates in WA
- Stockbroker
- Graduate Assistant in a state/federal government department
- Associate to a Victorian District Judge
- Graduate positions in Treasury in Canberra

Other employment opportunities, outside practice in a legal firm, include:
- Positions with Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Service
- Positions in private enterprise including ecotourism, entertainment and counselling.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the courses, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the University Prospectus.

If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au.

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