



Double Degree – Law and Commerce

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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. Depending on the Commerce major undertaken and with the combination of Law and Commerce, the job prospects are plentiful. The School of Law is backed by leading members of the Western Australian legal profession and judiciary, it 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.

COURSE OUTLINE

The Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce 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 Business while focusing on it within a context of Law.

Many law firms and government departments prefer the double degrees over single law degrees. The secondary degree gives an added depth of knowledge to the law degree and makes a graduate more marketable. School leavers particularly are encouraged to undertake the double law degree. One extra year of study provides you with a second qualification.

The School of Business 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 business community. 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.

The major areas of study within the Commerce degree are:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Management
- Marketing

Details of the required compulsory and elective units are specified in course planners available for each major.

LAW UNITS

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

BUSINESS UNITS

Students are required to undertake the following 7 Foundation Program units:

Accounting
Economics
Quantitative Methods for Business
Principles of Marketing
Principles of Management
Business Information Technology
Business Internship

Plus additional Commerce major compulsory units and elective units to a total of 175-200 credit points (depending on major).

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 UNDA are expected to have completed the requirements for secondary graduation and literacy.

Notre Dame also welcomes applications from mature-age students.

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 Business can pursue careers in all industries and organisations as well as in areas specific to their chosen major, ie. accounting, economics, finance, human resource management, management and marketing.

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.

Visit the web site at www.nd.edu.au

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