



Double Degree – Law and Communications & Media

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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

The School of Law at The University of Notre Dame Australia is both exciting and unique. Backed by leading members of the Western Australian legal profession and judiciary, it offers an ethical and practical legal education of exceptional quality.

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 will continue 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

A feature of the courses at The University of Notre Dame Australia is the availability of double degree programs. By extending their course, students are given the opportunity of completing a double degree. The completion of double degrees enhances employment prospects and allows graduates to choose a career from a wider field of opportunities, particularly in the field of journalism and entertainment law.

The Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Communications & Media 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. A person who obtains the Bachelor of Laws degree is eligible for admission as a legal practitioner in Western Australia and all other Australian jurisdictions. The curriculum, developed by members of the judiciary, the legal profession and senior staff from some of Australia's leading universities, has been designed to satisfy both State and national professional admission requirements.

The course structure is outlined in the following unit list:

Year One

Legal Research and Writing
Legal Process
Philosophy
Legal History
Theology
Ethics and the Law
Four elective Communications & Media units

Year Two

Principles of Contract A
Principles of Contract B
Principles of Torts A
Principles of Torts B

Four elective Communications units

Criminal Law A - Procedure
Criminal Law B - Defences
Aboriginal People or Contemporary Legal Issues
Four elective Communications & Media units

Year Three

Advocacy
Property Law A - Procedures
Criminal Law B – Defences
Aboriginal People or Contemporary Legal Issues
Four elective Communication & Media units

Year Four

Constitutional Law A
Constitutional Law B
Law of Evidence A
Law of Evidence B
Administrative Law A
Administrative B
Corporations and Partnerships
Legal Philosophy
Three Elective Law units

Year Five

Remedies
Civil Procedure A
Civil Procedure B
Commercial Practice & Ethics A
Commercial Practice & Ethics B
International and Comparative Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Four elective law units

In addition to the compulsory units, students study seven elective law units drawn from the list below. These elective units will vary from time to time according to the areas of interest and expertise of academic staff, visiting Lecturers and student demand.

Mining & Petroleum Law
Trade Practices Law
Family Law
Employee Relations Law
Human Rights
Health Law
Trial Advocacy
Occupational Safety and Health Law
Issues in Medical Law
Intellectual Property
Indigenous Law
Taxation Law
Insolvency Law
Succession
Lender Liability
Commercial Law
Maritime Law
Building and Construction Law

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA UNITS

Compulsory Units

The Language of Film
Print Media Analysis & Communication

Media, Radio, Film and Television Units

Screenwriting
Digital Film 1: The Documentary
Digital Film 2: The TV Drama
Media Analysis
Broadcast Journalism
Theories of Communication, Advertising & Persuasion
Cinema Studies
Radio
Writing the Short Film

MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT

Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in First Semester (February) or in Second Semester (August), subject to unit availability and places being available. 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 Australia do not strictly stipulate the completion of prerequisite school subjects in order to gain entry. However, a solid grounding in any of the following courses of study will prepare students for the demands of the Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Communications & Media course:

- English Literature
- History
- Politics and Law
- LOTE

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 persons.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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 State and Federal government departments
- Associate to a Victorian District Judge
- Other employment opportunities, outside practice in a legal firm
- 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 course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the Notre Dame Prospectus. International students refer to the International 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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