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 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 Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) course focuses on combining a thorough understanding of politics with practical knowledge in Communications and the Media. This unique degree gives students the grounding to begin a career in government, public affairs, media, policy development, and of course, politics. This program is a practical course designed to combine political theory with real-life skills and workplace practices. The politics component of this degree focuses on giving students a unique experience of how the big decisions are really made and what basis they are made on. In Communications and Media, a specific perspective on the nature of traditional and new forms of media is offered, how they are created and how they impact on our public consciousness. These two areas fit naturally together and lend themselves well to opportunities in journalism and public relations.

There has never been a better time to study politics and journalism as there are many opportunities emerging in the public, private and non-government sectors for graduates who are committed and trained in this area. Notre Dame has a well-structured Internship program which gives students crucial experience in the workplace, sending them down a new and exciting career path.

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
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 Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) has been structured in a manner that allows it to be completed over five years 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 Politics and Journalism while focusing on it within a context of Law. It is also available in part time study.

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

3 Law electives
In addition to the compulsory units, students study seven elective law units drawn from the list below. These elective law units will vary from time to time according to the areas of interest and expertise of academic staff, visiting lecturers and student demand. They include, but are not limited to:

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

**POLITICS AND JOURNALISM UNITS**

- Introduction to World Politics
- Governance and Democracy in Australia
- Political Philosophy
- US Foreign Policy Since 1945
- Setting the Agenda: Politics and the media
- Public and Social Policy
- Home and Away: Comparing Political System
- Australian Foreign Policy
- The Politics and History of Genocide
- Terrorism and Intelligence
- Screening History: The Politics of the Moving Pictures
- The History and Politics of Southeast Asia
- The Modern Middle East
- Strategy, Security and Diplomacy
- Social Implications of Globalisation
- Inside the Politics of Global Development
- Australia’s Political and Legal Institutions
- Managing the Environment: Political, Social and Legal Issues

**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 the highly competitive global workforce and achieve success in their chosen career path.

Graduates from the Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) can pursue careers in all industries and organisations such as:

- Politics
- News Journalism
- Policy advice and development
- Diplomacy
- Public relations
- Curatorships
- Non-Government Organisations
- Government relations
- Entertainment industries

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 Court 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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