



# Bachelor of Laws (3 Year) Graduate Entry

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## 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.

## WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?

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.

Academic staff have been drawn both from Western Australia and interstate with a special emphasis on their commitment to teaching excellence and the ethical and practical vision of the School. Senior members of the profession and the judiciary also lecture on a part-time and occasional basis.

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 gets the help they need.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The School of Law encourages the entry of graduates into the Bachelor of Laws course as a means of attracting students who already possess valuable intellectual perspectives of their own. For this reason, it provides a three year accelerated law degree for approved graduates. Within this degree structure, graduates will study all of the essential law subjects which are required for admission into legal practice within WA.

Contact hours throughout the graduate degree average sixteen hours per week. This degree can be studied on a full-time or part-time basis.

The Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry) has been designed as a three year full-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 Mission and Goals of the University. A person who obtains the Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry) degree is eligible for admission as a legal practitioner in Western Australia and all other Australian jurisdictions on proper application to those 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.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The course structure is outlined in the following unit list:

### Year One

Legal Research and Writing  
Legal Process  
Principles of Contract Law A  
Principles of Contract Law B  
Principles of Tort A  
Principles of Tort B  
Criminal Law A  
Criminal Law B  
Ethic and the Law

### Year Two

Constitutional Law A  
Constitutional Law B  
Administrative Law A  
Administrative Law B  
Law of Evidence A  
Law of Evidence B  
Property Law A  
Property Law B  
Principles of Equity  
Law of Trusts  
Advocacy  
Law Elective One

### Year Three

Civil Procedure A  
Civil Procedure B  
Commercial Practice and Ethics A  
Commercial Practice and Ethics B  
International and Comparative Law  
Remedies  
Corporations and Partnerships  
Legal Philosophy  
ADR  
Law Elective Two  
Law Elective Three

In addition to the compulsory units, students study three 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:

Advanced Research Project (Honours) (final year only) (full year)

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

For details of further electives please contact the School of Law.

### MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT

Students may undertake study as a full-time or part-time student commencing in first semester (February). There is a possibility of mid year intake for the three year graduate LLB program, however the School will decide whether mid year intake is possible in June each year. 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.

### 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, include:

- Position with Foreign Affairs and Diplomatic Service
- Positions in private enterprise including ecotourism, entertainment and counselling.

### STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

We have links with the Law School at the University of Notre Dame, which is one of America's best and most prestigious Law Schools. Law students from Notre Dame Australia have the opportunity to study abroad at the Notre Dame Summer School in London, or at alternative universities in the U.S, Ireland and Europe.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for admission into this course, applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in another discipline. Applicants must submit an official transcript of their prior tertiary studies with their application.

### 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.

We welcome visitors to the University at any time. 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](mailto:future@nd.edu.au).

Visit our web site at [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au)

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#### PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OFFICE

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