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COURSE REGULATIONS:
BACHELOR OF LAWS/ BACHELOR OF ARTS
(POLITICS AND JOURNALISM)
(LLB/BA (POLITICS AND JOURNALISM))
BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)/ BACHELOR OF ARTS (POLITICS AND
JOURNALISM)

COURSE CODE: 3191 AND 3279

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) (Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism)) Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) Degrees at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General University Regulations, the School of Law Regulations and the School of Arts and Sciences Regulations.

1.2 Applicability of Honours program to double degree

Honours is available within the following components of the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree:

- (a) Bachelor of Laws (Honours) / Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) – (Laws (Honours)/Arts (Politics and Journalism))

1.3 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations, School of Law Regulations and School of Arts & Sciences Regulations.

1.4 Alterations made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree, the amendments will automatically apply to all students enrolling for the first time in the degree in the year immediately following the adoption of the amendments.

1.5 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is available on the Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.

CHAPTER 2: ENTRY CRITERIA

- 2.1 The Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degrees are open to school leaver and mature age applicants and no percentage quota will be set with regard to the number of each.
- 2.2 The standard entry criteria as detailed in the General Regulations apply to the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degrees.
- 2.3 Entry criteria for the Honours components of the Laws (Honours)/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is detailed in Regulation 3.6 of these Regulations.

CHAPTER 3: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure (Appendix A)

- (i) The structure of the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is annexed as Appendix A.
- (ii) The structure of the Laws (Honours)/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is annexed as Appendix B.
- (iii) Unless a student receives the prior approval of the Dean (or delegate) to alter the order of study, students are required to enrol in and pass all of the units in each academic year of study as detailed in the course structure before they will be permitted to enrol in units outlined in the subsequent academic year of study.

3.1.1 Compulsory units

- (i) The compulsory units within the law degree are listed in Appendix A.
- (ii) The compulsory units in the Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree component of the double degree are listed in Appendix A.

3.1.2 Elective units

- (i) Students enrolled in the Laws/ Arts (Politics and Journalism) Degrees are required to complete seven law elective units in addition to their compulsory law units. Elective units may be selected from an approved list of unit offerings published by the School of Law on an annual basis.
- (ii) Students enrolled in the Laws (Honours)/Commerce degree must choose as two of their seven electives LW441 Advanced Research project, in semesters 1 and 2 of their final full year of academic study.
- (iii) Students enrolled in the Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) Degrees are required to complete Elective units as indicated in Appendix A and these may be selected from an approved list of unit offerings published by the School of Arts & Sciences on an annual basis.

3.1.3 Majors/Double Majors

- (i) There are no majors in the law component of the double degree.
- (ii) There are no majors in the Arts (Politics and Journalism) component of the double degree.

3.1.4 Minors

There are no minors permitted within the Law/Arts (Politics and Journalism) double degree.

3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no specialisations permitted within the Law/Arts (Politics and Journalism) double degree.

3.2 Practicum or Internship requirements

There are no compulsory Practicum or Internship requirements within the Law/Arts (Politics and Journalism) double degree.

3.3 Approved unit substitutions

- (i) The following law unit substitutions may be permitted with the approval of Dean (or delegate):
 - (a) AB100 Aboriginal People may be substituted for LW230 Contemporary Legal Issues
 - (b) BS245 Taxation may be substituted as one law elective;
 - (c) PH316 Legal Reasoning may be substituted as one law elective;
 - (d) PH308 Natural Law may be substituted as one law elective.
- (ii) As part of the Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) course, the following unit substitutions are permitted.
 - (a) BS100 Economics 25 credit points
OR
BS258 Public Relations 25 credit points

- (b) EL104 25 credit points
OR
EL102 25 credit points
- (iii) Any other unit substitution in the Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is only permitted with the approval of the Dean (or delegate) of the School of Arts & Sciences.

3.4 Course duration

3.4.1 Standard Duration

- (i) The standard duration of the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) and Laws (Honours)/Arts (Politics and Journalism) Degrees is 5.8 years of full time study.
- (ii) Students are able to enrol in the degree on a part-time basis
- (iii) The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Law/Arts degree is 10 years from the date on which they were first accepted into the course by the University.

3.4.2 Accelerated Duration

- (i) It is recommended that this course be undertaken in an accelerated mode and students will be advised to do an overload in one or more of the years.
- (ii) The accelerated duration of the Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) and Laws(Honours)/Arts(Politics and Journalism) degree is 5 years of study which will be equivalent to 5.8 years of full time study in standard mode.
- (iii) Students are not able to enrol in the accelerated model degree on a part-time basis
- (iv) The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Laws/Arts and Laws(Honours)/Arts(Politics and Journalism) degree in accelerated mode is 10 years from the date on which they were first accepted into the course by the University.

3.5 Graduation

- (i) A minimum of 1250 credit points drawn from the approved course structure is required in order for a student to graduate with the degree Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) or Law(Honours)/Arts(Politics and Journalism).

3.6 Honours In The Law Degree

Regulation 3.6 must be read in conjunction with the University *Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours*.

3.6.1 Admission to an Honours program in Law

- (i) Admission to the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) Honours programme is by invitation only (in accordance with School procedures) and is subject to approval by the Dean.
- (ii) A student who is enrolled in the Law degree part time, may enrol in the Honours programme with the Dean's approval.
- (iii) The Honours programme cannot be completed part time.

3.6.2 Selection criteria

- (i) The Honours Coordinator, in consultation with the Dean (or delegate) will make a determination at the end of each academic year as to the eligibility of all penultimate year Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) Degree students to participate in the Honours program for the following academic year.
- (ii) The academic performance of a student will be the sole basis for determining whether a student is eligible to participate in the Honours program, and that academic performance will be judged according to the Honours Points principles detailed in this regulation.
- (iii) The eligibility of a student for participation in the Honours program will not be considered unless and until they have completed at least 50% of the fulltime load stipulated for the fourth year of the Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) Degree.
- (iv) To be eligible to participate in the Honours program a student must:

- (a) have obtained a minimum average grade of midway between a credit and distinction grade over the course of their Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) Degree as determined using the Honours Points principles detailed in regulation 3.6.3, and
- (b) using the Honours Points detailed in this regulation, fall within the top 20% of all LLB students (graduate and undergraduate entry) who are due to graduate either at the completion of the next academic year or midway through the following academic year.
- (v) The Dean will invite those students who are eligible to participate in the Honours program to apply to enter the program. No student will be deemed to be enrolled in the Honours program until the Dean (and/or his or her delegate) has formally accepted that student in writing.
- (vi) The Dean's decision on eligibility for entry into the Honours program is final

3.6.3 Calculation of Academic Performance and Honours Points

- (i) In determining whether a student has achieved a minimum average of midway between a credit and distinction grade over the course of their Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) degree, a mathematical calculation of the results achieved by the student will be made according to the following scale:
 - (a) a grade of HD in a full year unit is worth 12 Honours Points
 - (b) a grade of D in a full year unit is worth 8 Honours Points
 - (c) a grade of C in a full year unit is worth 4 Honours Points
 - (d) a grade of P in a full year unit is worth 0 Honours Points
 - (e) a grade of F in a full year unit is worth - 4 Honours Points
 - (f) a grade of HD in a one semester unit is worth 6 Honours Points
 - (g) a grade of D in a one semester unit is worth 4 Honours Points
 - (h) a grade of C in a one semester unit is worth 2 Honours Points
 - (i) a grade of P in a one semester unit is worth 0 Honours Points
 - (j) a grade of F in a one semester unit is worth -2 Honours Points
- (ii) For the purposes of these regulations there are no Honours Points attached to the Core Curriculum (LW104, PH100 and TH101) or AB100.

3.6.4 Eligibility for award of Honours Degrees

- (i) If a student is accepted into the Honours program, the student must successfully complete the unit of LW441 Advanced Research Project which is a substitute for and the equivalent of two semester law electives. In completing this unit the student is required to undertake legal research upon a topic approved by the Dean (or delegate) and to present the results of that research in a 12 000-word research paper ("the thesis").
- (ii) A principal supervisor shall be appointed to oversee the research undertaken in fulfilling the requirements of LW441. A co-supervisor may also be appointed.
- (iii) There shall be a minimum of two readers of the thesis, one of whom shall produce a formal examination report to the Dean (or delegate). The other reader will be an assessor of the paper and will confer with the examiner on the production of the final report.
- (iv) Neither the principal supervisor nor any co-supervisor shall be appointed as the examiner.
- (v) The student will be awarded a final grade and mark for their performance in LW441.
- (vi) The LW 441 Advanced Research Project unit attracts double the Honours points allocated to a full year unit as set out in Regulation 3.6.3(i).
- (vii) To be eligible for the award of Honours, a student must have maintained a minimum average of midway between a credit and distinction grade over the final year of their Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) Degree as determined using the Honours Points principles detailed in this regulation.
- (viii) No more than twenty per cent of the graduating class of all LLB students, graduate and undergraduate entry, may be awarded an Honours degree, unless the Dean individually approves the award of an Honours degree to the relevant student or students as constituting a special case.
- (ix) Classes of Honours degree will be determined by the Board of Examiners upon recommendation by the Honours Coordinator. The Honours Coordinator's recommendation will be made after consultation with the Dean (and/or his or her delegate) and will be based on
 - (a) a comparative analysis of the academic performances in the coursework and theses of the students participating in the Honours program, and

- (b) a consideration of the academic excellence and quality of the students enrolled in the Honours Program against general academic norms and standards.
- (x) If a student who participates in the Honours program fails to maintain their minimum average grade outlined in regulation 3.6.2(iv) and/or does not fall within the top 20% of the graduating class, the student may nonetheless graduate with the Laws/Arts(Politics and Journalism) degree provided they have satisfied the academic requirements of the degree.

3.6.5 Examination of Research component

Examination of the Honours research component within the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is detailed in the LW441 Advanced Research Project Thesis Marking Guide/Examiners Report, and the *Guideline: Examination of Honours Research Components*.

3.6.6 Awarding Honours

Honours within the Laws/Arts (Politics and Journalism) degree is awarded in accordance with the General Regulations (as graded / ungraded pass Honours).

3.7 Honours in the Arts (Politics and Journalism) Degree

Honours is not available in the Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism) component of the degree.

End of Regulations

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: DOUBLE DEGREE STRUCTURE FOR: Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism)

YEAR ONE					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts
LW100	Legal Research & Writing	30	LW102	Legal History	20
LW1010	Legal Process	30		Core Unit	25
LW104	Core Unit	25		Core Unit	25
PL1000	Contemporary Politics: International Issues & Ideologies	25	PL1001	Australian Politics: Issues & Ideologies	25
CO121	The Language of Film	25	CO142	Print Media Analysis	25
Total Credit Points		135	Total Credit Points		120
Total Credit Points Year One					255

YEAR TWO					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts
LW251	Criminal Law A – Procedure	35	LW252	Criminal Law B – Defences	35
LW221	Torts A	25	LW222	Torts B	25
LW211	Principles of Contract Law A	35	LW212	Principles of Contract Law B	35
LW230	Contemporary Legal Issues *	25			
CO233	Broadcast Journalism	25	PL3003	Setting the Agenda: Media and Politics	25
PL3006	Public Policy and Practice: The Business of Govt	25	CO3XX	Communications Elective	25
Total Credit Points		170	Total Credit Points		145
Total Credit Points Year Two					315

*AB100 Aboriginal People (3) will be studied instead of this unit – Approved by the College of Law

YEAR THREE					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts
LW241	Property Law A	30	LW242	Property Law B	25
LW231	Equity	25	LW232	Trusts	25
LW360	Advocacy	25			
CO351	Theories of Communication, Persuasion and Advertising	25	CO3XX	Communications Elective	25
PL3009	Australian Foreign Policy	25	PL3XXX	Politics Elective	25
Total Credit Points		130	Total Credit Points		100

		Total Credit Points Year Three		230	
YEAR FOUR					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts
LW341	Constitutional Law A	20	LW342	Constitutional Law B	25
LW331	Administrative Law A	20	LW332	Administrative Law B	20
LW323	Evidence A	20	LW324	Evidence B	20
LW321	Corporations & Partnerships	40	LW350	Legal Philosophy	25
LWXXX	Law Elective One	20	LWXXX	Law Elective Two	20
			LWXXX	Law Elective Three	20
Total Credit Points		120	Total Credit Points		130
					Total Credit Points Year One
					250

YEAR FIVE					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts
LW471	Commercial Practice & Ethics A	20	LW472	Commercial Practice & Ethics B	25
LW463	Civil Procedure A	25	LW464	Civil Procedure B	20
LW405	Remedies	30	LW462	ADR	25
LW420	International & Comparative Law	25	LWXXX	Law Elective Six	20
LWXXX	Law Elective Four	20	LWXXX	Law Elective Seven	20
LWXXX	Law Elective Five	20			
Total Credit Points		95	Total Credit Points		155
					Total Credit Points Year Five
					250

APPENDIX B: DOUBLE DEGREE STRUCTURE FOR: Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/ Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism)

YEAR ONE					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts
LW100	Legal Research & Writing	30	LW102	Legal History	20
LW1010	Legal Process	30		Core Unit	25
LW104	Core Unit	25		Core Unit	25
PL1000	Contemporary Politics: International Issues & Ideologies	25	PL1001	Australian Politics: Issues & Ideologies	25
CO121	The Language of Film	25	CO142	Print Media Analysis	25
Total Credit Points		135	Total Credit Points		120
			Total Credit Points Year One		255
YEAR TWO					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts
LW251	Criminal Law A – Procedure	35	LW252	Criminal Law B – Defences	35
LW221	Torts A	25	LW222	Torts B	25
LW211	Principles of Contract Law A	35	LW212	Principles of Contract Law B	35
LW230	Contemporary Legal Issues *	25			
CO233	Broadcast Journalism	25	PL3003	Setting the Agenda: Media and Politics	25
PL3006	Public Policy and Practice: The Business of Govt	25	CO3XX	Communications Elective	25
Total Credit Points		170	Total Credit Points		145
			Total Credit Points Year Two		315
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YEAR THREE					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts
LW241	Property Law A	30	LW242	Property Law B	25
LW231	Equity	25	LW232	Trusts	25
LW360	Advocacy	25			
CO351	Theories of Communication, Persuasion and Advertising	25	CO3XX	Communications Elective	25
PL3009	Australian Foreign Policy	25	PL3XXX	Politics Elective	25
Total Credit Points		130	Total Credit Points		100
			Total Credit Points Year Three		230
YEAR FOUR					
SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	Credit Pts
LW341	Constitutional Law A	20	LW342	Constitutional Law B	25

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LW331	Administrative Law A	20	LW332	Administrative Law B	20
LW323	Evidence A	20	LW324	Evidence B	20
LW321	Corporations & Partnerships	40	LW350	Legal Philosophy	25
LWXXX	Law Elective One	20	LWXXX	Law Elective Two	20
			LWXXX	Law Elective Three	20
Total Credit Points		120	Total Credit Points		130
					Total Credit Points Year One
					250

YEAR FIVE

SEMESTER ONE			SEMESTER TWO		
Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts	Unit Number	Title	2007 Credit Pts
LW471	Commercial Practice & Ethics A	20	LW472	Commercial Practice & Ethics	25
LW463	Civil Procedure A	25	LW464	Civil Procedure B	20
LW405	Remedies	30	LW462	ADR	25
LW420	International & Comparative Law	25	LWXXX	Law Elective Five	20
LWXXX	Law Elective Four	20	LW441	Law Elective Seven – Advanced Research Project	20
LW441	Law Elective Six – Advanced Research Project	20			
Total Credit Points		95	Total Credit Points		155
					Total Credit Points Year Five
					250