Bachelor of Laws
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The degree at a glance
- 4-years full-time study
- Mentoring and internship program
- Delivered at Broadway
- Notre Dame ranked #1 in NSW for
  ✓ Graduate employment rate
  ✓ Overall quality of educational experience
  ✓ Skills development
  ✓ Teaching quality
  ✓ Learner engagement
  ✓ Student support

About the Bachelor of Laws
The Bachelor of Laws degree is an accredited degree for admission to legal practice. It combines excellent coverage of underlying legal and ethical principles with an explanation of how those principles are applied in legal practice.

Why Study Law at Notre Dame?
Being part of the Notre Dame School of Law is a very rewarding and enjoyable experience:
- The Law classes are small (an average class size of 31 for the last few years) and there is excellent access to academics outside of class. Inspired by the caring Catholic ethos which runs through the School of Law, academics are committed to quality teaching and providing excellent pastoral care to each student. The university aims to give each student every opportunity to fulfil their potential as a student and be inspired to go out into the community and really make a difference.

The Notre Dame Law degree has a particular focus on the basic building blocks of the law (the legally required “Priestley” subjects) and on developing practical skills such as public speaking, advocacy, alternative dispute resolution and commercial practice skills. Through the mentoring and internship programs students are provided with many opportunities to experience the law in practice.
- All academics have a substantial amount of experience in legal practice (as either solicitors, environmental law experts, barristers, judges or canon lawyers) in Australia or overseas. This allows students to learn not just the legal principles but how they apply in legal practice.

The Notre Dame Schools of Law recently ranked first out of all law schools in New South Wales and Western Australia for Overall Quality of Educational Experience (91.3%), Teaching Quality (92.9%), Overall Learner Engagement (80.3%) and for Student Support (90.6%) (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching).

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Accreditation
Our Sydney Law degrees are fully accredited by the New South Wales Legal Profession Admission Board (which is the relevant accrediting body in New South Wales for admission to legal practice). Subject to completing the relevant practical legal training requirements after leaving university, students with a Notre Dame Law degree are eligible for admission as a lawyer (i.e. a solicitor).

Course Structure
The Bachelor of Laws degree contains:
- Compulsory and elective Law units
- 3 compulsory units in the “Logos Programme”

The degree can be completed in 4 years if studied full-time. It is also available on a part-time basis (Domestic students only). Students study:

Compulsory units
- Administrative Law
- Advocacy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Civil Procedure
- Commercial Practice and Ethics
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Corporations and Partnerships
- Criminal Law
- Equity
- Evidence
- Legal History
- Legal Philosophy
- Legal Process and Statutory Interpretation
- Legal Research and Writing
- Property Law
- Remedies
- Trusts

Elective Units
The elective Law units offered vary from year to year, according to the areas of interest and expertise of academic staff and student demand. Typical elective units include:

- Advanced Research Project (i.e. Honours research - 2 units)
- Advanced Taxation Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Commercial Drafting
- Commercial Law
- Competition and Consumer Law
- Construction and Building Contract Law
- Directed Research Project
- Employee Relations Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Human Rights Law
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Introduction to Canon Law (i.e. Church Law)
- Law and Religion
- Law in Context (Externships) – involves work experience
- Mining and Petroleum Law
- Occupational Safety and Health Law
- Introduction to Australian Taxation Law
- Succession
- Trial Advocacy

The Logos Programme
At Notre Dame, the university emphasises the value of the human person and the importance of maintaining an ethical way of life. All students undertake the Logos Programme, which includes the study of modules on topics in philosophy, ethics and theology relevant to training for a profession and for life.
Double Degrees

Some students are best served by just studying Law. However, we encourage students to also enrol in one of the other degrees that we offer in our double degree programs. This only involves an extra year of study (if a student enrols in the double degree at the start). The completion of a double degree enhances employment prospects and allows graduates to choose a career from a wider field of opportunities. It also gives each student more time to make the transition from school or other study to university study in Law.

The following double degree programs are offered in Sydney:
- Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism)
- Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Communications and Media
- Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Marketing and Public Relations
- Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Philosophy
- Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Theology

Exchange between Sydney and Fremantle Campuses
Notre Dame has a School of Law at each of its Sydney and Fremantle campuses. The Sydney School of Law is located on Broadway (just a short walk from Central Railway Station). Some students from each campus choose to spend one or more semesters studying at the other campus. Students enjoy the variety of being able to experience study at another location.

Mode of Study and Assessment
This course is only offered in internal mode.
Students will be provided with a copy of a Unit Outline for each unit in a given semester. This outline will provide the assessment method for the unit, which may include: assignments, essays, presentations, letter writing, performances, mooting, practicum, internships, placements, research papers, theses, tests, examinations and other forms of assessment.

Career Opportunities
A Law degree is a pathway to a number of exciting careers, such as working as a barrister, solicitor, academic or business professional. Graduates gain employment in a range of different environments, including:
- Academia
- Banking and finance
- Courts (federal and state/territory)
- “In-house” for a corporation
- Government departments and sectors
- Journalism and the Media
- Political landscapes
- Private practice (in metropolitan, suburban or country law firms)
- working as a solicitor in private practice (be it a big/medium/small city, suburban or country firm);
- working as an “in-house” solicitor for a corporation, business or Not-for-profit organisation
- working as a solicitor in the Government sector;
- being a politician or working for a politician;
- being a judge’s associate or research assistant for a judge in one of the courts;
- (in the long term) being a judge.
Study Abroad Opportunities

Some Law students from The University of Notre Dame Australia choose to spend a limited time studying overseas and count those subjects studied overseas towards their Australian degree. Potential places of study include universities located in Ireland, France and Korea. Acceptance into these programs requires students to achieve a minimum academic standard in their studies here. There are also various restrictions on the subjects that students can study overseas and for which credit can be obtained.

Admission Requirements

School Leavers:
- ATAR of 90, Indicative only. Must have been obtained within the last five years. Or
- IB of 31+, Indicative only. Must have been obtained within the last five years.

Post School Leaver and Mature-Age Applicants:
- Other University Studies - Notre Dame will also consider applicants who have successfully completed a minimum of 4 units with a high credit average within a Bachelor’s Degree from a University. An original or certified copy of an academic transcript is required. Or
- Successful completion of a relevant Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma level qualification or higher from a recognised provider such as TAFE or an RTO.

The admission selection process assesses each applicant in relation to:
- their academic results at school and in any subsequent studies;
- the likelihood of being comfortable in a university with small classes and a caring Catholic ethos between staff and students (please note – applicants do not need to be Catholic);
- their desire to study Law and the likelihood that the students will apply themselves diligently to their studies and;
- demonstration of life experience and academic ability.

The interview stage is an important part of the admissions process. It gives university staff a chance to discuss the above points with each applicant; and provides the opportunity for the applicant to meet the Dean or the Associate Dean from the School of Law and ask any questions they may have.

No HSC subject is an essential pre-requisite for Law. However, a minimum level of competency in written and spoken English is required to succeed in Law. It is important to show the necessary academic ability subjects in which primarily involve reading and writing (for example, English, History, Legal Studies or Studies of Religion).

Although a large percentage of our students are school leavers, Notre Dame also welcomes mature-age students.

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 contact the Prospective Students Office on (02) 8204 4404 or at sydney@nd.edu.au.

All International enquiries should be directed to the International Students Office at sydney.international@nd.edu.au.

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