Bachelor of Journalism/Bachelor of Laws (IX74)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 066296M
Course duration (full-time): 5.5 Years
Domestic fees (indicative): 2010: CSP $3,500 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $10,250 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February
International Entry: February and July* (*July entry subject to availability)
QTAC code: 409912
Past rank cut-off: 92
Past OP cut-off: 5
OP Guarantee: Yes
Assumed knowledge: English (4, SA)
Preparatory studies: For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/apply/ug/info/knowledge.jsp
Total credit points: 528
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Course coordinator: Head, Undergraduate Studies (Creative Industries); Dr. William Dixon Director, Undergraduate Programs (Law)
Discipline coordinator: Susan Hetherington (Journalism)
Campus: Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove

OP Guarantee
The OP Guarantee will apply to this course.

Overview
This professional double degree is in high demand.

As media consumption moves from mass publications to incorporate individually streamed mobile content, there has never been a more exciting time to consider a career in journalism.

From free newspapers at the railway station, to hand-picked content delivered to your PC, news is more available in a wider variety of formats. With long-standing success in print and broadcast and a commitment to online and mobile technology, QUT can prepare you for the full range of journalism career options.

As a student at the QUT School of Law you will benefit from innovative teaching methods and facilities and will be taught by a dedicated, highly experienced team of professionals: full-time academics with solid professional and community experience and practising legal professionals with specialised expertise.

Approximately 90 per cent of QUT law graduates gain employment or continue with further studies such as the QUT Legal Practice Course for admission as legal practitioners.

You will have the opportunity to specialise in commercial law, corporate law, taxation law, medico-legal issues, alternative dispute resolution, public international law, Asian legal systems, feminist theories of law or environmental law.

Career Outcomes
The defining nature of the QUT Law degree is its real-world applied nature which will equip you with the high quality knowledge and skills and that meet the needs of the legal profession, government, business and industry. In developing the Law degree the Faculty recognises that graduates are increasingly seeking a broad range of careers including, but not limited to, legal practice.

The flexible nature of the degree provides students with an opportunity to undertake a series of elective streams. These streams group legal content and legal skills units into alignment with the varied career destinations which a legal education opens to graduates and will allow you to study areas of the law that match your career aspirations.

Career opportunities include private practice as a barrister and/or solicitor; work in government departments; employment as an in-house lawyer; and a range of other occupations.

The combination of journalism with law majors can equip you for specialised journalism careers in international affairs, corporate dealings, and medico-legal issues. You could find employment in the legal environment as a solicitor, barrister or in-house lawyer, with the journalism component enhancing your employability with extra writing and communication skills.

Many journalism graduates work as journalists for newspapers, magazines, television, radio and online publications. Others seek employment successfully in public relations, media management and corporate communications.

Course Structure
You will undertake 13 journalism specific units, and have a broad creative industries perspective from the two foundation units. Your journalism studies are designed to provide a broad range of journalism knowledge. You will study journalism and law units in your first four years and for the remainder of your course you will concentrate on law...
The Law component is made up of 336 credit points of law subjects.

Professional Recognition
The QUT Law course is an approved degree for the purposes of the Legal Practitioners Admission Rules. Accordingly, it enables graduates to satisfy the academic requirements for admission to practise as a solicitor and/or barrister in all Australian states and territories. The QUT Law degree qualification is also recognised for admission purposes in West and East Malaysia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

QUT’s journalism degree is recognised by the Australian Journalists’ Association (AJA) section of the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA).

Deferment
All domestic applicants offered admission to undergraduate award courses may apply to defer commencement of their study. A deferment application will not normally be considered for courses where specific admission requirements apply, for example submission of folios or undertaking auditions. Applicants are not entitled to hold a deferred place and hold a place in another QUT course for the same period.

Find out more on deferment.

Course structure for students who commenced in 2010

**Year 1, Semester 1**
- KKB101 Creative Industries: People and Practices
- KJB101 Digital Journalism
- LWB145 Legal Foundations A
- LWB147 Torts A

**Year 1, Semester 2**
- KKB102 Creative Industries: Making Connections
- KCB103 Strategic Speech Communication
- LWB146 Legal Foundations B
- LWB148 Torts B

**Year 2, Semester 1**
- KCB102 Media Myth Busting 1
- KJB120 Newswriting
- LWB136 Contracts A
- LWB238 Fundamentals of Criminal Law

**Year 2, Semester 2**
- KPB101 Introduction to Film, TV and New Media Production
- SELECT: Either KKB175 (strongly recommended) or KJB337
- KKB175 Creative Industries Legal Issues
- KJB337 Public Affairs Reporting
- LWB137 Contracts B
- LWB239 Criminal Responsibility

**Year 3, Semester 1**
- KJB112 Journalistic Inquiry
- KJB239 Journalism Ethics and Issues
- LWB240 Principles of Equity
- LWB243 Property Law A

**Year 3, Semester 2**
- KJB211 Layout and Design
- KJB222 Online Journalism 1
- LWB241 Trusts
- LWB244 Property Law B

**Year 4, Semester 1**
- KJB224 Feature Writing
- KJB304 Sub-Editing
- LWB242 Constitutional Law
- LWB432 Evidence

**Year 4, Semester 2**
- KJB235 Radio and Television Journalism 1
- LWB334 Corporate Law
- SELECT: Law Elective Unit (1)

**Year 5, Semester 1**
- LWB335 Administrative Law
- LWB431 Civil Procedure
- SELECT: Law Elective Unit (2)
- SELECT: Law Elective Unit (3)

**Year 5, Semester 2**
- LWB433 Professional Responsibility
- SELECT: Law Elective Unit (4)
- SELECT: Law Elective Unit (5)
- SELECT: Law Elective Unit (6)
Year 6, Semester 1

SELECT: Law Elective Unit (7)
SELECT: Law Elective Unit (8)
SELECT: Law Elective Unit (9)
SELECT: Law Elective Unit (10)

Law Electives

Further information regarding Law Electives can be found at: http://www.law.qut.edu.au/study/courses/ugrad/lselect.jsp

Potential Careers:
Barrister, Crown Law Officer, Information Officer, Journalist, Media Industry Specialist, Public Relations Officer/Consultant, Public Servant, Publishing Professional, Solicitor.

UNIT SYNOPSIS

KJB120 NEWSWRITING
In this unit you learn to think like journalists, to evaluate events for their potential news value, to record interviews and perform other reporting tasks and to write news stories. It includes the evolution and theories of reporting.

Antirequisites: KJP401  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KJB121 JOURNALISTIC INQUIRY
This unit develops the basic skills learnt in Newswriting: generating story ideas; researching; conducting interviews; finding news values and news angles and applying them in a practical context. You also learn about how practical newswriting skills fit into an online environment. You are introduced to the rigours of deadlines and have opportunities to write stories related to different news rounds throughout the semester.

Prerequisites: KJB120  Antirequisites: KJP402  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KJB211 LAYOUT AND DESIGN
In this unit, students will learn how to use visual mediums (e.g. words, pictures, headlines, fact boxes etc) to best communicate to a variety of journalism audiences.

Using the latest computer design package, students will be taught to apply design theory to publish journalistic copy, incorporating photographs, images, graphics, tables, headlines and captions. They will learn the importance of print size, spacing, columns, captions and other visual communication devices in capturing the attention of an increasingly visual literate society.

Prerequisites: KJB120 or KJP400  Equivalents: KJB322  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

KJB222 ONLINE JOURNALISM 1
As increasing volumes of news and other factual material are processed through online media, practitioners and also intending citizen journalists stand to get a secure understanding from studying the social and economic underpinnings of the format, and also from acquiring skills for using it.
This unit explores the background to practice in online journalism, such as the place of the medium in contemporary mass communication; it promotes the principles of best practice in journalism, and enables students to publish reports on line, giving them instruction in a wide range of production skills.

**Prerequisites:** KJB121 or KJP402  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

KJB224 FEATURE WRITING  
Students conduct interviews and other research that they use to write Internet, newspaper and/or magazine articles that profile personalities or stories or that treat processes, events and places to exploit their human-interest value.

**Prerequisites:** KJB120 or KWP107 or KWB381  
**Antirequisites:** KJP403  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KJB235 RADIO AND TELEVISION JOURNALISM 1  
The unit aims to provide means to learn about broadcast media from a production-based perspective, and to begin advanced, practical preparation for working professionally in news media. The practical and theoretical aspects of radio and television media are studied and applied through the production of broadcast news programs. Students will gather, script and produce a number of news items for radio and television bulletins for broadcasting through community sector outlets. This process is facilitated through the learning and usage of broadcast style and through the evaluation of television and radio products. Strong emphasis is placed on current affairs knowledge.

**Prerequisites:** KJB121  
**Antirequisites:** KJP404  
**Credit points:** 24  
**Contact hours:** 5 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

KJB239 JOURNALISM ETHICS AND ISSUES  
QUT Journalism supports the development of socially responsible, ethical journalists. KJB239 is a core journalism unit. It begins with an overview of western and eastern moral philosophical traditions and moves on to examine current journalistic practice in the context of Australian and international news media operations, regulatory bodies and the stance of professional journalism organisations. Students generate ethical dilemmas and work through them individually, making difficult decisions about issues such as invasion of privacy, protection of sources and conflict of interest. The impact of developing information and communication technologies is also addressed.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3.5 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KJB304 SUB-EDITING  
This unit builds on KJB211 (Layout and Design) and is aimed at teaching students how to assess text for publication in the journalism industry which is a highly sought skill for employment both within Australia and overseas. Students will assess the text for news’ values, quality, photographs, supporting stories, applying style guides (both generic and in-house), grammar, spelling, accuracy, verification, its legality (including defamation, contempt and sub-judice), ethics, sources and balance. Students, individually and in small teams, will be given a range of copy-text from very poor to reasonable on a variety of topics which will be made publishable (i.e. production-ready) by them working with their tutor using the above processes.

**Prerequisites:** KJB120 or KJP400  
**Equivalents:** KJB322  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KJB337 PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING  
This is an advanced reporting unit stressing the watchdog role of the news media using investigative techniques, including computer-assisted reporting, Internet and other online searching. You write news feature stories for possible publication, and engage in case study/role play exercises for understanding public events/processes and their relationships to news media. The unit is taught in three hour blocks over the first nine weeks of semester.

**Prerequisites:** KJB120  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 4 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

KKB101 CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: PEOPLE AND PRACTICES  
This unit introduces concepts of the creative industries and the work of creative industries practitioners and professionals who explore and exploit the expression of creativity for commercial and artistic gain. In exploring the work of creative industries practitioners you will develop written communication skills for new media and academic contexts and reflect on your own emerging role as a creative industries practitioner.

**Equivalents:** KKB009, KKB618  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KKB102 CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: MAKING CONNECTIONS  
The capacities to work collaboratively and to communicate effectively using multimedia technologies are essential characteristics for any Creative Industries professional. In this unit you will have the opportunity to acquire and apply collaborative principles and practices and multimedia communication skills in the production of creative content.
contracts, remedies for breach and the invalidation of sophisticated knowledge and understanding of how this area of the law is likely to develop in the 21st Century.

Assumed knowledge: KKB101 is assumed knowledge.

Equivalents: KKB007, KKB818

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 per week

Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

KKB175 CREATIVE INDUSTRIES LEGAL ISSUES

This unit introduces Creative Industries students to the law which applies to their professional practice and theoretical study. The unit provides a foundational approach to general aspects of law as well as particular topics for students in these fields. The unit is based on a core set of lectures and tutorials which are offered in two strands: Strand 1 for Journalism and Media Communication; Strand 2 for other Creative practices.

Equivalents: KKB275

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 per week

Campus: Kelvin Grove

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

KPB101 INTRODUCTION TO FILM, TV AND NEW MEDIA PRODUCTION

This unit introduces the principles and technologies of video production for both cinema and television. This includes the roles and responsibilities of production teams, production management, design and practice. Lecture delivery by experts in the major production areas of producing, directing, and cinematography, editing and sound informs this practice. You work in groups to produce videos which form a major part of their assessment.

Equivalents: KPB150, KPB155

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 4 per week

Campus: Kelvin Grove and Caboolture

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWB136 CONTRACTS A

This unit includes the following: formation of contracts; equitable estoppel; privity of contract; formalities; express and implied terms; an examination of promises which are legally binding; how contractual promises may be characterised and the significance of that characterisation.

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 per week

Campus: Gardens Point and External

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWB137 CONTRACTS B

Legally binding promises pervade society, from uncomplicated bargains like riding on a bus to complex multi-million dollar transactions. The law of contract provides an understanding of promises which are legally binding, how contractual promises may be characterised and the significance of that characterisation, and how contractual promises may be discharged or invalidated. This is the second of two associated units which examine the law of contract, the focus of this unit being on the discharge of contracts, remedies for breach and the invalidation of contracts. The two units together provide the foundation for several units encountered later in the course.

Prerequisites: LWB136

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 hours per week

Campus: Gardens Point and External

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWB145 LEGAL FOUNDATIONS A

The unit aims to provide foundational knowledge about law and legal concepts, the Australian legal system and constitution, sources of law (including their purpose and use) and the ethical underpinnings of the law and legal profession. The unit also aims to introduce, within real world contexts, the essential legal skills of case analysis, problem solving, legal writing, legal reasoning, legal research and statutory interpretation to enable students to progress in their study of law.

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 per week

Campus: Gardens Point and External

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWB146 LEGAL FOUNDATIONS B

The aim of this unit is for you to further develop, within real world contexts, the skills in legal research, analysis, problem solving and writing that were introduced in LWB145 Legal Foundations A. This aim is directed towards ensuring that by the end of the first year of your law degree you are able to perform tasks required to progress your study of law and that you can reflect on the continued development of your legal research and writing skills to equip you with the skills required in legal practice.

Prerequisites: LWB141 or LWB145

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 per week

Campus: Gardens Point and External

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWB147 TORTS A

The aims of this unit are for you to develop an understanding of the law of torts relating to trespass, negligence and workers’ compensation and the underlying principles and policies that influence the development of torts law. Further, this unit aims to demonstrate how the law of torts works in a real world context, with particular focus on legal problem solving and the teaching of legal interviewing skills. The unit will practise and develop the foundational legal skills introduced in LWB145 Legal Foundations A.

Corequisites: LWB145

Credit points: 12

Contact hours: 3 per week

Campus: Gardens Point and External

Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

LWB148 TORTS B

This unit aims to build upon the knowledge, understanding and skills developed in Torts A through a more in-depth examination of a wider range of torts and related issues. It also aims to equip you with a more detailed and sophisticated knowledge and understanding of how this area of the law is likely to develop in the 21st Century.
Integral to this is the development of your skills, necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving, research and written communication and an understanding of ethical issues related to the practice of law.

**Prerequisites:** LWB138 or LWB147  
**Corequisites:** LWB146  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**LWB238 FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL LAW**

An understanding of the principles of Criminal Law is of fundamental importance as it impinges upon almost every aspect of domestic, commercial, corporate and public activity in Queensland. The aim of this unit is to provide an overview of the aims and sources of Criminal Law in Queensland and to develop an understanding of the onus of proof in criminal matters. Additionally the unit explores the concept of fault elements, the criminal justice system and a selection of major offences while also developing advocacy skills.

**Corequisites:** LWB145  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SUM-2 and 2010 SEM-1

**LWB239 CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The aim of this unit is to build upon the principles and skills explored in LWB238 by developing an understanding of the way criminal responsibility is imposed through the complicity provisions of the Criminal Code and the common law and how the major defences and excuses operate. The unit also examines the major sentencing principles applied in Queensland.

**Prerequisites:** LWB238  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**LWB240 PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY**

The principles of Equity were originally developed to ameliorate the harshness of the common law and have since become a fundamental component of our legal system. A knowledge and understanding of the major principles of equity are necessary to an understanding of how the Australian legal system operates; it is therefore located early in the LLB degree. The aim of this unit is to provide a coherent knowledge and understanding of equitable principles within the context of the Australian legal system as well as developing skills relevant to ongoing learning and professional practice.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SUM

**LWB241 TRUSTS**

Trusts are a fundamental institution of ownership of property in equity; they are used for various purposes including estate planning, commercial and charitable purposes. A knowledge and understanding of the trust in its various forms and the equitable principles of property transfer are fundamental in understanding the impact of the principles of equity in the area of property ownership and rights. The aim of this unit is to provide a coherent knowledge and understanding of the law relating to trusts within the context of the Australian legal system and to develop skills relevant to ongoing learning and professional practice.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 SUM

**LWB242 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

The aim of the unit is to provide knowledge and understanding of the constitutional arrangements effected by the Commonwealth Constitution and the State Constitutions, including the structure and institutions of the Constitutions, the division of power between Commonwealth and States, and relations between the different levels of government.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SUM-2, 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**LWB243 PROPERTY LAW A**

The aim of the unit is to provide you with an understanding of the legal principles relating to real and personal property and how these rules operate in a modern legal system. The unit also aims to develop the skills, necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving and reasoning and oral and written communication.

**Prerequisites:** LWB137 and (LWB148 or LWB139)  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**LWB244 PROPERTY LAW B**

This unit aims to build upon the knowledge, understanding and skills that you acquired in LWB243 Property Law A by further developing your understanding of property law relating to leases, mortgages, co-ownership, community title, easements, profits a prendre and freehold and statutory covenants. It also aims to equip you with an understanding of how this area of the law is likely to develop in the 21st Century. Integral to this is the development of your skills of problem solving, research, writing and drafting which are necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving, research, written communication and drafting.

**Prerequisites:** LWB243 and LWB146  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and
LWB334 CORPORATE LAW
This unit includes the following: the basic legal principles relating to registered companies; the principle of the veil of incorporation; internal functioning of a registered company including the operation of the constitution and replaceable rules; dealings with third parties; legal rules relating to share capital; dividends and loan capital; introduction to obligations of company officers and shareholder rights. Further specialised units such as Law of Corporate Governance are offered for students who have completed Corporate Law and wish to concentrate some of their studies in the corporations and commercial area.
Prerequisites: (LWB143 or LWB146) and (LWB237 or LWB243)  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week in Sem 2.  
Campus: Gardens Point and External
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 SUM

LWB335 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
To enable you to develop a working knowledge of administrative law at both the state and federal level as well as a broader understanding of the role and function of this area of law in balancing administrative efficiency and legitimate government interests against the requirements of accountability in executive decision-making.
Prerequisites: LWB242  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

LWB433 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
This unit includes the following: the ethical principles upon which the practice of all professions is based; the principles which underpin the discipline of law and the workings of the legal profession; the history, nature, organisation and operation of the legal profession; codes of conduct, trust accounts and professional legal ethics.
Prerequisites: 192 Credit Value in spk(s): LWB%  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week in Sem 2.  
Campus: Gardens Point and External
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

LWB431 CIVIL PROCEDURE
This core unit focuses on developing basic litigation skills. The following issues are examined: the adversarial system and alternative methods of dispute resolution, obligations to the client, the structures and processes of litigation conducted in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts, jurisdiction, originating process, notice of intention to defend, parties, service, ending proceedings early, pleading, disclosure, subpoenas, trial, appeals, costs and enforcement.
Prerequisites: 192 Credit Value in spk(s): LWB%  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SUM

LWB432 EVIDENCE
The law of Evidence concerns those rules and principles which govern the presentation and proof of facts and information in court proceedings, both civil and criminal. The unit covers both State and Federal jurisdictions. NB: External only in Semester Two.
Prerequisites: LWB238  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1