Undergraduate domestic course

Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

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<td>Total credit points</td>
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### Domestic fee (indicative, subject to annual review)

- **2020 CSP**: $10,400 per year full-time (96 credit points)
- **2019**: CSP $10,100 per year full-time (96 credit points)

### OP Guarantee

Yes

### Course contact

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### Campus

Gardens Point

### Start months

July, February

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**Why choose this course?**

Combining law and information technology (IT) puts you at the cutting edge of the growth area of legal issues arising from the advances of IT. This degree will give you the ability to practise law in light of the complex information and technology environments generated by manufacturers, data-processing consultancies, and private and government organisations.

Alternatively, you can choose a career as a computing professional specialising in legal applications, information systems or security. As an IT student, you will receive comprehensive, work-integrated opportunities, giving you the confidence to explore a wide range of areas within IT and gain a deep understanding within your chosen specialty. You can major in computer science or information systems, with minors offered in human-computer interaction, intelligent systems, data-centric computing, networks and security, social technology, mobile applications, business process management, enterprise systems and programming.

QUT’s Bachelor of Laws (Honours) is a higher-level qualification than a bachelor degree, as it has honours-level content integrated throughout the course. The advanced knowledge and skills in this course will benefit your professional career, or future research and study.

Our contemporary law degree prepares you to think ahead and allows you to take advantage of employment opportunities in growth areas or newly emerging sectors, such as mining and resources, intellectual property and technology.

As a QUT law student, you will benefit immediately and into the future from:

- a course that has been designed in consultation with industry to have a strong foundation in contemporary law knowledge, understanding and experience
- meaningful connections with high profile industry employers
- practical and effective hands-on learning experiences during your studies
- classes with leading and expert teachers
- international study and placement opportunities
- our high quality law library, expert librarians and Law Moot Court facilities
- the convenience of a city-based campus.

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**Mark Eade, Law and IT graduate**

Learn from the best

'I valued the teaching staff as they took an active role in ensuring that I reached my potential. They instilled passion in me.'
**Real-world learning**
You will study a combination of information technology and law units in the first four years, with law and elective units only in the final three semesters.

In your first year, you will be introduced to information technology through four core units, along with the law of torts (negligence, damages and no-fault compensation schemes), legal problem solving and criminal law.

In your second year, you can choose an introductory law elective unit, two information technology core options units and two information technology major units. You will also gain advanced understanding and skills in legal research, dispute resolution and the variety of contexts in which Australian law operates.

Your third year of study will further develop your chosen information technology area of specialisation and your knowledge and skills in the law by studying contract law, constitutional law, equity and trusts, and commercial and personal property law.

In fourth year, you can choose a general law elective to study alongside real property law, administrative law and evidence as you advance your chosen information technology major.

In the final three semesters you will study law units only and choose general and advanced elective units that interest you. You will also study civil procedure, ethics, commercial remedies and corporate law before undertaking a legal research capstone project.

**Assumed knowledge**
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas
- English
- Maths A, B or C

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

**Course structure**
Students are required to complete 528 credit points, comprised of 192 credit points for the Bachelor of Information Technology program and 336 credit points for the Bachelor of Laws program.

Requirements for the completion of the Bachelor of Information Technology component are as follows:
1. 72 credit points (6 units) of IT Core units, which includes 24 credit points (2 units) of Option Units selected from an approved list.
2. (b) 120 credit points (10 units) of Major Core units

**Information Technology Majors**
Choose your primary area of study, also known as your major, in the following specialisation areas: Information Systems or Computer Science.

**Information Technology Options List**
The Bachelor of Information Technology Core Unit Options List comprises a range of units from which you choose to undertake two (2). The options include introductory units from a wide variety of disciplines offered at QUT.

Under the Law component you will complete 336 credit points of core units and a mixture of law electives made up of
- 19 Core units (240 credit points)
- 1 introductory law elective* (12 credit points)
- 5 general law electives** (60 credit points)
- 2 advanced law electives (24 credit points)

*Students commencing from 2019 may select a general law elective in place of the introductory law elective

**Students commencing from 2019 have the option to complete the Law, Technology and Innovation minor or 4 non-law electives (48 credit points) or a university wide minor in place of 4 general law electives (48 credit points). Successful completion of a minor will be recognised on the academic record and/or the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement.

**Career outcomes**
You will have opportunities in areas that involve cyberlaw, intellectual property and legal regulation of the internet. You could work in software development, maintenance or IT system building as a business analyst, computer scientist, data communications specialist, database manager, electronic commerce developer, systems analyst or web designer.

Although many of our graduates become practising lawyers, a law degree may also provide the foundation for a career in government, a community organisation or business. Our graduates have an excellent track record of securing exciting positions.

**Professional recognition**
The Bachelor of Information Technology is accredited by the Australian Computer Society.

The law degree is approved by the Queensland Legal Practitioners Admissions Board. If you want to become a lawyer at the end of your degree, you will need to complete further practical legal training (PLT) before you can apply for admission to practice. We offer PLT in the form of the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice.

**Assessment items or practicum**
Designed in consultation with industry to ensure you acquire a strong foundation of knowledge and experience, our law programmes support and develop students to successfully transition from university to their legal career.

Law students benefit from innovative, scholarly teaching and learning through:
- progressive assessments and open book exams
- an emphasis on independent learning and research skills
- small groups in core subjects
- practical skills and industry connections from work placements, industry projects, mock trials, moot competitions and analysis of real cases and legislation.

**Fees**
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HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You'll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- Women in Information Technology Merit Scholarship
- QUT Faculty of Law Founders' Scholarship
- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete)
- Undergraduate Indigenous Fee Waiver Commencing Student Scholarship
- Westpac Young Technologist Scholarship

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