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 honours units are integrated from years 2 to 4 and help our graduates remain ahead of the pack in a competitive legal industry. You will complete the academic law units required for admission to legal practice and will develop legal skills such as interviewing, negotiation, drafting and advocacy. You will also choose from a range of introductory, general and advanced elective units to suit your career goals and gain practical skills and experience. See the ‘Details and units’ tab for more information about electives.

Our final year capstone unit includes a work placement in range of different legal workplaces or a virtual internship with a top-tier firm, providing you with the opportunity to engage with experienced lawyers and undertake authentic legal tasks. In 2019 students are undertaking the virtual internship with MinterEllison.

Why choose this course?
QUT’s contemporary law degree will provide you with the knowledge and confidence you need to take advantage of employment opportunities in an array of legal careers, including growth areas such as intellectual property, and law and technology.

Through your study you will understand key areas of law and develop advanced knowledge in areas that interest you. You’ll also develop necessary legal skills such as legal research, problem solving, dispute resolution, and oral and written communication.

Our course will also help you understand and promote the ethical standards of the legal profession and to appreciate international and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

Law, technology and innovation minor
We’re preparing our graduates to be adaptable to new careers which will evolve as a result of innovation and technology disruption. Our minor in law, technology and innovation covers topics including how the law is responding to new developments in artificial intelligence, robotics, big data and autonomous vehicles.

Raziq Qasimi
Make a difference

'I am passionate about the law and the legal system. My law/justice double degree will enable me to make a positive difference in people lives by advocating for their rights and interests. I have witnessed a lot of suffering and injustice—I’m Hazara (a minority ethnic group in Afghanistan), so my ethnicity has been persecuted for a very long time. I want to use my studies to make our world a better place.'
Flexible delivery
We offer a flexible approach to your learning with full-time and part-time, on-campus and online learning available. Students who live in Australia outside Brisbane may complete the course as external students, where the majority of learning is online. You may be required to be present at up to two attendance schools per year, depending on the units studied. You can accelerate your studies or reduce your workloads during the year by taking full-fee summer program units. These units are often offered in intensive mode (two to three weeks of classes) to allow you to make the most of your summer holidays.

Entry requirements
Note
Entry to the external mode of this course is restricted to applicants living outside the Brisbane City Council boundaries and within Australia.

Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas

- English

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
To meet the course requirements for the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree, you must complete 384 credit points of core and elective units made up of

- 19 Core units (240 credit points)
- 2 introductory law elective* (24 credit points)
- 8 general law electives** (96 credit points)
- 2 advanced law electives (24 credit points)

*Students commencing from 2019 may select a general law elective in place of one 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).

Honours Level Units
96 credit points of the following honours units will be used to determine the honours levels of the LLB (Hons):

- Legal Research (LLH201)
- Administrative Law (LLH206)
- Ethics and the Legal Profession (LLH302)
- Corporate Law (LLH305)
- Legal Research Capstone (LLH401) (24 credit points)
- two 12-credit point Advanced Law Electives

Year 1
Your first year provides a holistic, comprehensive and transitional learning experience, laying a solid foundation and assisting you to develop the skills and capabilities necessary to be a successful learner and legal professional. Gaining a strong understanding of the law of torts (negligence, damages and no fault compensation schemes), legal interviewing, legal problem solving, criminal law, the variety of contexts in which Australian law operates and developing a positive professional identity through the dispute resolution unit is the focus of first year. You can also choose two introductory law elective units OR one introductory law elective and one general law elective.

Year 2
You will acquire advanced knowledge and skills in contract law, legal research, equity and trusts, constitutional law, administrative law and commercial and personal property law. You can also select two general law elective units to develop your knowledge and skills in your particular area of interest or undertake a minor such as the law, technology and innovation minor.

Year 3
In third year, you can choose another two general law electives to study alongside real property law, corporate law, evidence, ethics, civil procedure and commercial remedies.

Year 4
Your final year of study includes four general electives and two advanced electives where you can further advance your practical legal knowledge and skills through such units as commercial contracts in practice, health law, public international law and theories of law. You will also undertake a legal research capstone project, which brings all of your acquired advanced legal knowledge and skills together.

Careers and outcomes
Although many of our graduates become solicitors or barristers, a law degree provides a perfect foundation for a range of careers in business, government, management consulting, accounting, recruitment, community sector, research, journalism and politics, among others.

Double degrees
Combine two bachelor degrees into a single course of study. A double degree allows you to specialise in two fields and pursue different interest areas, gaining a broader range of skills and knowledge, and giving you a competitive advantage and greater career flexibility.

Consider the following double degrees with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours):

- Biomedical science
- Business
- Creative industries
- Creative writing
- Digital media
- Entertainment industries
- Film, screen and new media
- Industrial design
- Information technology
- Journalism
- Justice
- Property economics
- Psychology
- Science

Professional recognition
This course 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 programs support and develop students to successfully transition from university to their career.

Students benefit from innovative, scholarly teaching and learning through:

- progressive assessments and open book exams
- an emphasis on independent learning and research skills
- small group tutorials in core subjects
- practical skills and industry connections from work placements in law firms, government
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departments and community organisations, industry projects, mock trials, mooting competitions, and analysis of real cases and legislation.

Fees

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.