Bachelor of Laws (Honours) - Graduate Entry

We offer a shortened course for graduates who have already completed a degree in another discipline. The course recognises prior learning and experiences from your other degree, and allows you to condense the law degree to complete it in three years full time, or six years part time.

QUT’s Bachelor of Laws (Honours) graduate entry courses is a higher-level qualification than a bachelor graduate entry 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.

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.

As this course has a condensed structure, university-wide minors and the law, technology and innovation minor are not available in this course. Units from the minor can be completed as electives within this course or if you wish to undertake the full law, technology and innovation minor as part of your studies please contact the faculty to discuss your options, phone (07)3138 2707 or lawandjustice@qut.edu.au.

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. Your study will also develop necessary legal skills such as legal research, problem solving, dispute resolution, and oral and written

Ross Wakeford
High-quality teaching staff

‘The down-to-earth and approachable engagement of the academic staff has been a highlight for me. I found the staff to be genuinely helpful and show a genuine interest in shaping their programs to maximise both the learning potential and enjoyment of students. It was refreshing to engage with high-end academics in such an easy and accessible way.’
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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.

Entry requirements
Prerequisite
A completed recognised non-law bachelor degree (or equivalent) with a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 4.00 (on QUT’s 7 point scale).

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure
To meet the requirements of the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (Graduate Entry) degree, students must complete 384 credit points of core and elective units. Students will be granted 96 credit points of advanced standing in place of general law electives.

The course is made up of:

- 19 core units (240 credit points)
- 2 general law electives* (24 credit points)
- 2 advanced law electives (24 credit points)
- Advanced standing (96 credit points)

*Students commencing from 2019 may choose an introductory law elective in place of one general law elective.

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, legal research, 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 select one introductory law elective unit OR one general law elective unit.

Year 2
You will acquire advanced knowledge and skills in contract law, administrative law, commercial and personal property law, legal research, equity and trusts, constitutional law, administrative law and commercial and personal property law. You can also select one general law elective unit to develop your knowledge and skills in your particular area of interest.

Year 3
In third year, you can choose two advanced law 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. In addition, you will study real property law, commercial remedies, civil procedure, corporate law and undertake a legal research capstone project, which brings all of your acquired advanced legal knowledge and skills together.

NB Please note that the order of units studied will be slightly different if you enter the course mid-year.

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

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 programmes support and develop students to successfully transition from university to their legal 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 departments and community organisations, industry projects, mock trials, mooting competitions and analysis of real cases and legislation.

Peer support programs
We provide a variety of peer support programs so first-year students are encouraged to learn from students studying in their second and third year. These programs give you extra support in your transition to university. First-year students gain insight and perspective, while second-year and third-year students gain leadership experience.

Summer program
You can accelerate your studies or reduce workloads during the year by taking full-fee summer program units. We recognise the need for flexibility in your study and strive to ensure that units, both compulsory and elective, are offered during the summer holidays. These units are often offered in intensive mode (two to three weeks of classes) to allow you to make the most of your summer.