

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PSYCHOLOGY)/BACHELOR OF LAWS (2843)

Approved Abbreviation: BA(Psy)/LLB
Western Sydney University Program Code: 2843
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 108410G

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

The double degree program permits students to undertake multi-skilling and offers diverse career paths providing high marketability in multiple areas of expertise.

Psychology develops students' scientific understanding of human behaviour and experience. The underlying principles, theories and concepts of psychological knowledge are applied in areas of study that include the history and philosophy of psychology, individual differences in behaviour and personality, psychological health and well-being, psychological disorders and intervention, learning and memory, cognition, language and perception, motivation and emotion, neuroscience and the biological bases of behaviour, lifespan developmental psychology, social psychology, research methods and statistics.

The LLB provides students with professional legal skills including the ability to analyse legal material and understand fundamental legal principles; an understanding of the relationship between law and society; the skills to analyse and solve non-legal problems and specialised study into the Australian legal system.

Students in this double degree also have the opportunity to complete a semester of study overseas and receive advanced standing towards their majors, minors or Bachelor of Laws alternate units. They are encouraged to do so but must discuss this with a program advisor.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 80 credit points with a 2827 Diploma in Laws (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/diploma-laws-exit-only/>)

Study Mode

Five and a half years full-time or eleven years part-time. Law subjects are available at Campbelltown and Parramatta campuses. Arts subjects are available at various campuses (mainly Parramatta, Bankstown and Penrith), depending on the subjects chosen.

Program Advice

courseadvice@westernsydney.edu.au (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/courseadvice@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown Campus	Full Time	Internal	See Above
Campbelltown Campus	Part Time	Internal	See Above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See Above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See Above

Accreditation

Graduates from the Bachelor of Laws program are eligible to apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for admission to legal practice in NSW after undertaking prescribed practical legal training.

The Testamur Major in Psychology offered within the Bachelor of Arts is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as an undergraduate three year sequence in Psychology.

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent Requirements (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_law_courses/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is an optional work component available in this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should be aware that if an elective is a requirement of the program but the work itself was not registered with CRICOS, students can still complete these electives but it would be counted towards the work limitation. For more details, refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

Eligibility for admission to the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws is based on the following requirements:

- Assumed knowledge: any two units of HSC English
- Recommended studies: HSC English standard or equivalent.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Special Requirements

Students enrolling in these subjects may need to have a National Police Certificate and consent or prohibited employment declarations as they may be conducting their placement in circumstances where they work with minors. This would be managed on an as needs basis:

- LAWS 3077 Legal Internship
- LAWS 3074 Judicial Internship
- LAWS 4017 Access to Justice Clinic
- LAWS 4012 First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic
- LAWS 3080 Street Law Clinic
- JUST 3011 Issues in the Criminal Justice System (corrective services field trip requirement)- Also records and identity check.

The following units require a visa for the relevant country and the ability to travel at a specified time:

- LAWS 3024 Foundations of Chinese Law
- LAWS 3025 Law, Culture and Entrepreneurial Innovation in India
- LAWS 3078 Legal, Economic and Social Transformation in Taiwan

Program Structure

Qualification for a double degree in law requires the successful completion of 420 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequences for the relevant double degree programs.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws will only be eligible to graduate from their Bachelor of Laws degree upon completion of the entire 420 credit point program. Students enrolled in this program who wish to graduate with a standalone law degree prior to completion of the entire Bachelor of Arts component must transfer to program Bachelor of Laws (Non Graduate Entry) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-laws-non-graduate-entry/>) which requires the completion of 320 credit points (inclusive of 80 credit points of non-LLB study).

Students may exit with the Diploma in Laws (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/diploma-laws-exit-only/>) on completion of 80 credit points, comprising 20 credit points of specified Law core subjects and 60 credit points of Law core or alternate subjects, as provided in the program structure. Please refer to the link above for details.

Students may exit with a Bachelor of Arts with a Psychology testamur major on completion of the four Core Arts subjects plus the Psychology testamur major and any six of the first eight LLB core units in the recommended sequence.

Arts Subjects

Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)/Bachelor of Laws students are required to complete four Level 1 Bachelor of Arts (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/programs/bachelor-arts/>) core subjects plus 14 Psychology, Testamur major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/psychology-ug-testamur-major/>)r subjects (18 subjects, including the four level 1 Arts core subjects) together with the LLB program (24 subjects).

Students must complete the four Level 1 Bachelor of Arts (BA) core subjects

- HUMN 1052 Australian Politics and Active Citizenship
- LANG 1029 Foundations of Academic English
- HUMN 1053 Diversity, Language and Culture
- LANG 1030 Thinking Critically About Texts and Society

Students must choose the Psychology, Testamur major (T133) and complete all subjects.

Students may exit with a Bachelor of Arts with a Psychology testamur major on completion of the four Core Arts subjects plus the Psychology testamur major and any six of the first eight LLB core units in the recommended sequence.

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 420 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Students commencing via mid-year entry, please consult the Academic Program Advisor (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14661/>)

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
LAWS 2004	Criminal Law	10
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LAWS 1003	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
BEHV 1018	Psychology: Human Behaviour	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
BEHV 1003	Introduction to Research Methods	10
LAWS 1009	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
BEHV 1016	Psychology: Behavioural Science	10
LAWS 2013	Torts Law	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
LAWS 2003	Contracts	10
MATH 2006	Experimental Design and Analysis	10
BEHV 2010	Perception	10
BEHV 2018	Personality	10
Credit Points		40

Spring session

LAWS 2001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10
BEHV 2005	Human Learning	10
BEHV 3007	Cognitive Processes	10
Select one of the following:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	
Credit Points		40

Year 3**Autumn session**

LAWS 2015	Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics	10
BEHV 2002	Brain and Behaviour	10
BEHV 3009	Developmental Psychology	10
Select one of the following:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	
Credit Points		40

Spring session

LAWS 2008	Government and Public Law	10
BEHV 3014	Motivation and Emotion	10
BEHV 3023	Social Psychology	10
Select one of the following:		10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	
Credit Points		40

Year 4**Autumn session**

LAWS 3018	Equity & Trusts	10
LAWS 3082	Property Law	10
BEHV 3004	Advanced Research Methods	10
Select one LLB Alternate subject		10
Credit Points		40

Spring session

LAWS 3081	Administrative Law	10
LAWS 3045	Law of Associations	10
BEHV 3002	Abnormal Psychology	10
Select one LLB Alternate subject		10
Credit Points		40

Year 5**Autumn session**

LAWS 4015	Constitutional Law	10
LAWS 4004	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
Credit Points		40

Spring session

LAWS 4014	Remedies	10
LAWS 4013	Civil Procedure and Arbitration	10
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20
Credit Points		40

Year 6**Autumn session**

Select two LLB alternate subjects	20
Credit Points	20
Total Credit Points	420

Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
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Year 1**Spring session**

LAWS 1003	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
Select three subjects from B Arts (Psychology). (refer to the structure tab)		30
Credit Points		40

Autumn session

LAWS 2003	Contracts	10
LAWS 2004	Criminal Law	10
Select two subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)		20
Credit Points		40

Year 2**Spring session**

LAWS 2013	Torts Law	10
LAWS 1009	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
Select two subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)		20
Credit Points		40

Autumn session

Select four subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)	40
Credit Points	40

Year 3**Spring session**

LAWS 2008	Government and Public Law	10
LAWS 2001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10
Select two subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)		20
Credit Points		40

Autumn session

LAWS 2015	Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics	10
Select three subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)		30
Credit Points		40

Year 4**Spring session**

LAWS 3081	Administrative Law	10
LAWS 4013	Civil Procedure and Arbitration	10
Select one subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)		10
Select one LLB alternate subjects		10
Credit Points		40

Autumn session

LAWS 3018	Equity & Trusts	10
LAWS 3082	Property Law	10

Select one subjects from B Arts (Psychology) (refer to the structure tab)	10
Select one LLB alternate subjects	10
Credit Points	40
Year 5	
Spring session	
LAWS 3045 Law of Associations	10
LAWS 4014 Remedies	10
Select two LLB Alternate subjects	20
Credit Points	40
Autumn session	
LAWS 4015 Constitutional Law	10
LAWS 4004 Criminal Procedure and Evidence	10
Select two LLB Alternate subjects	20
Credit Points	40
Year 6	
Spring session	
Select two LLB Alternate subjects	20
Credit Points	20
Total Credit Points	420

LLB Alternate Subjects

Students must complete 80 credit points of subjects from the list of Bachelor of Laws alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 4017	Access to Justice Clinic	10
LAWS 3001	Advanced Family Law	10
LAWS 4003	Advanced Taxation Law	10
LAWS 3002	Advanced Torts and Civil Wrongs	10
LAWS 3003	Advocacy	10
LAWS 3090	Animal Law	10
LAWS 3004	Anti-Discrimination Law	10
LAWS 3005	Australian Competition Law	10
LAWS 3006	Australian Consumer Law	10
LAWS 3007	Banking and Securities Law	10
LAWS 2014	Bioethics	10
LAWS 3089	Children's Rights: Local and International	10
LAWS 3011	Comparative Law: Legal Systems of the World	10
LAWS 3013	Conflict of Laws	10
LAWS 3088	Construction Law	10
LAWS 3014	Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 3015	Cyber Law and Justice	10
LAWS 4010	Designing Law Apps for Access to Justice	10
LAWS 3096	Drug Policy and Law	10
LAWS 3016	Elder Law	10
LAWS 3022	Family Dispute Resolution	10
LAWS 3023	Family Law	10
LAWS 2005	Financial Services Law	10
LAWS 2007	First Peoples and the Australian Legal System	10
LAWS 4012	First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic	10
LAWS 3024	Foundations of Chinese Law	10
LAWS 2017	Indonesia: Law, Governance and Culture	10
LAWS 3025	Law, Culture and Entrepreneurial Innovation in India	10
LAWS 3083	Gender and the Law	10

LAWS 3091	Globalisation, Law, Governance and Culture	10
LAWS 3028	Human Rights and the Asia Pacific	10
LAWS 3027	Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 3029	Immigration Law	10
JUST 3008	Independent Study (Law)	10
LAWS 3030	Information and Data Governance Law and Regulation	10
LAWS 3031	Insolvency Law and Policy	10
LAWS 3032	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 3033	International Business Transactions Law	10
LAWS 3034	International Criminal Law	10
LAWS 4007	International Environmental Law	10
LAWS 3039	Islam, International Law and Human Rights	10
JUST 3011	Issues in the Criminal Justice System	10
LAWS 3074	Judicial Internship	10
LAWS 3042	Jurisprudence	10
LAWS 3079	Law, Economics, Ethics and Change	10
LAWS 3084	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 3044	Law and Public Policy	10
LAWS 3046	Law of Employment	10
LAWS 3047	Law of International Organisations	10
LAWS 3048	Law of the Sea	10
LAWS 3085	Law of War	10
LAWS 3075	Law's Self-Understanding	10
LAWS 3078	Legal, Economic and Social Transformation in Taiwan	10
LAWS 3077	Legal Internship	10
LAWS 4016	Legal Research and Methodology	10
LAWS 3086	Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law	10
LAWS 3049	Media Law	10
JUST 2013	Mediation	10
LAWS 3050	Medical Law	10
LAWS 3052	Mental Health Law	10
LAWS 3053	Moot Court	10
LAWS 3055	Planning and Environment Law	10
LAWS 3061	Public Health Law	10
LAWS 3063	Public International Law	10
LAWS 3097	Refugee Law	10
LAWS 2012	Regulatory Risk and Compliance	10
LAWS 4008	Revenue Law	10
LAWS 3067	Self-Managed Superannuation and Trusts	10
LAWS 3068	Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 3087	Sports Law	10
LAWS 3080	Street Law Clinic	10
LAWS 3076	Technology, Innovation and the Law	10
LAWS 3071	Wills and Succession	10
LAWS 3072	Work Health and Safety Law	10

Please note that the availability of Bachelor of Laws Alternate subjects may vary from year to year. New subjects may become available and some others discontinued. The School will publish information on which subjects are available in a session.

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of the program for students who may have passed subjects in the list in 2022 or earlier.

JUST 4001 Clinical Legal Placement, replaced by LAWS 4017 Access to Justice Clinic

Discontinued Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed the subject in 2024 or earlier.

LAWS 3036 International Trade Law

LAWS 3056 Practising in the Public Interest

LAWS 4006 International Climate Law