

BACHELOR OF ACCOUNTING/ BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) (2839)

Approved Abbreviation: BAccounting/LLB(Hons)
Western Sydney University Program Code: 2839
AQF Level: 8

CRICOS code: 108429G

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

This program is designed for high achieving law students in the Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Laws program who wish to undertake an extended level of study and research in Law. An honours degree indicates academic excellence in a professional context and, as an Australian Qualifications Framework Level 8 qualification, students may also have direct entry into postgraduate programs including Masters and Doctor of Philosophy programs.

There is no direct entry into the Honours program. Entry is by application only following completion of at least 160 credit points of Law study and by meeting specified criteria (see Admission details). As an embedded honours program, students are not required to undertake an additional period of study. Further details regarding the honours program and its requirements are available at: Honours in Law and School of Law Honours Guidelines.

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program satisfies the academic degree requirements for admission to practice as an Australian lawyer. Students will engage in collaborative face-to-face problem and case-based learning, will be supported by online learning materials, and will participate in authentic assessment to develop knowledge and skills. The program provides students with a broad progressive legal education with a strong practical orientation to the law. Students develop skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, research, communication, collaboration, self-management, and ethical and professional awareness and judgement. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in legal advocacy, negotiation, and legal technology and extend their professional and learning experiences through work integrated learning, clinical placement and international exchange engagements.

Study Mode

Five years full-time or ten years part-time. Students may be required to travel between campuses in order to complete their subjects

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 |
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| Campbelltown Campus | Full Time | Internal | See Above |

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| 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 of the Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) are eligible to apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for admission to legal practice in NSW after undertaking prescribed practical legal training. Providing students complete subject LAWS 4008 Revenue Law (students can select this as an LLB alternate subjects), this degree satisfies the accreditation requirements of CPA Australia (CPA), Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) for entry into their respective programs. Completion of this degree will allow students to claim a number of exemptions from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) in obtaining the CIMA Professional Qualification.

In addition, by utilising their alternate subjects to complete the Taxation major T023, students satisfy the tertiary education requirements to register as a Tax (Financial) Adviser and a Tax Agent with the TPB. Details regarding these requirements can be found via the link located above. Students choosing to exit with the Bachelor of Accounting at the end of the third year who wish to seek professional accreditation as an accountant will need to complete all subjects listed in the first three years of the recommended program sequence and subjects LAWS 4008 Revenue Law (students can select this as an LLB alternate subjects) and LAWS 3045 Law of Associations (an additional subject).

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Accreditation

This degree is internationally accredited with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and students who complete this degree will receive exemptions from 11 ACCA papers.

Details available on the ACCA website at <https://www.accaglobal.com/an/en.html>

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.

The School of Law has developed Inherent Requirements Standards (IRS) for the Bachelor of Laws programs. http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_law_courses (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_law_courses/)

The School of Business developed a set of Inherent Requirements for the discipline of Accounting as part of a WSU-wide pilot. These requirements are available at: http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_accounting_courses (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_accounting_courses%20/)

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

This program is designed for students in the Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Laws program who wish to undertake an Honours program.

Students must meet all of the following criteria for admission:

- Completion of at least 160 credit points of law study (or 140 credit points if two Summer subjects are undertaken);
- Demonstration of the likelihood of graduating with an Honours Weighted Average Mark (HWAM) of at least 70 at the time of graduation; or an Admission Average Mark (AAM) of at least 70 at the time of admission to the Honours program. Refer to <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sol/honours> (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sol/honours/>) for details
- Submission of a 'Nomination of Topics' form which expresses preferences among supervisor-defined topics and/or describes a student-defined topic in a scholarly manner. Refer to https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0008/1784474/Honours_topic_nomination_form_2020.docx
- Demonstration of satisfactory academic writing skills
- Availability of a principal supervisor

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 4017 Access to Justice Clinic
- LAWS 3074 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%203074>) Judicial Internship
- LAWS 3077 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%203077>) Legal Internship
- LAWS 4012 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%204012>) First Nations Peoples' Access to Justice Clinic
- LAWS 3080 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%203080>) Street Law Clinic
- JUST 3011 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=JUST%203011>) 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 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%203024>) Foundations of Chinese Law
- LAWS 3025 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%203025>) Foundations of Indian Law
- LAWS 3078 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%203078>) Legal, Economic and Social Transformation in Taiwan

Program Structure

Qualification for the award of Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) requires the successful completion of 400 credit points as per the recommended sequence.

Note: Students wishing to seek professional accreditation as an accountant will need to complete alternate subject LAWS 4008 Revenue Law as one of the eight LLB alternate subjects.

Students can tailor their study to include subjects that are recognised for specialist tax and financial planning practice in the accounting profession. Note that additional study may be required to achieve full accreditation in those specialist fields. Students should seek advice from the DAP re alternate subjects to be taken.

Students choosing to exit with the Bachelor of Accounting at the end of the third year who wish to seek professional accreditation as an accountant will need to complete all subjects listed in the first three years of the recommended program sequence and subjects LAWS 4008 Revenue Law (students can select this as an LLB alternate subject) and LAWS 3045 Law of Associations (an additional subject).

Students enrolled in the 2839 Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) will only be eligible to graduate from their Bachelor of Laws degree upon completion of the entire 400 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 Accounting component must transfer to program 2829 Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (Non Graduate Entry) which requires the completion of 320 credit points (inclusive of 80 credit points of non-LLB study).

Students must complete 240 credit points of Law subjects comprising:

- 160 credit points of specified core subjects to meet Priestly 11 accreditation requirements:
- 10 credit points Research Training Component (LAWS 4016 Legal Research and Methodology)
- 20 credit points Research Component (LAWS 4011 Law Honours Dissertation)
- 50 credit points of LLB alternate subjects. (Note that students wishing for accounting accreditation must choose and complete the LLB Alternate subject LAWS 4008 Revenue Law).

And

- 130 credit points of specified core accounting subjects including either MATH 1030 Statistics for Business or ECON 1006 Introduction to Economic Methods
- 30 credit points of Accounting Alternate subjects.

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 400 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Full-time start-year intake

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
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| Year 1 | | |
| Autumn session | | |
| LAWS 1003 | Fundamentals of Australian Law | 10 |
| LAWS 2004 | Criminal Law | 10 |
| ACCT 1005 | Accounting in Context | 10 |
| Select one of the following: | | 10 |
| MATH 1030 | Statistics for Business | |
| ECON 1006 | Introduction to Economic Methods | |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 1009 | Legal Analysis and Critique | 10 |
| LAWS 2013 | Torts Law | 10 |
| ACCT 1007 | Financial Accounting Applications | 10 |
| ECON 2002 | Corporate Financial Management | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Year 2 | | |
| Autumn session | | |
| LAWS 2003 | Contracts | 10 |
| ACCT 1010 | Management Accounting Fundamentals | 10 |
| ACCT 2005 | Techniques in Financial Accounting | 10 |
| ECON 1011 | Principles of Economics | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 2001 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 10 |
| ACCT 3003 | Accounting Standards and Governance | 10 |
| ACCT 2001 | Contemporary Management Accounting | 10 |
| Select one Accounting Alternate subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Year 3 | | |
| Autumn session | | |
| LAWS 2015 | Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics | 10 |
| ACCT 3001 | Accounting Information Systems | 10 |
| ACCT 3007 | Corporate Accounting Systems | 10 |
| Select one Accounting Alternate subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 2008 | Government and Public Law | 10 |
| ACCT 3006 | Auditing and Assurance Services | 10 |
| ACCT 3011 | The Accountant as a Consultant | 10 |
| Select one Accounting Alternate subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Year 4 | | |
| Autumn session | | |
| LAWS 3018 | Equity & Trusts | 10 |
| LAWS 3082 | Property Law | 10 |
| Select two LLB alternate subjects | | 20 |
| Students who will be seeking professional accreditation as an accountant should enrol in subject LAWS 4008 Revenue Law in place of one LLB Alternate subject | | |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 3081 | Administrative Law | 10 |

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| LAWS 3045 | Law of Associations | 10 |
| Select two LLB alternate subjects | | 20 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |

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| Year 5 | | |
| Autumn session | | |
| LAWS 4015 | Constitutional Law | 10 |
| LAWS 4004 | Criminal Procedure and Evidence | 10 |
| LAWS 4016 | Legal Research and Methodology | 10 |
| Select one LLB alternate subject | | 10 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Spring session | | |
| LAWS 4014 | Remedies | 10 |
| LAWS 4013 | Civil Procedure and Arbitration | 10 |
| LAWS 4011 | Law Honours Dissertation | 20 |
| Credit Points | | 40 |
| Total Credit Points | | 400 |

Accounting Alternate Subjects

Students must complete 30 credit points from the list of Accounting alternate subjects below.

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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| FINC 3004 | Financial Planning | 10 |
| FINC 3006 | Insurance Advising - Theory and Practice | 10 |
| FINC 2002 | Personal Asset Management | 10 |
| FINC 3014 | Retirement and Succession Planning | 10 |
| LAWS 3067 | Self-Managed Superannuation and Trusts | 10 |

LLB Alternate Subjects

Students must complete 50 credit points of subjects from the list of Bachelor of Laws alternate subjects below.

(Note that students must choose alternate subject LAWS 4008 Revenue Law if seeking professional accreditation as an accountant.)

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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| 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 |

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| 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.

FINC 1001 - Management Accounting Fundamentals, replaced by ACCT 1010 Management Accounting Fundamentals
JUST 4001 Clinical Legal Placement, replaced by LAWS 4017 Access to Justice Clinic