

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF LAWS (2538)

Approved Abbreviation: BSocSc/LLB

Western Sydney University Program Code: 2538

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 018941G

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

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement Year 2017 - 2538.9 Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2538.9>)

Commencement Year Spring 2014 - 2016 - 2538.8 Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2538.8>)

Commencement Year Autumn 2014 - 2538.7 Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2538.7>)

Commencement Years 2010 to 2011 - 2538.4 Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2538.4>)

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

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/2024-2025/programs/diploma-laws-exit-only/>)

Study Mode

Five years full-time or ten years part-time. Social Science subjects are offered at Liverpool and Penrith campuses and Law units are offered at Campbelltown and Parramatta campuses. Students may be required to travel between campuses in order to complete their subjects.

Program Advice

courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/courseadvicelaw@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 are eligible to apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for admission to legal practice in NSW after undertaking prescribed practical legal training.

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 (https://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 Social Science/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 Prerequisites

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 subjects requires 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 400 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequences for the relevant double degree programs.

Students are eligible to graduate in the associated degree at the end of three years of full-time study, only when they have completed all non-law subjects plus the eight law subjects specified in the study sequence as being in the first three years of the relevant double degree.

Students enrolled in the 2538 Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws 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 Social Science component must transfer to program Bachelor of Laws (Non Graduate Entry) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/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 early exit with the Diploma in Laws (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma->

laws-exit-only/) on completion of 80 credit points, comprising 20 credit points of specified Law core units and 60 credit points of Law core or alternate units, as provided in the course structure. Please refer to the link above for details.

It may be possible to vary the sequence of subjects so that students study a greater concentration of either law or their second discipline of study each semester, to minimise travel between campuses and to overcome timetabling problems. Students should speak to their academic advisor as needed. However students who enrol in LAWS 1003 Fundamentals of Australian Law must also be enrolled in LAWS 2004 Criminal Law and students who enrol in LAWS 1009 Legal Analysis and Critique must also be enrolled in LAWS 2013 Torts Law.

For details of the Social Science subjects required please see program Bachelor of Social Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-social-science/>). Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws students are required to complete the following social science subjects:

- A major in social science (chosen from the specified list of approved majors) of 80 credit points;
- An 80 credit point core comprised of eight common core subjects that will be spread out over the three year degree.

Note that instead of the minimum of 80 credit points of elective subjects required to be completed by Bachelor of Social Science students enrolled in program 1667- Bachelor of Social Science, students in this Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws program are required to complete the eight law subjects listed in the first three years of the recommended sequence.

Social Science core subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10
Total Credit Points		80

Recommended Sequence

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
LAWS 1003	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
LAWS 2004	Criminal Law	10
BEHV 1021	The Individual in Society	10
CULT 1017	Understanding Society	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
LAWS 1009	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
LAWS 2013	Torts Law	10

Full-time mid-year intake			
	Course	Title	Credit Points
HUMN 1041	People, Place and Social Difference	10	
HUMN 1060	Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies	10	
	Credit Points	40	
Year 2		Year 1	
Autumn session		Spring session	
LAWS 2003	Contracts	10	
HUMN 2066	Investigating and Communicating Social Problems	10	
Select two Social Science major subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Spring session		Autumn session	
LAWS 2001	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10	
CULT 2005	Ethics in the Social Sciences	10	
Select two Social Science major subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Year 3		Year 2	
Autumn session		Spring session	
LAWS 2015	Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics	10	
CULT 3001	Applied Social Research	10	
Select two Social Science major subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Spring session		Autumn session	
LAWS 2008	Government and Public Law	10	
CULT 3007	Contemporary Social Issues and Professional Practice	10	
Select two Social Science major subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Year 4		Year 3	
Autumn session		Spring session	
LAWS 3018	Equity & Trusts	10	
LAWS 3082	Property Law	10	
Select two LLB alternate subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Spring session		Autumn session	
LAWS 3045	Law of Associations	10	
LAWS 3081	Administrative Law	10	
Select two LLB alternate subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Year 5		Year 4	
Autumn session		Spring session	
LAWS 4015	Constitutional Law	10	
LAWS 4004	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	10	
Select two LLB alternate subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Spring session		Autumn session	
LAWS 4013	Civil Procedure and Arbitration	10	
LAWS 4014	Remedies	10	
Select two LLB alternate subjects			
	Credit Points	40	
Total Credit Points		Credit Points	400

Autumn session						
LAWS 4015	Constitutional Law	10	LAWS 3074	Judicial Internship	10	
LAWS 4004	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	10	LAWS 3042	Jurisprudence	10	
Select two LLB alternate subjects		20	LAWS 3079	Law, Economics, Ethics and Change	10	
	Credit Points	40	LAWS 3084	Law and Literature	10	
	Total Credit Points	400	LAWS 3044	Law and Public Policy	10	

LLB Alternate Subjects

Students must complete 80 credit points of subjects from the following.

Subject	Title	Credit Points				
LAWS 4017	Access to Justice Clinic	10	LAWS 3077	Legal Internship	10	
LAWS 3001	Advanced Family Law	10	LAWS 4016	Legal Research and Methodology	10	
LAWS 4003	Advanced Taxation Law	10	LAWS 3086	Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law	10	
LAWS 3002	Advanced Torts and Civil Wrongs	10	LAWS 3049	Media Law	10	
LAWS 3003	Advocacy	10	JUST 2013	Mediation	10	
LAWS 3090	Animal Law	10	LAWS 3050	Medical Law	10	
LAWS 3004	Anti-Discrimination Law	10	LAWS 3052	Mental Health Law	10	
LAWS 3005	Australian Competition Law	10	LAWS 3053	Moot Court	10	
LAWS 3006	Australian Consumer Law	10	LAWS 3055	Planning and Environment Law	10	
LAWS 3007	Banking and Securities Law	10	LAWS 3061	Public Health Law	10	
LAWS 2014	Bioethics	10	LAWS 3063	Public International Law	10	
LAWS 3089	Children's Rights: Local and International	10	LAWS 3097	Refugee Law	10	
LAWS 3011	Comparative Law: Legal Systems of the World	10	LAWS 2012	Regulatory Risk and Compliance	10	
LAWS 3013	Conflict of Laws	10	LAWS 4008	Revenue Law	10	
LAWS 3088	Construction Law	10	LAWS 3067	Self-Managed Superannuation and Trusts	10	
LAWS 3014	Corporate Governance	10	LAWS 3068	Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10	
LAWS 3015	Cyber Law and Justice	10	LAWS 3087	Sports Law	10	
LAWS 4010	Designing Law Apps for Access to Justice	10	LAWS 3080	Street Law Clinic	10	
LAWS 3096	Drug Policy and Law	10	LAWS 3076	Technology, Innovation and the Law	10	
LAWS 3016	Elder Law	10	LAWS 3071	Wills and Succession	10	
LAWS 3022	Family Dispute Resolution	10	LAWS 3072	Work Health and Safety Law	10	
LAWS 3023	Family Law	10	Please note that the availability of Bachelor of Laws Alternate Subjects may vary from session to session. New subjects may become available and some discontinued. The School of Law will publish information on which subjects are available in a session.			
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				

Equivalent Subjects

The equivalent subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

[JUST 2002 - Bioethics, replaced by LAWS 2014 Bioethics](#)

The equivalent subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

CULT 1020 Working with Communities, replace by HUMN 1060 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn1060/>) Introduction to Indigenous Australia: Peoples, Places and Philosophies

HUMN 2049 Social Research Methods, replace by HUMN 2066 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/humn2066/>) Investigating and Communicating Social Problems

[The equivalent subject listed below counts toward completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.](#)

LAWS 3008 - Civil Procedure and Arbitration (200813), replaced by LAWS 4013 Civil Procedure and Arbitration
LAWS 3064 - Remedies (200756), replaced by LAWS 4014 Remedies

LAWS 2002 - Constitutional Law (200009), replaced by LAWS 4015
Constitutional Law
LAWS 4001 - Administrative Law (200013), replaced by LAWS 3081
Administrative Law
LAWS 2011 - Property Law (200012), replaced by LAWS 3082 Property
Law
LAWS 3059 - Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics (200020),
replaced by LAWS 2015 Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics

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

Replaced Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for
students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

LAWS 3043 - Land Transactions Law (200021)
LAWS 3035 - International Moot Court (200663)
LAWS 4002 - Advanced Constitutional Law (200755)
LAWS 4009 - Transaction Law (200758)
LAWS 3066 - Revenue Law Industry Placement (201007)
LAWS 3073 - Elder Law Industry Placement (201020)
JUST 2009 - Law Economics and Business Ethics (200296)
LAWS 4011 - Law Honours Dissertation (200700)

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