

Academic Program Rules

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Notes on Delegated Authority

1. Council has delegated the power to approve minor changes to the Academic Program Rules to the Executive Deans of Faculties.
2. Council has delegated the power to specify syllabuses to the Head of each department or centre concerned, such syllabuses to be subject to approval by the Faculty or by the Executive Dean on behalf of the Faculty.



Bachelor of Laws

1 General

There shall be a degree, which may be awarded with Honours, and an Honours degree of Bachelor of Laws.

2 Duration of program

The program for all double degrees shall extend over 5 years of full-time study or the part-time equivalent, except for Engineering which shall extend over 6.5 years.

For candidates studying for the Bachelor of Laws only, full-time study shall extend over 4 years for non-graduates, 3 years for Graduate entrants and no less than 1.5 years for Later Year Entrants.

3 Admission

- 3.1 Admission as a candidate for the degree is subject to quotas and selection procedures currently operating in the School. The admission requirements for this program of study are those outlined in the Rules made by Council pursuant to Chapter IX of the University Statutes - Of Admission and Enrolment.

Note Academic Program Rule 3.1 (not forming part of the Rule)

- 1 The normal admission procedure recommended for students other than graduates or later year entrants who wish to proceed to the degree of Bachelor of Laws is as follows:
- a apply for entry to candidature in the School Leavers, Special Entry or Tertiary Transfer subquota
 - b apply under the Bachelor of Laws (undergraduate entry) double degrees category for entry to candidature for one of the following degrees at the University of Adelaide:
 - Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
 - Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.)
 - Bachelor of Computer Science (B.Comp.Sc.)
 - Bachelor of Design Studies (B.Des.St.)
 - Bachelor of Development Studies (B Dev St)
 - Bachelor of Economics (B.Ec.)
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems) (B.E.(Comp.Sys.))
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic) (B.E.(Elec.))
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) (B.E.(Mech))
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Telecommunications) (B.E. (Telecomm.))
 - Bachelor of Environmental Policy & management (B.Env.Pol.& Mgt.)
 - Bachelor of Finance (B.Fin.)
 - Bachelor of Health Sciences (B.Health Sc.)
 - Bachelor of International Studies (B.Int.St.)
 - Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences (B.Ma.& Comp.Sc.)
 - Bachelor of Media (B.Media)

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc)

Bachelor of Social Sciences (B.Soc.Sc.)

or

applicants who have already commenced but have not completed non-Law studies, and who wish to continue studying their current program concurrently with Law, apply using the Tertiary Transfer stream code or

applicants who are not graduates and intend to study Law only apply using the Bachelor of Laws (Undergraduate Law) category.

- 3.2 Places in the courses LAW 1501 Foundations of Law, LAW 1502 Law of Torts 1, LAW 1503 Contracts and LAW 1504 Principles of Public Law are only available to students who have been accepted as a candidate for the LL.B.
- 3.3 Candidates wishing to interrupt their studies must do so in accordance with the procedures outlined in the University Leave of Absence Policy.

In determining a candidate's eligibility for the award of the degree, the School may disallow any course completed more than 10 years ago. Where a course/s is disallowed under this rule, a student will be required to undertake such additional or special programs of study as the School deems appropriate.

3.4 Status

- a In lieu of any of the courses referred to in 5.3.1.1(a) below a candidate may present a Law course or courses passed outside the University. Such courses must be approved and their units value determined by the School in each case.
- b A candidate granted status must present courses taught at the University of Adelaide to the value of at least 48 units if studying the 96 unit stand-alone LLB, or 36 units if studying the 72 unit graduate entry LLB, or 36 units if studying the LLB as part of a double degree.

4 Assessment and examinations

- 4.1
- a In determining a candidate's final result in a course, the assessors may take into account the assessments of the candidate's oral, written, practical or examination work in that course, provided that the candidate has been given notice at the beginning of the course of the circumstances in which the work may be taken into account and its relative importance in the final result
 - b A candidate may be required by the assessors in any course to do essays or other written work in a satisfactory manner as prerequisite to being assessed in that course, provided that candidates are given precise information about

- those requirements at the beginning of the course.
- 4.2 The School may grant to any student such exemption from 4.1 above, and under such conditions, as it shall decide.
- 4.3 There shall be five classifications of pass in any course or division of a course for the Bachelor degree as follows: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit, Pass, Conceded Pass. Courses for which a result of conceded pass has been obtained may not be presented towards the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Laws programs, nor to satisfy prerequisite requirements within any Law course.
- 4.4 If in the opinion of the School, a student for the degree is not making satisfactory progress the following action may be taken:
- i Where a student has failed courses they will be advised to seek course advice to assist them in their future studies
 - ii If a student has failed more than three quarters of their previous year studies they will be restricted to enrolling in no more than 12 units of study each semester for the following year
 - iii Where a student has twice failed to pass any compulsory course they will be permitted to present again for the course only if their enrolment is restricted to a total of 12 units in the semester in which the course is undertaken
 - iv Where a student has twice failed to pass any elective course they will not be permitted to enrol in the subject for a third time.

Exemption from these restrictions may only be varied by the Dean, where exceptional circumstances exist.

5 Qualification requirements

- 5.1 To qualify for the Bachelor degree candidates admitted to the program after 1 January 2009 shall comply with the relevant provisions of the Academic Program Rules set out in Clause 5.3.
- 5.2 To qualify for the Bachelor degree with Honours a candidate shall comply with the relevant provisions of Academic Program Rule 5.3.1.2
- 1 First Class
 - 2A Second Class div A
 - 2B Second Class div B
 - 3 Third Class
 - NAH Not awarded

5.3 Academic program

5.3.1 The Bachelor degree

Introductory note to Academic Program Rule 5.4.1 (not forming part of the Rule):

The standard course load for the Bachelor of Laws degree is four years of full-time study for candidates studying Law only and three years of full-time study for graduates or candidates completing a non-Law degree also.

- 5.3.1.1 A candidate shall qualify for the degree if:

- a the candidate has
 - i all the following compulsory courses:
 - LAW 1501 Foundations of Law 3
 - LAW 1502 Law of Torts 1 3
 - LAW 1504 Principles of Public Law 3
 - LAW 1503 Contracts 6
 - LAW 1505 Law of Torts 2 3
 - LAW 1506 Property Law 6
 - LAW 2501 Australian Constitutional Law ... 3
 - LAW 2502 Equity 3
 - LAW 2503 Criminal Law & Procedure 6
 - LAW 2504 Administrative Law 3
 - LAW 2505 Corporate Law 6
 - LAW 3501 Dispute Resolution & Ethics ... 6
 - LAW 3502 Evidence and Proof In Theory and Practice 6
 - and
 - ii elective courses with an aggregate units value of 15 units from the following (note 5.3.1.1(b)(iv) below):

LAW 2507 Australian Legal History	3
LAW 2508 Comparative Law.....	3
LAW 2509 Commercial Law and the Market.....	3
LAW 2510 Consumer Protection and Unfair Trading	3
LAW 2511 Environmental Law.....	3
LAW 2512 Family Law.....	3
LAW 2513 Human Rights: International and National Perspectives	3
LAW 2514 Intellectual Property Law.....	3
LAW 2515 Law of the Person	3
LAW 2516 Medical Law and Ethics	3
LAW 2517 Minerals and Energy Law.....	3
LAW 2518 Moot Court.....	3
LAW 2519 Native Title Internship	3
LAW 2520 Public International Law	3
LAW 2521 Property Theory	3
LAW 2522 Roman Law.....	3
LAW 2523 Succession	3
LAW 2524 Criminology	3

LAW 2526 Legal Theory	3
LAW 3505 Aboriginal Peoples and the Law	3
LAW 3506 Adelaide Law Review	3
LAW 3507 Alternative Dispute Resolution.....	3
LAW 3508 Australian Federal Criminal Law.....	3
LAW 3509 Anti-Discrimination Law and Equality Law	3
LAW 3510 Clinical Legal Education	3
LAW 3511 Commercial Equity.....	3
LAW 3512 Conflict of Laws	3
LAW 3513 Financial Transactions	3
LAW 3514 Human Rights Internship Programme.....	3
LAW 3515 Immigration & Refugee Law....	3
LAW 3516 Jessup Moot	3
LAW 3517 Law of Work	3
LAW 3519 Remedies.....	3
LAW 3520 Sentencing and Criminal Justice	3
LAW 3521 Taxation Law.....	3
LAW 3522 Disclosure Obligations of Companies	3
LAW 3523 Company Merger and Acquisition Law	3
LAW 3599 Law Research Dissertation	6

and

- b the candidate has
 - i qualified for a degree in another Faculty/
School of the University *or*
 - ii been awarded at another university a
degree which, in the opinion of the School,
is at least equivalent, for the purpose, to
a degree in another Faculty/School of the
University *or*
 - iii been awarded at another tertiary institution
a non-Law qualification at an academic level
which has been accepted by the School *or*
 - iv completed an additional 24 units of elective
courses from, 5.3.1.1(a)(ii) above, or 12
units of elective courses from 5.3.1.1(a) (ii)
above and 12 units of non-Law courses
subject to the approval of the Faculty/
School concerned.

The School may determine that any elective course/s referred to above be not offered in a particular year.

The units value of each course shall be that appearing after the name of the course.

- c The School may determine, on such conditions as it considers appropriate, that a pass in a course offered under previous schedules is to

be deemed to be a pass in a course or courses referred to in 5.4.1.1(a) above.

- 5.3.1.2 A candidate shall be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Law with Honours provided they have achieved a Grade Point Average (GPA) of equal to or more than 5.20*. The class of Honours awarded shall be determined as follows:

First Class	6.00+
Second Class (Div 1)	5.50 - 5.99
Second Class (Div II)	5.20 – 5.49

Note: Students intending to study a Master by Research or a PhD must undertake the course 'Law Research Dissertation'.

* For further details of how the GPA is calculated, please refer to the Law School website.

5.4 Unacceptable combinations of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.

5.5 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award at a graduation ceremony for the purpose.

6 Special circumstances

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.

Graduate Attributes

Bachelor of Laws

Knowledge

- A Law graduate from Adelaide Law School will have a clear and detailed knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of the Australian legal system, including the separation of powers, the role of courts, the legislative process, and the role and control of the executive
- The Law graduate will also have knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of the primary areas of Australian Law as required to satisfy the academic standards for admission to practice Law in an Australian jurisdiction, and knowledge and understanding of the development of Law and legal principle within both those subject areas and other areas, such as to maintain appropriate familiarity with, and a capability to access the content of, legal principle in a given area
- The Law graduate will have knowledge and understanding of the principles and standards of ethical and professional conduct of a Lawyer.

Intellectual and social capabilities

- A Law graduate will have the cognitive skills to analyse, evaluate and synthesise information from a wide variety of sources and experiences so as to identify and address as appropriate legal and related issues
- A Law graduate will have an awareness of the incompleteness of Law and the continuous state of development of legal principle in response to social and technical change, and a capacity to respond to such change and assist such development as appropriate
- A Law graduate will have critical thinking and problem solving skills
- A Law graduate will have oral and written communication skills of a high order
- A Law graduate will have skills to work both independently and cooperatively in a professional environment
- A Law graduate will have the capacity to learn and maintain intellectual curiosity, and to engage in life long personal and professional learning
- A Law graduate will be familiar with and proficient in legal research techniques, including in the appropriate use of modern research technologies
- A Law graduate will have a capacity to work in a professional and ethical relationship with both clients and colleagues
- A Law graduate will have a capacity to be informed, responsible and critically discriminating in his or her participation in the community.

Attitudes and values

- A Law graduate will have a commitment to the rule of Law and an understanding of social justice through the operation of Law
- A Law graduate will have a commitment to the highest standards of ethical and professional behaviour
- A Law graduate will have an understanding of social and cultural diversity, and sensitivity of the operation of the Law and legal structures in that context.