The School of Law and Justice has two legal education streams. The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is the primary academic degree for those who want to qualify as a lawyer in Australia. The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies and the Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) are for those who want to work as paralegals or in similar legal roles. These degrees also provide a pathway into the LLB for successful students.

The School is committed to providing an exciting and challenging legal education which enables graduates to make a significant contribution in the field of law and justice.

Studying at SCU
Studying at Southern Cross University involves a range of learning experiences. It can vary based on your course of study, your location and your mode of study.

You may take part in face-to-face lectures, workshops and tutorials, interactive video-conferenced lectures, podcasts, online units and discussion forums using cutting-edge technologies. You can bring your own device onto campus and use SCU’s extensive wireless network or access study materials off-campus as long as you have an internet connection. Many courses also offer professional placements, field trips and residential workshops.

Why study with us?
- Practice courts and opportunity for international exchange.
- Summer Law Schools at Byron Bay and the Gold Coast.
- Law Lounge support network for first-year study groups.
- Pathways between degrees.
- On-campus and distance education study options.
- Three teaching sessions to spread your study load.

Degrees which put you in the workplace
All law and paralegal courses offer students an opportunity to participate in a work placement which will count towards their degree. The learning opportunities provided during a placement may include attending court, legal and other research, working as part of a legal team, working with clients, managing files, drafting correspondence and other legal documents, and general administrative tasks. The knowledge and experience gained through a practical placement supports students as they work towards the transition to legal practice or work as a paralegal. Students are responsible for identifying their own placement, which must be approved by the School.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws can undertake a 15-day supervised work placement to gain insights into the role of a legal practitioner as well as the dynamics of a legal practice and the legal system. Paralegal students in the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies and the Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) can undertake a 10-day supervised work placement to gain insights into working in a legal environment in a paralegal capacity, including areas of legal practice such as conveyancing, business or family law.
BACHELOR OF LAWS

Undergraduate entry

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is a recognised degree for admission as a lawyer throughout Australia. Whatever their field of interest, the LLB will equip students with the intellectual, critical and practical skills needed in the professional practice of law. This four-year degree can also be studied as a five-year double degree.

The Bachelor of Laws is offered on campus and by distance education. Some units include compulsory on-campus workshops. For more information on the workshop program go to: scu.edu.au/lawworkshops

Applicants who do not have the required entry mark for the Bachelor of Laws are encouraged to apply for the Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) or Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies. If students achieve the required grade point average, they can then apply for transfer into the Bachelor of Laws.

Professional recognition

Both the Bachelor of Laws undergraduate and graduate entry (see next course) fulfill the academic requirements for admission to the legal profession. Professional admission authorities also require law graduates of all universities to complete practical legal training or similar to be eligible for admission.

Students who intend to practise law outside Australia should check with the relevant country’s admission body to confirm their admission requirements.

Professional placement

Law students can undertake voluntary legal experience and professional placement with legal firms or offices to complement their practical legal skills and become familiar with the issues facing working lawyers.

Major areas of study

Students study 16 core units, plus select units from an extensive range of electives to suit their career aspirations.

Your career

Graduates typically work as barristers, solicitors and in private, corporate or government legal departments. During their careers they can further develop a specialisation in many fields of law such as family law, wills and estate planning, criminal law, corporate law, property and conveyancing law, town planning and environmental law, employment and industrial relations, commercial law, compensation, entertainment law and sporting law. Some graduates also specialise in fields of law relevant to their previous degree.

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Graduate entry – for those with a Bachelor level degree

The graduate entry Bachelor of Laws is a three-year degree which meets the requirements for admission as a lawyer throughout Australia. (Please read the description for the undergraduate entry Bachelor of Laws.)

Your career

Graduates typically work as barristers, solicitors and in private, corporate or government legal departments. During their careers they can further develop a specialisation in many fields of law such as family law, wills and estate planning, criminal law, corporate law, property and conveyancing law, town planning and environmental law, employment and industrial relations, commercial law, compensation, entertainment law and sporting law. Some graduates also specialise in fields of law relevant to their previous degree.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education
Duration: 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time
UAC codes: GC – 336766, L – 336100
QTAC codes: GC – 056761, L – 056001
Total units: 24
Indicative ATAR: 89 (or equivalent) | Indicative OP: 7 (or equivalent)
Julie Granger is a special counsel at Clayton Utz, Sydney, one of Australia’s top-tier law firms. She’s worked there since graduating from Southern Cross University. Julie provides legal advice to large corporate clients, including multinationals and major banks, helping them to avoid or resolve commercial disputes.

“The thing that differentiates law at Southern Cross University is that I didn’t just learn about the law and what the law was, but I learnt how to think. I learnt how to interact with people from all walks of life. That’s what stood me in really good stead,” Julie said.

She credits her lecturers and opportunities beyond the classroom, provided by the University, as being fundamental to her becoming a successful lawyer.

“I travelled to Chicago as part of an international moot team, I had lecturers who were open and approachable – we had really good academic debates. I wasn’t just a number sitting in a classroom.

“My Bachelor of Laws at Southern Cross University was instrumental in not only helping me get my job, but it enabled me to be the successful lawyer that I am.”
BACHELOR OF LEGAL AND JUSTICE STUDIES

This degree provides a thorough practical grounding in legal knowledge and opens up opportunities for entering the fields of law and justice at the para-professional level. For people who have already been working professionally in the fields of law and justice, this course will help extend their knowledge, skills and expertise to develop their career. This Bachelor degree is an extension of the Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies), and offers a wider choice of specialised study areas.

Students who want to become lawyers and who achieve the necessary grade point average may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Laws during or at the completion of their studies. Alternatively, students who wish to exit this course early with the Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) may do so with the completion of the required 16 units.

Professional recognition
The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, with a major in Conveyancing, is accredited by NSW Fair Trading. See major description for more information.

Professional placement
Students can undertake voluntary legal experience and para-professional placement with legal firms or offices to complement their practical legal skills and become familiar with the issues facing working paralegals.

Majors
This course consists of compulsory law units and elective units. Students can choose to study a major in Criminal Justice, Conveyancing, Civil Practice or Community Justice.

Civil Practice provides a platform for students to move into support roles in the fields of commercial and civil litigation practice within legal firms.

Community Justice provides students with expertise in the human rights and social justice fields. Graduates will have the background and skills to enable them to work in a wide range of civil and community services.

Conveyancing provides students with the academic requirements necessary to obtain a conveyancer’s licence in NSW, and is accredited by NSW Fair Trading. For licensing requirements, and details of mandatory additional work experience required to enable registration, enquiries should be made to NSW Fair Trading (fairtrading.nsw.gov.au). Note that each Australian state or territory has its own legislation regulating conveyancing practice, except QLD where only qualified solicitors are legally permitted to engage in conveyancing.

Criminal Justice is designed to give students a thorough grounding in the law and practice of criminal law. Graduates will have the background and skills to work in the criminal justice system which offers a diverse array of roles in legal firms, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration and public prosecutions.

Additional information: Some elective units, when studied by distance education, require students to attend on-campus workshops. Contact the University for more information.

Your career
Depending on their area of specialisation, graduates typically work in legal firms, corporate firms, government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, and in the corporate sector in finance, banking and insurance. As long as they have completed the required units, graduates may apply for a conveyancer’s licence in NSW.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN LAW (PARALEGAL STUDIES)

This course produces skilled graduates, ready for work in a legal environment with just two years of study. Combining intellectual rigour with practical legal skills, it gives students an exceptional foundation for a career as a paralegal professional in a broad range of settings. The Associate Degree in Law is offered on campus or by distance education.

Paralegals perform substantive legal work in legal practices, banks, insurance companies, or other public and private organisations with in-house legal departments. A paralegal’s tasks may include legal research, drafting wills, preparing legal arguments, preparing agreements, compiling court documentation, legal record keeping, legal communication and client services.

Students who achieve the required grade point average during or on completion of this degree may apply for admission into the undergraduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

Professional recognition

The Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies), with a major in Conveyancing, is accredited by NSW Fair Trading. See major description for more information.

Professional placement

Students can undertake voluntary legal experience and para-professional placement with legal firms or offices to complement their practical legal skills and become familiar with the issues facing working paralegals.

Majors

This course consists of compulsory law units and elective units. Students can choose to study a major in either Conveyancing or Civil Practice.

Conveyancing provides students with the academic requirements necessary to obtain a conveyancer’s licence in NSW, and is accredited by NSW Fair Trading. For licensing requirements, and details of mandatory additional work experience required to enable registration, enquiries should be made to NSW Fair Trading. Note that each Australian state or territory has its own legislation regulating conveyancing practice, except QLD where only qualified solicitors are legally permitted to engage in conveyancing.

Additional information: Some elective units, when studied by distance education, require students to attend on-campus workshops. Contact the University for more information.

Your career

Graduates typically work with a solicitor or barrister, and become involved in most areas of legal practice. Others become valued paralegal professionals in legal firms, government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, and in the corporate sector in finance, banking and insurance.

If they have completed the required units, they may apply for a conveyancer’s licence in NSW.

Summary

Locations: Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

Duration: 2 years full-time or 4 years part-time

UAC codes: GC – 336361, L – 336300

QTAC codes: GC – 056361, L – 056061

Total units: 16 | Indicative ATAR: 63 | Indicative OP: 16

Civil Practice provides a platform for students to move into support roles in the fields of commercial and civil litigation practice within legal firms.
Southern Cross University offers double degrees with Law in the traditional areas such as arts, business and social science as well as innovative double degrees with contemporary music and sport and exercise science. Students may also undertake a specialised Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws. Students who undertake a double degree with law are candidates for both degrees and are able to complete the two degrees in five years full-time study rather than the six years usually required.

Applicants who do not have the required entry mark for a double degree in law are encouraged to apply for the single, partner degree. If those students achieve the required grade point average during that course, they may then apply for transfer into the double degree.

Some law units include compulsory on-campus workshops. For more information on the workshop program go to: scu.edu.au/lawworkshops

**Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws**
Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine their knowledge of both disciplines to work in law-related areas of the arts. They can also pursue career paths specific to either discipline: that is, as barristers or solicitors in private, corporate or government legal departments; or depending on the arts major chosen, in communication industries, community relations, journalism, cultural policy, management and administration, education, publishing, public service, multimedia design, creative and cultural industries, politics, social justice and human rights.

**Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Laws**
Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine their knowledge of both disciplines to work in law-related areas of business. They can also pursue career paths specific to either discipline: that is, as barristers or solicitors in private, corporate or government legal departments; or depending on the business major chosen, in accounting, advertising, banking, finance, human resource management, international business, investment, management, marketing, product management, and public relations.

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**Bachelor of Contemporary Music, Bachelor of Laws**
Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine their knowledge of both disciplines to work in law-related areas of the music industry. They can also pursue career paths specific to either discipline: that is, as barristers or solicitors in private, corporate or government legal departments; or in the music industry, for example as managers or event promoters.

**Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws**
Graduates typically work in Australia or overseas as barristers and solicitors in private, corporate or government legal departments. With this double degree, students can specialise within discreet areas of the law by majoring in Criminal Justice, Conveyancing, Civil Practice or Community Justice.

**Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws**
Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine their knowledge of both disciplines to work in law-related areas of the social sciences. They can also pursue career paths specific to either discipline: that is, as barristers or solicitors in private, corporate or government legal departments; or in professional roles in social welfare, community development, or in policy-related areas of government departments and the private sector.

**Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Bachelor of Laws**
Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine their knowledge of both disciplines to work in law-related areas of the health, sport, or fitness and leisure industries. They can also pursue career paths specific to either discipline: that is, as barristers or solicitors in private, corporate or government legal departments; or in areas such as sport administration, sport facility management, health and fitness centre management and health promotion.

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Applying to study on campus

For full details go to: scu.edu.au/howtoapply

If you are planning to study on campus, either as a full-time or part-time student, you will need to apply online through either the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) or Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) – either can process your application.

Contact details for UAC:
W: www.uac.edu.au
T: 02 9752 0200

Contact details for QTAC:
W: www.qtac.edu.au
T: 07 3858 1222

Tip: When applying through UAC or QTAC, first list the courses that interest you, in your preferred order. Then list your second choice – courses you’d be prepared to study if you missed out on your first choice, and which might assist you to get into one of your first choice courses later on.

Applications to begin Session 1 studies via UAC or QTAC generally need to be lodged by the last working day in September of the previous year, as applications after that date will incur a late fee.

For information on all our courses visit scu.edu.au/courses

Applying to study by distance education

If you are planning to study by distance education, you can apply online direct to Southern Cross University.
scu.edu.au/howtoapply
E: futurestudent@scu.edu.au
Freecall: 1800 626 481

International students

Southern Cross University welcomes international students. This guide however is not intended for their use. International students should contact SCU International.
W: scu.edu.au/international
E: intoff@scu.edu.au
T: 02 6620 3876

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2015 important dates*

Southern Cross University has a teaching calendar of three equal sessions. Depending on the course of study, this can enable students to spread their study load, or to accelerate and complete their degree in less time than the usual duration indicated. For the most up-to-date information, visit the SCU teaching calendar page at: scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar

Rising Stars Scholarship applications for 2015
Open May 2014
Check website for closing dates
scu.edu.au/scholarships

Session 1 teaching dates
Orientation
16 February – 30 May 2015
11 – 13 February 2015

UAC and QTAC on time applications for 2015 entry (Session 1) www.uac.edu.au  www.qtac.edu.au
Open early August 2014
Close late September 2014

Session 2 teaching dates
Orientation
22 June – 3 October 2015
17 – 19 June 2015

UAC and QTAC applications for 2015 entry (Session 2)
Open early August 2014
Close late May 2015

Session 3 teaching dates
Orientation
19 October 2015 – 30 January 2016
14 – 16 October 2015

UAC and QTAC applications for 2015 entry (Session 3)
Open early August 2015
Close mid-September 2015

For the most up-to-date application information, including applying direct to the University, visit:
scu.edu.au/howtoapply www.uac.edu.au or www.qtac.edu.au

*QTAC, UAC, teaching, orientation and scholarship application dates are subject to change. Please refer to their websites. Late QTAC and UAC applications may cost more.