

# UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE

## LAW & JUSTICE 2017



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LEGAL & JUSTICE STUDIES

PARALEGAL STUDIES  
DOUBLE DEGREES WITH LAW



Gabrielle O'Shannessy, graduate. See story page 5.

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## SCHOOL OF LAW & JUSTICE

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The School of Law and Justice is committed to providing an innovative and challenging legal education which enables graduates to make a significant contribution in the field of law and justice. The School offers three 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** is for those who want to work in policy development, paralegal positions and in the field of justice.

The **Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies)** is for those who want to work as paralegals, conveyancers or in similar legal roles.

Graduates will be able to choose from a range of employment opportunities. Legal practice is just one option. But if legal practice is your dream, the pathways in private practice involve choices between a career as a barrister, practising as a solicitor or as a corporate lawyer.

Law careers can range from working in large, private law firms to small, regional or suburban firms. Graduates can also typically find employment in the public sector with organisations like Legal Aid, Aboriginal Legal Service, or the Department of Public Prosecutions, or in state or federal government departments.

### 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, video-conferenced lectures, podcasts, online classes 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.

To view a short video from one of our outstanding law graduates, visit: [scu.edu.au/law-justice](http://scu.edu.au/law-justice)

## Why study at SCU?

★ Ranked in the top 500 universities in the world.  
*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-2016*



★ Outstanding research achievements. Rated 'at world standard' or above in 24 research areas.  
*Excellence in Research for Australia 2015 (ERA)*  
visit: [scu.edu.au/era](http://scu.edu.au/era)

★ Strong focus on social justice and ecological jurisprudence.

★ Provides practical legal education with excellent employment opportunities.

★ Law Lounge support network for first-year study groups.

★ Summer Law Schools at Byron Bay and the Gold Coast.

★ Pathways between degrees.

★ On-campus and distance education study options.

★ Three teaching sessions.

## Degrees which put you in the workplace

All law and paralegal courses can include a work placement which will count towards your 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 to 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.

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## BACHELOR OF LAWS

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### Undergraduate entry

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is a recognised degree enabling admission as a lawyer throughout Australia. This four-year degree can also be studied as a five-year double degree with either Arts, Business, Legal and Justice Studies, Music, Social Science or Sport and Exercise Science.

The Bachelor of Laws and double degrees with law include on-campus workshops for both on-campus and distance education students.\* For more information on the workshop program, visit: [scu.edu.au/lawworkshops](http://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.

### Major areas of study

Students study core units, plus select units from an extensive range of electives to suit their career aspirations. Core units include areas such as Civil Litigation and Procedure; The Philosophy of Law; Environmental Law; Professional Conduct; Evidence; and Australian Criminal Law. Elective units may include areas as diverse as Cyberlaw; Entertainment Law; Victimology; Human Rights; Public Interest Advocacy; Race and the Law; Animal Law; and Ecological Jurisprudence.

You can see a full list of law units under the course structure tab for the Bachelor of Laws. Visit: [scu.edu.au/courses](http://scu.edu.au/courses)

### Professional recognition

Both the Bachelor of Laws undergraduate entry 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 practise as a lawyer.

Students who intend to practise law outside Australia should refer to the relevant country's admission body to confirm their admission requirements.

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## BACHELOR OF LAWS

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### 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 above. While career opportunities are the same, some graduate-entry students may also choose to specialise in fields of law relevant to their previous degree.

## Professional placement

Law students can undertake voluntary legal experience and professional placement with legal firms or offices to build their practical legal skills and develop their professional networks.

### Your career

As barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations. During their careers graduates 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.

### Summary

**Locations:** Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

**Duration:** 4 years full-time or 8 years part-time

**UAC codes:** GC – 336060, L – 336000

**QTAC codes:** GC – 056661, L – 056601

**Total units:** 32 | **Indicative ATAR:** 89 | **Indicative OP:** 6

*\*A small number of units include compulsory on-campus workshops.*

### 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:** 6 (or equivalent)





**Shaun Folpp**  
**Partner, Mourant Ozannes**  
**Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws (Honours)**

Mourant Ozannes is one of the world's largest offshore law firms. Based in Hong Kong, and at just 35, Shaun Folpp heads up the firm's Asian litigation and insolvency practice where he practises Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands (BVI) law.

Most of the matters in which Shaun is involved are high in value, complex, and multijurisdictional. His core practice areas are shareholder disputes, disputes concerning mutual funds, general commercial disputes, and liquidations. Shaun has been retained by many of the world's largest accountancy firms, including Ernst & Young, Deloitte, KPMG and PwC. He regularly acts for, and against, investors, directors, fund managers, auditors and other professional service providers.

"Litigation is a real leveller, which I like. It matters not which law firm you're from, what degree you have or which university you went to. In legal practice, these things are irrelevant. Everyone has access to the same cases and the same laws. It ultimately comes down to what my evidence lecturer at SCU told us on day one of Evidence and Civil Procedure: proper preparation prevents poor performance.

"SCU's law course was far more practical than what I've since seen from other universities around the world, and the lecturers ingrained the idea that it is okay to question what is thought to be right and to challenge principles which may appear to be settled."

After graduating from SCU, Shaun practised at Tucker & Cowen, a boutique litigation and insolvency firm in Brisbane. He then moved to the UK and accepted a position with the Court of Appeal in London where he was head of commercial and chancery appeals, before relocating to the Cayman Islands and the BVI to practise with offshore law firms.

Shaun said the nature of the disputes which arise in his workplace are very attractive for a young lawyer: "A lot of these matters result in leading decisions which are, in turn, referred to and applied in most English common law jurisdictions. For example, I am currently involved in a matter in which, for the first time, non-executive directors of a hedge fund were found liable for the fund's losses following their breaches of duty, resulting in an award of US\$111m. The matter is currently going through the appeals process and we will be before the Privy Council in London next year.

"On our larger matters, my role is to lead a team of lawyers and other support staff – located in Hong Kong and also in our offices around the world. We also often work alongside onshore law firms given, more often than not, there will also be concurrent proceedings running in parallel – for example in London, New York or Hong Kong. From time to time I am also required to travel to Cayman and BVI to appear in court."

# BACHELOR OF LEGAL AND JUSTICE STUDIES

The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies brings together studies in law and politics. It is an excellent degree for those wanting to work in policy development, paralegal positions, conveyancing, and in the fields of justice. It provides a thorough practical foundation of legal knowledge and a strong understanding of Australian and international politics and society. For people who have already been working in the fields of law and justice, this course will help expand 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.

## Majors

This course consists of compulsory law units and elective units. Students can choose to study a major in **Conveyancing**.

Some elective units, when studied by distance education, require students to attend on-campus workshops. For more information on the workshop program, visit: [scu.edu.au/lawworkshops](http://scu.edu.au/lawworkshops)

## Professional recognition

The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies 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, visit: [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.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.

## 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.

## Your career

Law-related work in legal firms, corporate firms, government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, government policy making and in the corporate sector in banking, insurance and conveyancing. This is a recognised educational qualification for a licensed conveyancer in NSW.

## Summary

**Locations:** Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education

**Duration:** 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

**UAC codes:** GC – 336161, L – 336110

**QTAC codes:** GC – 056161, L – 056051

**Total units:** 24 | **Indicative ATAR:** 68 | **Indicative OP:** 14



### Gabrielle O'Shannessy Barrister, Lismore Chambers Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Gabrielle graduated from the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in 2013. She completed her law placement at Lismore Chambers and then worked as a solicitor for almost two years before undertaking the NSW Bar Exams and completing the NSW Bar Course in 2015, at which time she was admitted as a barrister.

“Currently, I work from Lismore Chambers as a reader. ‘Reading’ is like an apprenticeship that newly admitted barristers are required to undertake in both criminal and civil law, and it takes place under a ‘tutor’. It’s a wonderful opportunity to be able to work closely with other barristers and learn from their years of experience.

“During my law degree at SCU I discovered a passion for legal philosophy and ‘Earth Law’, sometimes known as ‘Wild Law’. I completed my Honours thesis within that area of jurisprudence, focusing on the understanding of self and how that relates to legal personhood.

“SCU’s Animal Law curriculum is at the forefront of the animal rights movement in Australia. That’s one of the things I love about the University – that it’s maintained its position at the forefront of legal jurisprudence drawing those legal movements from the fringes into the mainstream.”

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN LAW (PARALEGAL STUDIES)

This course produces skilled graduates, ready for work in a legal environment with just two years of full-time 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.

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.

### Majors

This course consists of compulsory law units and elective units. Students can choose to study a major in **Conveyancing**.

Some elective units, when studied by distance education, require students to attend on-campus workshops. For more information on the workshop program, visit: [scu.edu.au/lawworkshops](http://scu.edu.au/lawworkshops)

### Professional recognition

The Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies), with the Conveyancing major, 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, visit: [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.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.

### 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.

### Your career

In legal offices in most areas of paralegal practice, with solicitors and barristers, government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, and in the corporate sector in finance, banking, insurance and conveyancing. This is a recognised educational qualification for a licensed conveyancer 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:** 15

### Scout Symons Risk and Compliance Officer Summerland Credit Union Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws

"I've always been really socially conscious and interested in social justice, so studying law and social science at SCU was the perfect combination for me to gain the knowledge and skills to better assist my community and understand the challenges different groups in our society face.

"I am currently using more of the law side of my degree, working in compliance at Summerland Credit Union. I am responsible for all of the credit union's deceased estates, garnishee orders and powers of attorney involving our customers. I've also been involved in special projects such as writing policy and procedure.

"I'm continuing my studies this year with a Master of Legal Practice, focusing on humanitarian law and human rights. Long term, I plan to become a great lawyer and continue to be active in advocating for social justice."





## DOUBLE DEGREES WITH LAW

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 music or sport and exercise science. Students may also undertake a specialised Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws double degree.

Double degrees give students the opportunity to study two disciplines concurrently. 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 seven years usually required.

The Bachelor of Laws fulfils 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 to practise as a lawyer. Students who intend to practise law outside Australia should check with the relevant country's admission body to confirm their practising requirements.

Applicants who do not have the required entry mark for a double degree with 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 units include compulsory face-to-face workshops. For more information on the workshop program, visit: [scu.edu.au/lawworkshops](http://scu.edu.au/lawworkshops)

### Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of arts and law; and those specific to each discipline. For arts: 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. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

### Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Laws

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of business and law; and those specific to each discipline. For business: advertising, marketing, public relations,

product management, management, international business, human resource management, investment, banking, accounting and finance. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

### Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Laws\*

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of music and law; and those specific to each discipline. For music: music-related business management, music event promotion, copyright law, contract law, entertainment law, advertising, marketing; and as a performer, composer, private music teacher, or recording and mastering engineer. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

### Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws

Career opportunities include: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas of private, corporate or government organisations. With this double degree, students can study a broad range of law electives and can specialise with a major in Conveyancing.

### Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine knowledge of social science and law; and those specific to each discipline. For social science: professional roles in social welfare, community development, or in policy-related areas of government departments and the private sector. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

### Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Bachelor of Laws

Career opportunities that combine knowledge of health, sport, fitness or leisure industries and law; and those specific to each discipline. For sport and exercise science: sport administration, sport facility management, health and fitness centre management, health promotion. For law: as barristers or solicitors; or in law-related areas in private, corporate, or government organisations.

## Summary

Degree	Locations	UAC codes	QTAC codes	Indicative ATAR and OP	Duration
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws	Gold Coast*, Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336160 L – 336104	GC – 053261 L – 056041	Indicative ATAR: 89 Indicative OP: 6	5 years full-time or 10 years part-time.
Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Laws	Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336114 L – 336101	GC – 056461 L – 056011		
Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Laws*	Lismore	L – 336111	L – 056121		
Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws	Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336169 L – 336109	GC – 056961 L – 056111		
Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Laws	Gold Coast, Lismore, Distance Education	GC – 336162 L – 336113	GC – 056561 L – 051071		
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Bachelor of Laws	Lismore, Gold Coast	GC – 336163 L – 336106	GC – 056861 L – 056081		

\*University approval pending

## Key dates for 2017 entry

SCU has a teaching calendar of three 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 on the course pages.

All dates in the table opposite are provisional only and may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information visit the SCU teaching calendar page at: [scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar](http://scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar)

UAC and QTAC dates may also be subject to change. For the latest information visit:

[www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

[www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

Also note that late UAC and QTAC applications incur an extra fee.

### CAMPUS TOURS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

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Rising Stars Scholarship applications for 2017	Open July 2016 Check website for closing dates <a href="http://scu.edu.au/scholarships">scu.edu.au/scholarships</a>
UAC and QTAC on time applications for 2017 entry (Session 1)	Open early August 2016 Close late September 2016
STAR Entry Scheme opens	Early July 2016
STAR Entry Scheme offers	Early December 2016
SCU Info Days	2, 7 and 9 December 2016
UAC and QTAC main round offers	Mid January 2017 <i>For the full list of offer rounds visit the UAC and QTAC websites</i>
Session 1 teaching dates	27 February – 26 May 2017
Orientation	22 – 24 February 2017
Session 2 teaching dates	10 July – 6 October 2017
Orientation	5 – 7 July 2017
Session 3 teaching dates	6 November 2017 – 31 January 2018
Orientation	1 – 3 November 2017

## 5 steps to SCU

### 1 Choose a course



[scu.edu.au/courses](http://scu.edu.au/courses)

### 2 Find out more



[campustours@scu.edu.au](mailto:campustours@scu.edu.au)

[scu.edu.au/yourfuture](http://scu.edu.au/yourfuture)

E: [futurestudent@scu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudent@scu.edu.au)

Freecall: 1800 626 481

### 3 Apply



To study on campus (full-time or part-time) apply via

UAC [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) or QTAC [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

To study by distance education, apply online direct to SCU

[scu.edu.au/howtoapply](http://scu.edu.au/howtoapply)

### 4 Accept your offer



[scu.edu.au/gettingstarted](http://scu.edu.au/gettingstarted)

### 5 Enrol in units



[scu.edu.au/enrol](http://scu.edu.au/enrol)

## International students

Southern Cross University welcomes international students. This guide however is not intended for their use. International students should contact SCU International.

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