The School of Law and Justice has 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, para-legal 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. 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.

Why study with us?

• Strong focus on social justice and ecological jurisprudence.
• Excellent work opportunities.
• ‘Pathways to the Profession’ program, including work experience.
• Law Lounge support network for first-year study groups.
• Personalised ongoing support for students and a dedicated resident tutor for first year students.
• 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 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 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.
BACHELOR OF LAWS

Undergraduate entry
The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is a recognised degree for admission as a lawyer throughout Australia. Whatever your field of interest, the LLB will equip you 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 may include face-to-face 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 build their practical legal skills and develop their professional networks.

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 or solicitors; or in law related areas in private, corporate or government organisations. 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.

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

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 above. While career opportunities are identical, some graduate-entry students may also choose to 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: 6 (or equivalent)
Danielle Hutchison
Northern Territory Assistant Director of Courts
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
Bachelor of Laws

As Northern Territory Assistant Director of Courts, Danielle Hutchison holds one of the most senior administrative roles in the jurisdiction’s courts system.

“I’m basically second-in-command for the courts and tribunals of the Northern Territory,” Danielle said. “I have a lot of influence in trying to improve court administration in the Northern Territory, making sure we’ve got the resources we need for all of our court rooms and that we do everything as efficiently as possible.”

Danielle also prepares briefings for the Attorney-General and is developing initiatives to train court staff and to increase their motivation to study.

“My advice is to always get out and work in the field as you study.

“Working in the courts as a government employee pays nearly as well as a first year lawyer, so it’s a great way to put into practice what you’re learning theoretically while you’re paying off your HECS debt at the same time.

“What you learn way back on ‘day one’ as a law student is what you need all the way through. You do your legal research and writing to start with. I’ve found that to be one of the most important things throughout my career and I did those subjects 12 years ago.”

During her studies, which she completed by distance education, Danielle worked as a court officer and registrar on many rural court circuits in NSW including Tamworth, Broken Hill, Lismore, Casino and Kempsey.

“I loved watching the advocates and the court room drama. I sat there for years watching cases. I learnt so much about legal argument, but I didn’t understand the tactics involved. Studying law pulled all the pieces together.”
William Richey
Lawyer
Gells Lawyers
Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws

Sydney litigation solicitor, William Richey, says that to be a good lawyer, you need to understand the context of the law, not just the law, which is something he learnt while studying at Southern Cross University in Lismore.

“To be good, you want a depth of education that I think Southern Cross offers compared to other universities. SCU doesn’t just focus on ‘black letter law’ – or what the law simply ‘is’ – they challenge you to think why the law is a certain way,” William said.

Working for Gells Lawyers, a firm that specialises in commercial litigation, William mainly represents large insurance companies.

“I’m in court for at least three to five cases on most days. They’re all different. Some are straightforward property damages matters, others can be complex arson or fraud cases worth huge amounts. Sometimes the most interesting cases don’t necessarily involve large sums of money.”

William’s legal career began in Lismore before he graduated, thanks to a unit that included a supervised placement in a legal practice.

“It was towards the end of my degree. It got my foot in the door; it got me a job,” he said.

After two years in Sydney, William is looking forward to where his career might take him. “I want to go as far as I can. Maybe the Bar one day, who knows?”
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.

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) 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.

Professional placement

Students can undertake voluntary legal experience and paraprofessional 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 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: 15
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 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 units may include face-to-face 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.

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 in 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.

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 major in Conveyancing or broaden their electives to include areas of law such as Public Interest Advocacy, Victimology and Human Rights.

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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Key dates for 2016 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

UAC and QTAC dates may also be subject to change. Please refer to their websites. Visit: www.uac.edu.au
www.qtac.edu.au

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

 Applying to study on campus
For full details go to: scu.edu.au/howtoapply
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.

 Applying to study by distance education
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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