



Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Commerce (Domestic students)

Program code

1469

Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Gold Coast Campus

Duration

5.5 years full-time

8 years part-time

Credit points

440

Important Notes

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About this program

From 2020, commencing students are referred to the **Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Commerce (1624)**.

In this double degree, you will develop a sound understanding of law and commerce. You will learn about the complex relationship between legal and commercial business practices specific to the major you choose.

Law component

Griffith Law School offers a professional legal curriculum that focuses on core areas of legal practice and the legal skills that lawyers must have. You will have the opportunity to choose law electives based on your interests, including clinical courses that emphasise practical legal skills, insights and experience.

You will make connections between law and ethics, legal theory, Indigenous issues, and internationalisation. You will also develop interdisciplinary understandings of law and legal work.

You will take courses such as Constitutional Law, Legal Theory, Law and the Modern State, Corporate Governance and Regulation, Criminal Law, and Property Law.

If you complete the five Canadian Law courses you will be eligible for entry into the legal profession in Canada's common law provinces, when accompanied by a Certificate of Qualification from the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

Commerce component

You will learn about core business concepts in your first year. From your second year onwards, you will focus on your chosen major. Commerce majors include;

- Accounting
- Behavioural Science
- Economics
- Finance
- Financial Planning

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Commerce is offered full-time on-campus at Nathan and Gold Coast campuses.

As a full-time student you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and early evening throughout the week.

Some law electives are based at Nathan campus, South Bank and some at the Gold Coast. A few law electives are run in intensive mode, including in trimester 3. Intensive mode means that classes may be compacted over a week, or over several weekends. Some law electives are 'clinics' which typically involve work off campus. Law electives are not normally undertaken until the final two years of your law degree.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

The Bachelor of Laws provides the opportunity for optional work-integrated learning through its variety of Clinic courses.

My career opportunities

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A law degree from Griffith University is your passport to the world and is recognised as a qualifying degree for admission into the legal profession in many countries around the world.

You will be prepared for a career in professional legal practice, commerce and industry or the public service.

Program accreditation

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Depending on the courses you complete you can graduate with a degree accredited by:

- *Accounting*: [Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand \(CA ANZ\)](#) and [CPA Australia](#).
- The *Financial Planning* major is accredited by the [Financial Adviser Standards \(FAS\)](#).

Professional recognition

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To be eligible for admission as a solicitor, a person must complete an approved law degree (undertaken approved practical legal training via a practical legal training course of Supervised Traineeship at a Law firm) and be able to satisfy the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board and the Supreme Court of their fitness to practise.

- [Queensland Law Society](#)

Canada

Griffith University's law degree is accepted for entry into the legal profession in Canada's common law provinces, when accompanied by a Certificate of Qualification from the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. You must ensure you complete the five Canadian Law courses to help you prepare for the NCA exams while gaining credit towards your law degree.

- [Federation of Law Societies of Canada](#)

Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak)

Students from Sabah or Sarawak who have a Griffith law degree and wish to return to Sabah or Sarawak to practise law may do so providing they gain admission to practice in an Australian jurisdiction first and then fulfil additional requirements upon their return to Sabah or Sarawak.

Professional recognition will vary depending upon your choice of major or minor.

- *Accounting major*: Completion of the Bachelor of Commerce, along with completion of the courses required for Accounting accreditation, provides exemptions from the [ACCA](#) Foundation Level Exams F1-F9.
- *Financial Planning major*: Graduates will be eligible for admission to the [Financial Planning Association \(FPA\)](#) of Australia's CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® Certification Program.
- *Finance major*: The Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) has been accepted into the [CFA Institute](#) University Affiliation Program. This status is granted to institutions whose degree program incorporates at least 70% of the CFA Program

Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK), which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to site for the CFA exams.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - [3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students \(Non-international\)](#)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)