

# **Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (Domestic students)**

**Graduate Entry** 

Program code

1620

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus

**Duration** 

3 years full-time6 years part-time

**Credit points** 

240

**Indicative fee** 

\$16,000.00\* per year (more)

\* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee

# **Entry requirements**

93.00

ATAR/RANK 2024

(more)

Commencing in

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2

# **Prerequisites**

Graduate Entry only

**Assumed knowledge** 

Nil

# **About this program**

# A GOOD JUDGEMENT FOR YOUR NEW CAREER.

This is a GRADUATE ENTRY degree. It offers graduates, who have previously completed a non-law degree or higher providing it is equivalent to a minimum of 1.5 years fulltime study and achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher, direct entry into law at Griffith University. You'll join a law school dedicated to social justice and learn from award-winning teachers and researchers who are challenging the status quo and creating new legal knowledge, models and processes. Griffith is also proud to be the highest ranked Australian University for law in the 2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities.

As a student, you'll learn through hands-on experiences from year one. You'll make connections between law and ethics, legal theory, Indigenous issues, and internationalisation. You'll also develop understandings of law and legal work through courses that cover areas such as crime, contracts, property and corporate law, torts and law theories.

### **Industry and expert connections**

You'll have the opportunity to choose electives based on your interests, plus you may undertake clinical courses that emphasise practical legal skills, insights and experience. These range in subjects from social justice and refugee law to community lawyering and advanced family law.

### Graduate outcomes

If you want to become a registered solicitor or barrister, the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) will set you on the right path. Your degree could also pave the way for work as a lawyer in a law firm, a policymaker or law reformer working in the government or community sector, or even as a human rights defender. You'll open up a world of non-legal careers too, including careers in journalism, politics or management.

Griffith law graduates are highly sought after in the industry and broader workforce. For a law degree that prepares you for a varied and challenging career, choose our Bachelor of Laws (Honours).

### **Flexibility**

**Tailor your timetable** - Even if you study full-time on-campus, you may still be able to customise your degree to suit your needs. From a range of tutorial times to online access to lectures and other course material, we're here to help you fit study in with your work and life commitments.

#### **Attendance information**

The graduate entry Bachelor of Laws (Honours) is offered full-time on-campus at the 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 the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. Some electives are offered online and 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.

### 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.

#### **Managing Study Interruptions**

### Leave of Absence

Taking a leave of absence from this program is permitted, subject to conditions outlined in the Enrolment Procedure

### Work-integrated learning

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) provides the opportunity for optional work-integrated learning through its variety of clinic courses

# My career opportunities

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### Key employment sectors\*

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Public Administration and Safety
- Financial and Insurance Services

# Potential job outcomes

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Policy adviser
- Human rights lawyer
- Journalist
- Political analyst
- Management consultant

\*Source: Australian Government Job Outlook.

# Professional recognition

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To be eligible for admission as a solicitor, a person must complete an approved Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor degree (undertaken approved practical legal training via a practical legal training course or 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 law.

- Queensland Law Society
- Steps to practising law interactive tool outlining the steps to practise law, information on admission and practising law in Queensland, interstate and internationally

Canada: Griffith'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.

**Fiji:** All Australian law degrees are recognised in Fiji. Graduates must also complete their Practical Legal Training to be admitted to practice law in Fiji.

**Papua New Guinea** (**PNG**): All Australian law degrees are recognised in PNG. Graduates that are not citizens of PNG must complete their Practical Legal Training, have three years' post admission experience, and complete three exams on PNG law to be admitted to practice law in PNG.

**Brunei:** All Australian law degrees are recognised in Brunei. Graduates must also complete their Practical Legal Training to be admitted to practice law in Brunei.

India: Griffith's law degree is recognised for the purposes of admission to legal practice in India.

Please note that different jurisdictions' admission rules and requirements are subject to change. You should carefully examine the relevant legal requirements which are usually available on each jurisdiction's relevant law or bar association's websites.

# 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