



Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts (International students)

Program code

1621

Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus

Duration

5.5 years full-time

Credit points

440

Important Notes

From 2024, commencing students are referred to the **Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts (1670)**.

About this program

COMBINE YOUR SKILLS TO MAKE YOUR MARK.

This double degree gives you the best of both worlds, allowing you to learn about contemporary arts and culture, while also developing the skills and knowledge needed for a career in law - whether that's in traditional law or beyond.

Griffith Law School is proud to rank first in Australia for law in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2019. Judged on quality of education, staff, research and performance, it means you'll be taught by people who are challenging the status quo and creating new legal knowledge, models and processes. It'll equip you with what you need to make your own mark in the future.

With a range of arts majors and minors, and hundreds of electives to choose from, you'll have the freedom to create your own unique skill set. Once you complete the double degree, you can choose to specialise in law, combine your skills to work as a specialist media or arts lawyer, or use your arts qualification to explore a wide variety of opportunities.

Industry and expert connections

With this double degree, you'll learn how to research across various topics, think critically and constructively, create and manage new knowledge, and communicate your ideas effectively. You'll gain extensive practical experience through moots, engagement with industry and legal clinics through the Griffith Legal Clinic program, offering one of the broadest ranges of clinical options in Australia.

In your final year, you'll collaborate with your fellow Bachelor of Arts students on an authentic problem, using your learnings and teamwork to deliver a solution. You'll also have the opportunity to complete an internship or work-based learning project or undertake study abroad. We even have a dedicated placement officer to help guide you into an internship that meets your career goals.

Graduate outcomes

Your dual qualifications will prepare you for a career in legal practice, specialising in media or arts law, other areas of law, or in the arts, media organisations, business or government.

Arts majors

- Chinese Language
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice (Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt)
- Drama (Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt)
- History
- Indigenous Studies
- Islam-West Relations
- Italian Language

- Japanese Language
- Journalism
- Language, Culture and Society
- Literary Studies
- Security and International Studies
- Popular Culture and Screen Studies
- Psychology (Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt)
- Sociology
- Social Justice
- Spanish Language
- Strategic Communication

The following language majors are available via cross-institutional study:

- French Language (UQ St Lucia)
- German Language (UQ St Lucia)
- Indonesian Language (UQ St Lucia)
- Korean Language (UQ St Lucia)
- Modern Greek Language (Flinders University)

Flexibility

Fast-track your finish line - With intensive study options (and/or) year-round classes available, this degree can be finished in less time than a standard full-time study load, getting you into the workforce faster.

Global mobility

Students in this degree may be able to participate in an overseas program specifically designed to fit the degree's teaching objectives such as [3192LHS Language In-Country Independent Study Enhanced](#) and [3610LHS Muslim World Study Tour](#).

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts 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 Nathan campus, 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.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Work-integrated learning

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

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Key employment sectors*

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Arts and Recreation Services
- Public Administration and Safety
- Information Media and Telecommunications
- Manufacturing
- Financial and Insurance Services
- Retail Trade

Potential job outcomes

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Arts lawyer

- Media lawyer
- Journalist
- Social historian
- Public relations officer
- Sociologist

**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 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**
- **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 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.

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?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International 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 for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts (1621)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)