

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Domestic students)

Program code

Commencing in

1625

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Gold Coast Campus, Mt Gravatt

Campus

Duration

5.5 years full-time

8 years part-time

Credit points

440

Important Notes

From 2024, commencing students are referred to the Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (1672).

About this program

MOVE FORWARD IN THE WORLD OF LAW AND JUSTICE.

When you choose law and criminology at Griffith, you'll be studying among the world's best. Griffith ranked as the highest Australian university for law in the Academic Rankings of World Universities 2019, which includes both Griffith Law School and the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

This double degree is built on practical experience and taught by award-winning teachers and researchers, who will help you work towards your ideal job. You'll be immersed in authentic experiences and graduate with the networks and support to launch your career in law or criminology.

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.

In the criminology and criminal justice component, you'll learn about the causes of crime and how society responds to them through the justice system.

Your study will include courses about policing, working with offenders and victims, and analysing and preventing crimes. You'll hear from academic and professional experts about how crime can be prevented and reduced.

Graduate outcomes

Prepare yourself for an exciting career with these two interrelated degrees. With two completed qualifications, you'll be prepared for career paths including criminal analyst, intelligence and policy analyst, criminologist, lawyer in a law firm, a policymaker or law reformer.

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.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice is offered full-time on-campus at the Mount Gravatt 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.

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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Key employment sectors*

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

Potential job outcomes

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- · Court and legal clerk
- Policy adviser
- Intelligence and policy analyst
- Human rights lawyer
- · Child safety officer
- Journalist
- Counsellor
- Political analyst

*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?

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