



## Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Government and International Relations (International students)

### Program code

1627

### 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 Political Science and International Relations (1675)**.

## About this program

Combining Government and International Relations with Law will help you develop a solid understanding of the world we live in. You will learn about the forces that shape politics, public administration and international affairs.

### Law component

In the Law component, you will study within a number of special subject areas called 'vertical subjects'. Through these subject areas, you will make connections between law and ethics, legal theory, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, and internationalisation. You will also develop interdisciplinary understandings of law and legal work.

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.

### Government and International Relations component

In the Government and International Relations component, you will learn about political institutions and processes, business-government relations, and foreign policy and globalisation. In your first and second years, you will develop your understanding of politics and international relations. In your second, third and fourth years, you will expand this knowledge by completing a major in either International Relations, or Political Science and Public Policy or Security, Conflict and Human Rights.

## My attendance during the program

### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Government and International Relations 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.

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.

## My career opportunities

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

There are a multitude of exciting career opportunities in the legal profession for those with an interest in public law or international issues. You may find employment in areas such as diplomacy, strategic analysis or trade relations, or in businesses with overseas profiles, and international aid and non-government organisations.

## 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 Government and International Relations (1627)**

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](#)