

careers

Educating Professionals
Creating and Applying Knowledge
Engaging our Communities



Bachelor of Laws = your opportunity to promote ideals of justice through the rule of law.

Complete a Bachelor of Laws at UniSA and you are on your way to a stimulating career in the legal profession, business or government. This academic degree provides you with one of the key qualifications required for legal practice. For those with an interest in other areas, the degree provides the ideal basis for building a challenging career across many sectors in both the private and public arenas.

This qualification will give you flexibility to make broad choices about your ultimate career direction. The skills and knowledge gained help you to develop a strong foundation in the discipline of law, a profound insight into modern society and the necessary skills for successful legal practice – attributes that many employers are seeking locally, nationally and internationally.

The demand for capable professionals with legal skills is increasing. You have an opportunity to enter an area that is dynamic, growing and global: an area that abounds with opportunities for those interested in practising law as well as those with an interest in applying legal skills outside areas of professional practice. Increasing professionalism and growth in this area means that continuing employment options for graduates exist in a large range of areas.

Which occupations?

The Bachelor of Laws degree is a qualification leading to a professional career. Graduates who wish to practise law select the 'practice stream' in their degree and complete a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice enabling them to enter or work towards roles such as an administrative lawyer, barrister, law researcher, legal officer, patent attorney, solicitor or parliamentary counsel.

Opportunities for graduates also exist within the business and government realms. Roles may vary from government policy and planning manager to academic lecturer. Law may also be applied to more specialist roles in banking, finance, industrial relations, marketing, administration or management.

Employment snapshot

Solicitors

Job prospects:	GOOD
Employment predictions to 2012–13:	MODERATE
Occupation size:	VERY LARGE (50 100)
Ave weekly wage:	\$1400
% in FT work:	86%
Vacancy levels:	MODERATE
Vacancy reasons:	64% Job change 27% Leaving occupation 10% New jobs

Barristers

Job prospects:	GOOD
Employment predictions to 2012–13:	MODERATE
Occupation size:	VERY SMALL (5 600)
Ave weekly wage:	\$1076
% in FT work:	90%
Vacancy levels:	MODERATE
Vacancy reasons:	64% Job change 27% Leaving occupation 10% New jobs

Policy and Planning Managers

Job prospects:	GOOD
Employment predictions to 2012–13:	STRONG
Occupation size:	MEDIUM (15 800)
Ave weekly wage:	\$1635
% in FT work:	95%
Vacancy levels:	LOW
Vacancy reasons:	6% Job change 67% Leaving occupation 27% New jobs

Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Experience. The Difference.

Career Management Skills within curriculum

Career Management Skills have been embedded throughout the curriculum. Topics covered include: career planning, networking scenarios, job search strategies, self marketing techniques and professional conduct.

Legal Professional and Community Service Experience

Your chance to gain experience and participate in the legal system through partnerships with industry and community organisations.

E-portfolios

Record your achievements online.

Mooting

Participate in mock trials.

Negotiations

Participate in legal negotiation exercises.

Court visits

Visit the courts and observe legal professionals and the court system at work.

Oral advocacy

Participate in exercises to build your oral skills throughout your degree.

USALSA

The UniSA Law Students Association.
www.usalsa.org.au

More information

Experiential learning in Law
www.unisa.edu.au/law/students/experientiallearning.asp

UniSA – helping you to make the most of your degree.

Career Services

Career Development Tool

This tool will give you step by step guidance to make the most of your degree. Graduate with a great degree – and also a degree of experience, a wallet full of contacts and a plan to succeed. Watch your emails for information on jobs, work experience, events and workshops.

www.unisa.edu.au/careers

Work Placement Scheme

The Work Placement Scheme offers support to students who wish to undertake placements in addition to their coursework. Placements are project based and flexible to allow you to coordinate study, work and life commitments. You receive support, insurance and a certificate upon successful completion of your placement.

www.unisa.edu.au/careers/students/action/experience/wps

MyCareerPlan

MyCareerPlan is UniSA's online database of employment opportunities, vacation internships and work experience, events and the Work Placement Scheme. Customise your own account, save your searches and build your resume.

<https://mycareerplan.unisa.edu.au/>

Events

Career Services coordinate a range of events to connect students with industry. These include: the Careers and Employment Expo in March/April, Work Experience Fair mid-year and the International Careers Day held twice each year. Other smaller events in your study area are also offered to connect you with employers, work experience and career development.

www.unisa.edu.au/careers/students/connect/events

Workshops

From first to final year there are workshops on how to plan your study for career success, preparing for placements and work experience, communication in the business world and preparing for graduate applications and the selection process. Check out the schedule online.

www.unisa.edu.au/careers/students/action/workshops

Network Now

UniSA's largest networking dinner. Students have the opportunity to meet High Achieving Alumni and industry leaders.

www.unisa.edu.au/alumni/networknow

Global Experience

Gain a competitive edge and add value to your degree through Global Experience. This program is designed to expand your global knowledge, develop essential skills for your career and build your university experience. Global Experience will set you apart from the pack.

www.unisa.edu.au/globalexperience

Student Exchange

Gain a competitive advantage by going on an overseas exchange! Develop an international perspective, cultural awareness and broaden your career opportunities. Scholarships are available.

www.unisa.edu.au/exchange

Graduate Qualities

Graduate Qualities are personal attributes which are developed during your study. These qualities will distinguish you from other graduates.

www.unisa.edu.au/gradquals

Specific Student Groups

- Disability
- External Students
- Indigenous
- International
- Mature Age
- Research
- Rural
- Women in Non-Traditional

More information regarding Career Development for Specific Student Groups:

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/careers/students/choices/groups.asp>

Ryan
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Year Graduating: 2011
Career Ambition: To be a Lawyer

"In 2009 I will be participating in legal Mooting Competitions at the Law School. The experience of mooting is valuable as it allows law students to practice thinking and speaking on our feet, as well as legal representation. It also gives us the opportunity to represent the UniSA Law School at a national level."



Further information

For more information about the programs, including fees, visit:
www.unisa.edu.au/programs
Program code: DBLA

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