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Welcome.

Choosing to study at UniSA means you'll graduate with more than just a degree. You'll be ready to progress in the profession of your choice. You'll have gained an international network. And you'll have the skills to make an immediate and lasting contribution to society. We look forward to welcoming you.

Professor Peter Høj

Vice Chancellor and President, University of South Australia

Why do UniSA's new law program?

- » Our trimester study option means you can complete the equivalent of a four-year degree in three years
- » Smaller classes will allow for a personalised teaching and learning experience
- » Our law library collection is the newest in the Australia and contains over 1,300 law and law-related journals
- » Apply law to many other fields of study with a range of double degree options
- » According to Graduate Careers Australia, 91.8 per cent of Law graduates find full-time work after completing their studies Average starting salaries are \$45k.

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The Division of Business is a large business school that offers a full range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees within the business and management disciplines. Our undergraduate programs are offered through the Schools of Commerce, Management, Marketing and Law. The Division enjoys an international reputation for innovation and for educating professionals for the global business community.

Students can benefit from the knowledge and experience of the Division's academic staff, many of whom are actively involved in research and have direct links with industry and the professions. What our students learn during their studies provides them with the latest thinking about critical issues of business and management.

EQUIS accreditation

The Division of Business was only the second Australian business school to be accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS). EQUIS accreditation is awarded only after a rigorous assessment by a panel of international academics and business people. The Division chose to apply for EQUIS accreditation as the European system shares many important values with University of South Australia. EQUIS-accredited institutions must demonstrate high quality in all dimensions of their activities, including academic programs and research, resources and student services, and connections with the corporate world. EQUIS also stresses diversity and internationalisation.



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Law offers a secure foundation on which to build an enriching career. The Bachelor of Laws degree is widely recognised as a leading qualification that serves the needs of business, government and the legal profession.

Students are challenged to think critically across the spectrum of human affairs. Law graduates possess advanced problem solving and communication skills.

Bachelor of Laws

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UniSA program code:	DBLA
SATAC code:	424461
CRICOS code	
(international students only):	060781B
TER (February 2008 cutoff):	91.20
Program length:	3 years* (4 years equivalent)
Home campus:	City West
Program fees:	Commonwealth supported
Program fees	
(international students only):	A\$16,800 per annum
Prerequisites:	None
Assumed knowledge:	None
Accepts Special Entry (STAT):	Yes
External study available:	No
Part-time study available:	Yes
TAFE credit available:	Yes
Honours study available:	Yes
Scholarships available:	www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship

**if studied in 3 trimesters per year*

Program overview

The Bachelor of Laws program is the academic qualification required for legal practice. With a strong foundation in the discipline of law, students gain a profound insight into modern society, while developing the necessary skills for successful professional practice. The program focuses on the core underlying principles of law and their application in a world of change. It also promotes critical thinking and analytical skills.

The program is offered in three trimesters commencing in February, June and September. The program is equivalent to a four-year degree but can be completed within three calendar years. The program is designed to maximise flexibility, and to enable students to progress at their own pace. UniSA offers the only undergraduate, Commonwealth-supported law program of this kind in the country.

What will I study?

This program will cover fundamental principles and concepts of Australian law. Students will gain a deep understanding of the strengths and limitations of the common law system of justice. They will come to appreciate the systemic and evolutionary nature of law as a body of rules and principles with a variable content, requiring continuous study. Students will be able to identify legal issues arising from complex facts, and have the capacity to provide effective legal advice, taking account of cultural and ethical issues. The development of practical legal research, writing and advocacy skills is a major aim of the program.

What does it take?

Law students need excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills, flexible and open minds, a creative approach to problem solving, and the ability to think logically, critically and clearly.

Good law students are self-directed but have the capacity to work cooperatively with others. Above all, students must display high ethical standards.

Who will employ me?

Law graduates have a range of employment opportunities. Legal practice is the most likely destination for a majority of law graduates but the degree offers an excellent foundation for many careers. Graduates may serve in roles within industry, government, commerce, community organisations, banking, finance, industrial relations, marketing, administration, management or academic institutions.

Law students who take a double degree with another discipline, such as business, commerce, health science, engineering or IT, will increase their career opportunities even further.

Professional admission

Graduates who wish to practise law are required to include certain courses in the final year of the degree and complete a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Professional Conduct are compulsory courses required for professional admission. The undergraduate law degree, along with the Diploma, satisfies professional admission requirements.

Further information about the Diploma may be obtained from the relevant service provider, for example, The Law Society of South Australia.

Honours

The law degree will be available as a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) requiring a GPA of not less than 5.0 and completion of an Honours thesis of approximately 9000 words. The Honours thesis will be weighted as equivalent to two courses (9 units).

Professional recognition

This degree covers, in a comprehensive way, the academic requirements for admission to practise law. Students seeking admission to practise are required to complete an approved practical legal training (PLT) program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice offered by The Law Society of South Australia. Students seeking admission to practise in other Australian jurisdictions should apply to the appropriate admitting authority. There are additional course requirements for students who wish to seek professional accreditation.

Program requirements

FIRST YEAR

Study Period 2

Contracts A
Torts A
Legal Institutions and Methods
Law, Society and Justice

Study Period 4

Contracts B
Torts B
Legal Research and Writing
Law and Global Perspectives

Study Period 6

Fundamentals of Criminal Law
Property Law: General
Introduction to Public Law
Jurisprudence: Theories of Law

SECOND YEAR

Study Period 2

Criminal Responsibility
Corporate Law: General
Principles of Equity
Australian Federal
Constitutional Law

Study Period 4

Law of Trusts
Corporate Law: Finance
and Governance
Administrative Law
Elective

Study Period 6

Civil Procedure or Law Elective
Evidence or Law Elective
Professional Conduct
or Law Elective
Elective

THIRD YEAR

Study Period 2

Advanced Legal Research
Real Property Law
Law Elective
Elective

Study Period 4

Law Honours Thesis 1
or Law Elective
Law Honours Thesis 2
or Law Elective
Law Elective
Elective

Note:

The Bachelor of Laws degree can be completed in nine trimesters; however under admission rules, students seeking admission to practise law in South Australia must study at least one course per trimester for a minimum of 9 trimesters. Furthermore, Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Professional Conduct are compulsory courses required for professional admission. The Bachelor of Laws program can be undertaken over four years full-time equivalent study, when studied part time. This is the recommended study schedule for students commencing in trimester 1. Students permitted to commence in trimester 2 or 3 may follow a similar pattern of study, subject to demand.



David Arnold

Bachelor of Laws

'I chose to study the Bachelor of Laws because I was in for a challenge. The Law is a fascinating area of study in which you are required to think broadly on an array of issues. Through the application of legal reasoning we are able to determine how cases impact upon the evolution of the Law.'

One advantage of studying Law at UniSA is the flexibility of course delivery. Most importantly, there is a determination evident at UniSA to deliver quality education outcomes. The staff in the Law School are brilliant. Their collective enthusiasm and passion for the law is inspirational.'

Laws Double Degree (5 years)

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UniSA program code:	DBLD
SATAC code:	424471
CRICOS code	
(international students only):	060782A
TER (February 2008 cutoff):	91.15
Program length:	5 years
Home campus:	City West
Program fees:	Commonwealth supported
Program fees	
(international students only):	A\$16,800 per annum (8 courses)
Prerequisites:	None
Assumed knowledge:	None
Accepts Special Entry (STAT):	Yes
External study available:	No
Part-time study available:	Yes
TAFE credit available:	Yes
Honours study available:	Yes
Scholarships available:	www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship

Program overview

Students can complete a law degree in conjunction with another degree such as commerce, marketing, human resource management, tourism, international studies, construction management, engineering, journalism, information systems, sustainable environments, science and psychology. Most double degrees will take five standard years to complete and will include 24 courses from the law program and 16 courses from the second program (40 courses totalling 180 units).

Honours

See single degree entries for details.

Professional recognition

This degree covers, in a comprehensive way, the academic requirements for admission to practise law. Students seeking admission to practise are required to complete an approved practical legal training (PLT) program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice offered by The Law Society of South Australia. The GDLP is a 6 to 12-month course commencing in January and July of each year. Students seeking admission to practise in other Australian jurisdictions should apply to the appropriate admitting authority. The professional recognition for other programs can be found in schedules for the single degrees.

Double Degree Options

LAW DOUBLE DEGREE (WITH A 3 YEAR SECOND DEGREE)

5 YEARS:

Bachelor of Business (Property)
Bachelor of Business (International Business)
Bachelor of Management
Bachelor of Management (Human Resource Management)
Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management
Bachelor of Management (Marketing)
Bachelor of Commerce
Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management
Bachelor of Psychological Science
Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences
Bachelor of Business (Management of Information Technology)
Bachelor of Information Systems
Bachelor of Sustainable Environments



Lauren Bateman

Laws Double Degree

'I chose to study law at UniSA because of the small class sizes and better contact with staff. The strong focus on international matters and the opportunity to study abroad were also key factors in my decision.'

UniSA offers great facilities such as an extensive range of online resources and databases, and also access to private study rooms and computers that create an ideal learning environment. All of the teaching staff in the new Law School are exceptionally enthusiastic about the subjects they teach. They also offer additional support, not only on course work, through the law school's mentoring program.'

Laws Double Degree (6.5 years)

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Program overview

Students can complete a law degree in conjunction with another degree such as commerce, marketing, human resource management, tourism, international studies, construction management, engineering, journalism, information systems, sustainable environments, science and psychology. Double degrees with Engineering or Construction Management and Economics will take 6.5 standard years to complete and will include 24 courses from the law program and 26 courses from the engineering or construction management and economics program (50 courses totalling 225 units).

Honours

See single degree entries for details.

LAW DOUBLE DEGREE

(WITH A 4-YEAR SECOND DEGREE)

6.5 YEARS:

Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems)
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Mechatronic)
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Communications)
Bachelor of Engineering (Networking and Communications)
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)
Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics

Professional recognition

This degree covers, in a comprehensive way, the academic requirements for admission to practise law. Students seeking admission to practise are required to complete an approved practical legal training (PLT) program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice offered by The Law Society of South Australia. The GDLP is a 6 to 12-month course commencing in January and July of each year. Students seeking admission to practise in other Australian jurisdictions should apply to the appropriate admitting authority.

The professional recognition for other programs can be found in schedules for the single degrees.

UniSA program code:	DBLE
SATAC code:	424481
CRICOS code	
(international students only):	060783M
TER (February 2008 cutoff):	n/a
Program length:	6.5 years
Home campus:	City West
Program fees:	Commonwealth supported
Program fees	
(international students only):	A\$19,800 per annum (8 courses)
Prerequisites:	Mathematical Studies*
Assumed knowledge:	Stage 2 Chemistry and Physics*
Accepts Special Entry (STAT):	Yes
External study available:	No
Part-time study available:	Yes
TAFE credit available:	Yes
Honours study available:	Yes
Scholarships available:	www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship

*with Engineering



Professor Vicki Waye

'Participating in the ongoing development of a new School and a new law program is an exciting and rewarding experience. We have been able to put the essential building blocks in place that provide law students with a sound knowledge of the law, high-level communication skills, analytical problem-solving skills and the capacity to engage in critical thinking. We have done so with an emphasis on real-world learning, individual career path development and the embedding of professional skills in teaching and learning from the very first trimester of the student experience. Our students are highly engaged in their study of the law and we feel confident that our program will stimulate them to think about the law as an instrument of social, economic or public policy and how they might be able to apply the law in their professional lives.'

(08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW
study@unisa.edu.au

Entry requirements

For Undergraduate Bachelor Degrees and Associate Degrees

Applicants are required to have one of the following qualifications:

- » Qualified for SACE; and
 - Recorded achievement in five SACE subjects taken at stage 2 level; and
 - Included at least four Stage 2 subjects which are approved Higher Education Selection Subjects (HESS); and
 - Obtained a competitive TER
- » Completed interstate or overseas qualifications that the University considers equivalent to the SACE
- » Completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- » Completed or partly completed a recognised higher education program at a recognised higher education institution
- » Completed at least four Open Universities Australia (OUA) courses at the appropriate level

- » Completed an award from TAFE or from another registered training organisation at AQF Certificate IV or above
- » Qualified for Special Entry and completed the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). A personal competencies statement and/or employment experience may also be considered
- » Completed the University Foundation Studies program.

Please note that some programs have prerequisites. Applicants should check all entry requirements before applying. For some programs, applicants may also be required to attend an interview or present a folio.

For more information on entry requirements, visit www.unisa.edu.au/future

Equity and Special Access

UniSA offers various programs and services to assist rural and/or socio-economically disadvantaged students, Indigenous Australians and people with a disability to apply to UniSA.

For more information, contact (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW or email study@unisa.edu.au

Student contributions

Student contributions are the amount you pay towards the cost of your program. The University determines the amount that you contribute within a range set by the Australian Government. The contribution that applies depends on which courses you choose to study and the contribution band in which those courses are classified. The amount of your student contribution also depends on the unit value of your courses of study (the equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) value of the course).

As per the Australian Government guidelines, the student contribution amounts for 2008 are:

Band	Fields of study	Student contribution
National priorities	Nursing, Education	A\$4,077
Band 1	Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts	A\$5,095
Band 2	Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, health, engineering, science, surveying, agriculture	A\$7,260
Band 3	Law, accounting, commerce, administration, economics, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science	A\$8,499

Note: these amounts are for 1 EFTSL in 2008

For more information visit www.unisa.edu.au/future/fees

Glossary

What will you study?

Associate degree – An award for completing a two-year (or part-time equivalent) tertiary program.

Direct Entry – Programs for which applications are not processed through SATAC but are made direct to UniSA.

Bachelor degree – A program of three or more years' duration (or part-time equivalent). Bachelor degree programs provide the relevant qualifications for many professions.

Honours – An additional year of study in a bachelor degree during which students specialise in a chosen area of study.

Graduate Certificate – An award for completing a postgraduate program of at least six months in duration (or part-time equivalent).

Graduate Diploma – An award for completing a postgraduate program of at least one year in duration (or part-time equivalent).

Masters degree – A postgraduate degree undertaken after completion of a bachelor degree (normally with honours) which focuses on one area of specialisation.

PhD – Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs normally extend over three years (or part-time equivalent) and involve significant research work.

How does your program work?

Major – A set of related courses which comprises 36 units of study within a bachelor degree.

Sub-major – A set of related courses which comprises between 19 and 35 units of study within a bachelor degree. In some programs these may be called 'general studies sub-majors'.

Minor – A set of related courses which comprises up to 18 units of study within a bachelor degree. In some programs these may be called 'cognates'.

Program – Award in which you are enrolled, eg Bachelor of Arts.

Course – A component of study within a program (previously known as a 'subject').

Unit – A value assigned to a course which measures the amount of work involved in that course. Full-time students normally undertake 36 units of study per year (18 units per study period).

UniSA glossary

Assumed knowledge – Some firstyear courses require knowledge of certain SACE Stage 2 subjects.

BUGE – Broadening Undergraduate Education (BUGE) A course chosen from any on offer outside your Division, provided that individual course prerequisites are met. BUGE courses are designed to broaden your knowledge and skills beyond your professional field of study.

CRICOS code – Code identifying that a UniSA program has been registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Division – UniSA is split into four academic Divisions – Business; Education, Arts and Social Sciences; Health Sciences; and Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment – each offering a range of specialised programs and courses.

SATAC Guide – A publication that lists every program offered by South Australian higher education institutions. The SATAC Guide provides information about the selection process and includes instructions on how to apply and is available every year from newsagents Australia-wide.

Special Entry (STAT) – Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is an alternative tertiary admissions test for people who do not have a recent Year 12 certificate.

TER (Tertiary Entrance Rank) – A ranking of all students who have completed SACE in a particular year. The minimum TER required for the previous year is often a guide to how well you will need to perform to gain entry into a particular program. TERs can vary from year to year and should be used as a guide only.

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Email study@unisa.edu.au

The University of South Australia reserves the right to alter, amend or delete any program, fee, course, admission requirement, mode of delivery or other arrangement without prior notice.

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