Welcome to the Auckland Law School

Taking the first step toward your future career is an important decision – you need a degree that is globally respected and will equip you for success.

The Auckland Law School has a long tradition of excellence, founded on the calibre of its staff, students and resources. As New Zealand’s top ranked law school (QS World Rankings, 2016), our degree programmes are taught by some of this country’s leading scholars.

We have higher entry standards for our degrees than any other New Zealand law school, so studying with us will be both challenging and highly rewarding. You’ll be part of a tight-knit community, with social and support networks available and lecturers who are invested in their students’ success.

Facilities designed to support your learning include the Davis Law Library which has New Zealand’s most extensive collection of legal research materials. We are situated in the heart of Auckland’s legal precinct, with established links to the legal profession and judiciary.

Auckland Law School students epitomise Auckland’s philosophy of academic rigour coupled with enthusiasm for the law. Auckland students have won the national mooting championships eight of the last nine years.

Why study with us?

The Auckland Law School:

- Is ranked the best law school in New Zealand and one of the best law schools in the world.*
- Provides small group teaching at all levels and offers the largest range of undergraduate courses of any of the New Zealand law schools.
- Has the highest entry standards for second year law, meaning graduates are highly sought after.
- Allows you to combine your law degree with a wide range of conjoint programmes (in arts, commerce, engineering, health sciences, music**, property or science).
- Has outstanding facilities including the Davis Law Library, New Zealand’s leading legal research library.
- Is situated in the heart of the legal precinct, next to the High Court and the nation’s leading law firms.
- Offers an extensive study abroad programme, assisting students to spend a semester overseas at other top law schools.
- Provides a wealth of opportunities for top students, including being able to work on the Auckland Law Review, take part in the Equal Justice programme, and participate in mooting, sentencing advocacy, witness examination and many other competitions.
- Has very active and supportive Māori and Pacific law student societies and programmes.

Where can the LLB take you?

A degree from the University of Auckland Law School is well-respected. In any given year, about half our graduates take up positions in New Zealand law firms, while the other half begin their careers in other professional organisations. These include accounting and consulting firms, business and industry, national and local government, teaching, research and journalism, international, environmental and other non-government organisations.

Our graduates can be found practising law in New Zealand and worldwide - many of our former students work for leading law firms in London, New York, Sydney, Hong Kong, Singapore, and others. Some of our top students go on to study for the LLM and PhD degrees. The Auckland Law School offers the most extensive postgraduate programme in the country. Our students regularly win scholarships and prizes to continue their studies overseas. Some of last year’s graduates are now pursuing higher degrees at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale and Columbia, and other top overseas universities.

Becoming a barrister and solicitor

After completing the LLB or LLB(Hons) degree, if you wish to be admitted as a barrister and solicitor, you must complete a three-month Professional Legal Studies course.

*QS World University Rankings in Law, 2016 (ranked 32nd worldwide).
**Subject to approval.
What can you study?

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

Full time: 4 years  
Taught at: City Campus  
Points per degree: 480  
Application closing dates:  
1 December 2016 for LLB Part II  
8 December 2016 for LLB Part I  
Classes start: 6 March 2017

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree is a four-year (eight-semester) degree for a full-time student. The degree comprises 480 points, studied in four parts (Parts I–IV).

When you embark on a Law degree you will learn analytical, communication and research skills, and gain an understanding of legal ethics, professional responsibility and the role law plays in society.

Unlike other degrees, the LLB degree does not have a major attached to it. Everyone who earns an LLB degree gains a broad background in the law. The degree is a combination of law compulsory courses, law elective courses, non-law courses from another degree programme and one General Education course. A wide range of law elective courses are available, including Corporate and Commercial, Public, Criminal, International, Family, and Environmental Law.

To become an LLB Part I student you must first apply and be accepted into one other bachelors degree programme for your non-law courses. If you complete LLB Part I but do not gain selection into LLB Part II, you will probably want to pursue an alternative qualification. As you will have already completed courses for another degree in your first year, you will have laid a good foundation for further study and will in most cases be able to credit the two law courses from the first year to your alternative degree.

If you are a graduate, you will apply for LLB Part I and possibly another programme if you wish to improve your grades for application for LLB Part II. Alternatively, if you demonstrate legal aptitude (eg, by having a good Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score) you can apply for admission to LLB Part I and LLB Part II concurrently. Graduates should consult one of the student advisers in the Law School.

What you will study in LLB Part I

LAW 121G Law and Society and LAW 131 Legal Method

LAW 121G is offered in both Semester One and Semester Two of each year while LAW 131 is offered only in Semester Two. All undergraduate law students wishing to pursue an LLB degree are required to take LAW 121G as a prerequisite to LAW 131. LAW 131 requires a prerequisite of a C+ or better pass in LAW 121G.

LAW 121G is an introduction to theories of the nature, functions and origins of law and legal systems, while LAW 131 is an introductory study of how law is made and applied in New Zealand. Each course usually involves three one-hour lectures per week and a compulsory one-hour tutorial every fortnight. These courses cannot be studied extramurally.

Non-law courses

You will be required to choose 90 non-law points as a foundation for your other bachelors degree. Before making your selection, you are encouraged to seek guidance from the other faculty’s student centre.

General Education courses

Courses in General Education are a distinctive feature of the University of Auckland bachelors degrees. All students enrolled in a bachelors degree are required to take one or two General Education courses, depending on their individual programme.

LLB students enrol for LAW 121G Law and Society in LLB Part I. Students accepted to LLB Part II cannot count LAW 121G as a General Education course and are required to complete 15 further points from the General Education schedules. See: www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation.

Special arrangements apply if you are transferring from another tertiary institution with General Education courses, depending on their individual programme.

LLB Part II

LLB Part II consists of five compulsory courses, which can be completed in the second year of study for those full-time students completing an LLB as a single degree, or across the second and third year of study for those completing conjoint degrees.

Entry into LLB Part II is limited and determined on a competitive basis. The minimum GPA can vary from year to year.

LLB Part III and IV

In LLB Part III and IV, students are allowed to select elective courses towards their LLB degree. We offer the largest range of elective courses in New Zealand – from Public International Law through to Commercial, Environmental, Criminal, and Family Law electives. Planning ahead is important as not all elective courses are offered every year.

LLB(Hons) programme

If you achieve a B+ average or higher over all your law courses at the completion of Part II, you will be invited to transfer to the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB(Hons)) programme. For conjoint students this is usually at the end of your third year. The LLB(Hons) involves an additional semester of enrolment for the completion of an extra seminar course and a dissertation. Throughout the programme, students will need to maintain at least a B+ average.
A conjoint programme gives you the opportunity to acquire a wider knowledge base and broaden your career opportunities. You can major in subjects of your choice to supplement the area of law you wish to specialise in, or apply complementary legal knowledge to the following areas of study.

**Conjoint degrees with law**

Conjoint degrees enable you to complete the requirements of two degrees simultaneously, thereby reducing the total time required by one year of equivalent full-time study.

Admission can be in the first year, or at any point before you have passed not more than 270 points for either component degree. Continuation depends on maintaining a good academic record.

**Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (BA/LLB)**

The BA/LLB lets you choose from a wide range of subjects offered by the faculties of Arts and Law. You can create your own combination of subjects provided they comply with the course regulations of both degrees.

**Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws (BCom/LLB)**

If you intend practising in commercial, taxation and company areas, then a BCom/LLB is an excellent choice. With this conjoint degree combination you will also gain a broad background suitable for a position in management or public administration.

**Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Laws (BE(Hons)/LLB)**

The BE(Hons)/LLB lets you combine legal training with professional engineering training. This conjoint combination is well suited to a career in management within a large engineering firm or in fields such as resource management, intellectual property and information systems.

**Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Laws (BMus/LLB)**

This conjoint degree programme will be offered in 2017 subject to approval. For more information visit [www.law.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz).

**Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Laws (BHS/LLB)**

You can plan a programme offering a sound introduction to law and the healthcare sector with a BHSs/LLB conjoint degree combination. This could lead to a career in medical law, health policy, health management or healthcare ethics.

**Bachelor of Property/Bachelor of Laws (BProp/LLB)**

The conjoint BProp/LLB degree will provide you with a sound background for work as a specialist legal adviser or a management position within the property industry. In addition to the legal skills and knowledge gained from the LLB degree, you will gain an understanding of property valuation, investment, management and marketing.

**Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws (BSc/LLB)**

If you have an aptitude for science, conjoint BSc/LLB degrees give you an excellent opportunity to construct a programme of study that can lead to a career in environmental law, intellectual property law, or a career within the scientific community. This could include the fields of biotechnology, information technology and forensic science.

**The LLB conjoint structure**

Apart from the BE(Hons)/LLB, conjoint programmes with Law comprise 390 points of Law courses, 255 points of courses from another degree, and a 15-point General Education course.

The BE(Hons)/LLB comprises 390 points of Law courses and 405 points of Engineering courses. There are several ways of structuring conjoint degrees and you are advised to consult with both faculties concerned before enrolling for your courses.

Normally you would take either 120 or 135 points in each year of your conjoint programmes. The first year usually comprises LAW 121G, LAW 131, and 90 points of courses prescribed for the other degree. LLB Part II is normally taken over two years. Usually LAW 201, LAW 211 and LAW 298 are taken in the second year and LAW 231 and LAW 241 in the third year.

If you wish to undertake BCom/LLB conjoint degrees, you should not include COMLAW 101. In your BCom component degree, you are not permitted to include Commercial Law courses or majors in Commercial Law and Taxation. Refer to the BCom/LLB regulations in the University of Auckland Calendar.

There is considerable flexibility in planning conjoint programmes. The sample LLB conjoint degree structure on the next page is only one of several possible plans.
Sample LLB conjoint degree structure (does not apply to the BE(Hons)/LLB)

(i) This conjoint plan allows completion of the conjoint degrees programme in five years, but it involves a heavier than normal load in four of the five years. There is no need to complete within the minimum timeframe, and students may wish to enrol for a more manageable load by extending the overall timeframe to five years plus one semester (or longer).

(ii) BE(Hons)/LLB conjoint degrees satisfy the requirements of two professional bodies. Students should expect to take six years, and are advised to consult with the Faculty of Engineering in the first instance.

*Although an elective course for the LLB, the Council for Legal Education (CLE) requires students intending to be admitted to the Bar to take this course.

“...I’ve always enjoyed word-dense subjects, but it was debating that really sparked my interest in law. I was in my school’s top debating team and loved the teamwork, problem-solving and construction of arguments. Studying Law seemed like the natural choice.

“The Auckland Law School is consistently ranked as one of the best in the world [QS World University Rankings] so I was confident I would come away with a respected qualification. Now, as I finish my degree, I know I made the right choice. Not only did I learn about a wide range of subjects, I also developed practical, transferable skills such as how to research, time management and leadership.

“One of the best things about the Auckland Law School is the extracurricular activities on offer that helped to enhance my skills and experience. I took a lot of value from being involved in the Equal Justice Project, the Auckland Law Review and student advocacy. There are also avenues of support for students such as tutorials, help-desks and mentoring.

“Once I’d established a core-level of understanding through the compulsory papers, I really enjoyed being able to choose subjects that interested me at the elective level. My favourite courses were Evidence Law, Conflict of Laws and Company Law. I particularly enjoyed Evidence Law because I learnt about courtroom rules and Conflict of Laws was also interesting because it combined so many different areas of law. My greatest achievement during my studies was gaining a ‘First in Course’ award for Company Law. I was also pleased to have the seminar paper I wrote as part of my Honours degree published in an Australasian law journal.

“I start a job as a law clerk at Bell Gully shortly and I’m looking forward to a variety of challenging and fascinating projects. Having enjoyed mentoring younger Law students, the idea of working with corporate clients to help them achieve their business objectives is particularly exciting.

“My advice to new students is simply to get involved in as much as possible and try new things. I’ll fondly remember my time at the Auckland Law School; I met some amazing people and enjoyed my studies. I’m certain my degree has prepared me well for the workforce.”

Max Smith recently completed Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Psychology) conjoint degrees.
How do you get in?

LLB Part I
All first year law applicants apply for:
- The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Part I
AND
- Another degree programme for your non-law courses.
If you have gained the University Entrance Standard and are admitted to another programme at this University you will be admitted to LLB Part I.
If you are a graduate, or already enrolled in another University of Auckland bachelor's programme, you will be admitted to LLB Part I.
Admission to a conjoint programme with Law requires a higher entry standard.
For information about the guaranteed entry scores and additional subject requirements, please refer to www.auckland.ac.nz/admission. Students usually take LAW 121G in Semester One. If you gain a C+ or better in LAW 121G you can progress to LAW 131 in Semester Two.

LLB Part II
Places in LLB Part II are limited and all applicants must go through a selection process. A maximum of 320 places will be available in 2017 for each of the LLB Part II courses. This allocation includes returning Part II students.
To be considered for selection into LLB Part II in 2016, applicants need to have:
- Passed LAW 121G and LAW 131 (or their equivalents at another New Zealand law school) with at least a C+ average
AND
- Gained at least 90 points (or the equivalent) of non-law university degree courses.
Entry into LLB Part II is limited and determined on a competitive basis. Entry into LLB Part II is calculated on the basis of your grades in LAW 121G, LAW 131, (weighted doubly) plus your best 90 points from non-law courses. The Selection Committee meets in late December.
If you have repeated LAW 121G, LAW 131 or both courses to improve your grade, please note that both your first and second attempts will be factored in when the Law GPA is calculated.
The overall average grade required for selection into LLB Part II can vary from year to year, depending on the number of applicants. In recent years the minimum grade required has been between a B+ (GPA 6.00) and A- (GPA 7.00).

Transferring students
If you are applying to transfer from another New Zealand law school you should contact a Faculty of Law student adviser.
Transferring applicants and all graduates who have applied online for Law at the University of Auckland need to forward a photocopy of their academic transcripts to the Law Selection Committee by the end of November. Address: Law Selection Committee, Faculty of Law, Private Bag 92019, Auckland. If your results are not available by early December, you are asked to forward a photocopy of your 2016 results to the Law Selection Committee as soon as they are available.

Graduate admission
If you are a graduate, you may be selected on the basis of your grades in LAW 121G and LAW 131, plus your best 90 points (or equivalent) from your most recent year of university study. Alternatively, if you demonstrate legal aptitude (eg, by having a good LSAT score) you can apply for admission to LLB Part I and LLB Part II concurrently. Graduates should consult one of the student advisers in the Faculty of Law.

Undergraduate Targeted Admission Schemes
Undergraduate Targeted Admission Schemes (UTAS) are open to eligible Māori, Pacific, and students with disabilities, students from refugee backgrounds (SRB), and students from low socio-economic backgrounds (low SEB).
If you are eligible for UTAS and have completed LLB Part I and believe you can achieve at least a C+ average, you will be encouraged to apply for LLB Part II.
The Selection Committee allocates the places with consideration given to academic criteria as well as information gathered in an interview.
All applicants for UTAS must complete a separate application available from the Faculty of Law website or Law Student Centre. Māori students and indigenous Pacific residents must be available in mid-December 2016 for an interview by a Māori or Pacific panel. Other UTAS students must provide documentary evidence of their status. For more information, contact the Law School student advisers.

International students
The Auckland Law School welcomes applications to LLB Part I and LLB Part II from international students. Applications can be based on qualifications obtained outside New Zealand. If you are an international student entering from an international education provider and English is not your first language, you will be required to submit proof of your English language proficiency.
This can be in the form of an IELTS or TOEFL score. For the LLB Part I, an IELTS score of 7.0 with no band less than 6.5 is required, or some equivalent measure of English language proficiency.
International graduate applicants: refer to information under Graduate Admission on this page.
For more details contact the International Office:
Phone: +64 9 373 7513
Email: int-questions@auckland.ac.nz
www.international.auckland.ac.nz

Academic English Language Requirement
The University has an Academic English Requirement (AELR) for all its undergraduate programmes. The aim of the AELR is to ensure you have a sufficient level of competence in academic English to support your study at University. The AELR will not affect whether you are offered a place on a programme, and may be met through your entrance qualification or through satisfactory completion of an approved course in your first year of study.
Applicants who have not met the AELR through their entrance qualification will be provided with advice at the time of enrolment. For further information see: www.auckland.ac.nz/aelr
Frequently asked questions

What should I study before undertaking law?
There are no prescribed subjects. Linguistic and essay writing skills are useful for studying law. Many students take one subject in Classical Studies, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Te Reo Māori or Te Reo Rangatira for NCEA Level 3 or equivalent qualification.

At university level, subjects such as English, History, Politics and International Relations, and Philosophy are recommended for similar reasons.

Why do I have to apply for two programmes if I only want to study law?
The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) regulations require students to enrol in six other non-law courses under one degree programme along with LAW 121G and LAW 131 as studying two disciplines broadens the knowledge of all law students. This is a requirement of the Council of Legal Education.

How is a GPA calculated?
Averages are calculated on the following scale:

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In calculating the GPA, "withdrawals", "did not sit" and "did not complete" results are counted as zero, except where:

- Courses (other than LAW 121G and LAW 131) taken in the same year total more than 90 points.

OR

- You can demonstrate that the "withdrawal", "did not sit" or "did not complete" result was due to extraordinary and significant circumstances beyond your control and documentary evidence can be produced. Application needs to be made in writing to the Selection Committee in December of the year in which you are applying.

What if I believe my most recent year of academic study is not representative of my ability?
If you believe that exceptional circumstances beyond your control prevented you from achieving grades indicative of your ability, you can write to the Selection Committee requesting that your academic record from a previous year be considered. You will need to provide documentary evidence of the exceptional circumstances and the impact they had on your grades.

If you have already applied for compassionate or aegrotat consideration in courses in your most recent year of academic study, further consideration cannot be given.

If I began my law degree at another New Zealand tertiary institution, how will I be assessed?
If you have completed the equivalent of the University of Auckland’s LLB Part I (LAW 121G and LAW 131) and six non-law university degree courses (equivalent to 90 points), your assessment will be the same as for students of the University of Auckland who have completed LLB Part I.

If you have done further university law courses, transfer and admission will depend on how much of your law degree you have completed. You should contact a Faculty of Law student adviser for advice on your individual situation.

Will Summer School results be included in my GPA calculation?
Yes they will, provided the Summer School courses were completed in the same year that the application is lodged. All courses contributing to a GPA for selection purposes need to have been completed by the time applications close.

Am I able to study law part-time?
You can study law part-time, but all courses are timetabled between the hours 8am and 6pm. As a part-time student you would take fewer courses each semester, depending on your other commitments.

Am I able to study law extramurally?
It is not possible to study law courses extramurally from the University of Auckland.

For a wide range of accommodation options visit www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz
To check out our scholarship opportunities visit www.scholarships.auckland.ac.nz

All University of Auckland campuses are smoke free environments.

“I decided when I was 10-years-old that I wanted to be a lawyer – despite my mother wanting me to study a science-related degree! I haven’t changed my mind ever since.

“My main reason for wanting to study Law was because I wanted to help people and be an advocate for marginalised groups in our society. As I have progressed through my Law degree, my passion for wanting to help people has only grown stronger. I’m very interested in family law and youth justice, so my goal is to work in this area.

“Law is intellectually stimulating and challenging, but at the same time it is extremely rewarding – especially when you see your hard work paying off. I won the First in Course Award for Family Law and three other awards, which was very satisfying.

“We have outstanding lecturers who are incredibly supportive and that makes a real difference to our study. I’ve enjoyed taking different electives and being able to explore several areas of law.

“Because the Law School is tight-knit, I’ve created friendships that will last way beyond our studies. Spending so much time with like-minded people is a real privilege.”

Marian Hassan is studying for a Bachelor of Laws and has completed a Bachelor of Arts.
Where to from here?

So, you’ve made your decision on what you want to study, and now it’s time to apply.

What do you need to do? It’s a two-step process to apply and enrol for your chosen programme.

First you need to apply

Go to www.apply.auckland.ac.nz and complete the Application for Admission. If you haven’t already, you’ll be asked to sign up for a new account. It’s easy, and you’ll soon be underway in making your application. If you are applying for LLB Part I, you need to apply for Law and another bachelor's degree (relevant to your non-law courses). If you are applying for a conjoint programme you should make a conjoint application in addition to applying for the two individual degrees. Admission to a conjoint programme with Law requires a higher entry standard.

For LLB Part I, select “LLB Part I” for your plan.

Next you will receive an acknowledgement email asking you to provide certified documents (and in some cases to complete other requirements*) before your application can be assessed.

Remember, you can apply for more than one programme. We’ll be assessing your application, and you can check your application status online at any time. Be patient though — documents can take 3-4 weeks to process during peak admission periods. Some of your documents might take longer to process than others, despite being sent in at the same time.

If your application is successful, we’ll email you an offer — normally from mid-January**. To accept or decline this offer, log onto www.apply.auckland.ac.nz.

Next you need to enrol

Once you’ve accepted an offer of place in a programme, you can enrol in a course. If you need some help with the enrolment process, visit www.auckland.ac.nz/enrolment or enrol online.

If you are a Māori or Pacific student, or a student with a disability, or from a low socio-economic or refugee background, and were not enrolled at the University of Auckland in 2016 and wish to apply for LLB Part I or LLB Part II, go to www.apply.auckland.ac.nz to complete an Application for Admission. If you are a Māori or Pacific student, or a student with a disability, or from a low socio-economic or refugee background, and were not enrolled at the University of Auckland in 2016 you should:

- Go to www.apply.auckland.ac.nz to complete an application form.
- Tick the box requesting consideration under the targeted admission schemes.

If you are a Māori or Pacific student, or a student with a disability, or from a low socio-economic or refugee background, who is returning to the University of Auckland and you wish to apply for LLB Part II, you should:

- Go to www.apply.auckland.ac.nz to complete an application form.
- Tick the box requesting consideration under the targeted admission schemes.
- Complete the additional Targeted Admission Scheme application (available from the Faculty of Law website or Law Student Centre) and be available for an interview mid-December.

Also check out Courses and Careers Day on 27 August 2016.

Next you need to make sure you pay your fees! You’ll find all the details at www.auckland.ac.nz/fees.

Stuck? At any point in the process you can find answers to your questions 24/7 at www.askauckland.ac.nz.

Money matters

This table is based on the 2016 fees schedule for an LLB student enrolled in a full-time load of 120 points and should be used as a guide only. For updated fees information, refer to www.auckland.ac.nz/fees.

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This is the annual tuition fee. All fees are charged on a per point basis. Part-time students taking fewer than 120 points will pay proportionately lower fees.

Dates to remember

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