Auckland Law School
Masters and Doctoral Studies
Prospectus 2024

No. 1
Law School in New Zealand*

No. 1
for employability in New Zealand

No. 62
by Subject globally*
We are Waipapa Taumata Rau, we greet, we call to the many who desire the sustenance of knowledge.

Welcome, come forth and fasten to the carved meeting house, Tāne-nui-a-rangi.

Nau mai, haere mai, herea mai tōu waka ki te whare whakairo o Tāne-nui-a-rangi.

Auckland Law School is the top-ranked law school in Aotearoa New Zealand and one of the best law schools in the world. We are committed to improving access to justice for all Kiwi communities through teaching, research, service and engagement.

Many of our staff have contributed to significant advances in the Aotearoa justice system. Our graduates can be found in the world’s best law firms, the judiciary, in non-governmental organisations and many successful companies around the world.

From the Auckland University Law Revue to student competitions, from social and sports events, to seminars and workshops, there are countless opportunities to participate, meet other law students and forge life-long friendships.

When you embark on a Law degree, you will gain skills and knowledge that will equip you for a wide range of careers within the legal profession and beyond. You will develop analytical, communication and research skills. You will also build your understanding of legal ethics, professional responsibility and the role that law plays in society.

As a student at the Auckland Law School you will benefit from the largest range of postgraduate law courses available anywhere in New Zealand, the expertise of some of this country’s leading law scholars; and resources like the purpose-built Davis Law Library. You’ll be part of a tight-knit community, with fantastic social and support networks available and lecturers who are invested in your success.

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May your hands possess the law, and your heart possess the truth.

Ahorangi | Professor Penelope Mathew

Manukura Ture | Dean, Auckland Law School

Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland

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Why choose Aotearoa New Zealand

Safe and secure

New Zealand is ranked the second safest country in the world.* You will feel a sense of security and confidence while you reside in student accommodation, attend to your studies and explore our beautiful country. New Zealand’s stable government, strong sense of community and peaceful culture makes for a safe and secure nation. The low population density contributes to lower crime rates and will give you a sense of safety.

Clean and green

Aotearoa is filled with miles of green hills and dense bushland, making New Zealand’s scenery unmatched to anywhere else in the world. From native flora to the tall Kauri tree, New Zealand is renowned for its greenery and beautiful landscapes. Our dense rainforests are dominated by flax and ferns, attributed to our crisp, clean air. Auckland is surrounded by a vast blue ocean and lush green forests, creating a clean and inviting city environment.

Māori culture

Immerse yourself in the rich Māori culture of New Zealand. The culture holds important elements of taonga (treasures), storytelling, and traditional values. The Māori culture represents its people, the land, and the environment. Arts, collective performance, traditional clothing, food and the traditional Māori haka can represent the culture. You can engage with Māori and Pacific culture in daily life here in New Zealand. These unique opportunities can broaden your perspective beyond the classroom.

*World Population Review

Experience Auckland’s vibrant city

High Standard of Living

In 2023 Auckland was named the 10th most liveable city in the world.* Auckland is a leader in education, culture & environment, stability, infrastructure and healthcare.* Auckland’s environment is of extremely high quality and it has a transparent and stable government.

The Kiwi way

Kiwis pride themselves on being welcoming and open-minded to all cultures and ethnicities. Our community here in Aotearoa New Zealand is founded on kindness and respect, and we hope this is reflected when you study here in New Zealand.

Multicultural

Auckland is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world. More than 200 different cultural groups have made their home in Auckland. Auckland’s vibrant feel and diverse community make it a perfect place for you to start your international experience. The city has a range of events, community groups, shows, festivals and more to meet new people and socialise.
New Zealand’s Leading Law School

The Auckland Law School is ranked 62nd by Subject* testifying to its high quality of teaching, learning and research, alongside some of the best in the world. As well as this, the University of Auckland rose to 68th in the 2024 QS University World Rankings, a clear indicator of the excellence and global reputation of the university sector in New Zealand.

Postgraduate study at the Auckland Law School

Our postgraduate programmes offer the largest range of courses of any Law school in New Zealand.

The Auckland Law School has a long tradition of excellence founded on the calibre of our staff, students and resources. We are committed to improving access to justice through excellence in teaching, research, service and engagement. Our programmes are taught by a range of leading experts, including our academic staff, pre-eminent members of the profession and distinguished academic visitors from abroad.

Student life

Becoming a student at the Auckland Law School means you will join a diverse group of people from New Zealand and many other places, who love the law, and enjoy meeting like-minded adventurers. You’ll be part of a multicultural city, and experience the unique New Zealand way of life – perhaps you might travel.

Why choose postgraduate study at the Auckland Law School?

International outlook

The Auckland Law School is ranked among the world’s top 200 universities by the Times Higher Education World Rankings of Universities and is the highest ranked New Zealand University in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities.

We have a strong international focus and are the only New Zealand member of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, Universitas 21 and the Worldwide Universities Network. Across the University, you’ll join a community of more than 6,000 international students from over 110 countries.

Research strengths

The Auckland Law School is home to a number of renowned research centres, including the Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law; New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law; the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law Policy and Practice; New Zealand Centre for ICT Law; The New Zealand Centre for Legal and Political Theory; and the New Zealand Centre for Law and Business. Our highly experienced team, many of whom are international leaders in their field, are available to supervise Masters in their area of expertise. They also teach the LLM, MLS and MTaxS programmes throughout the year.

Flexible learning

Our postgraduate programmes are structured to allow you maximum flexibility. We understand that personal, family and work commitments are important factors when deciding whether to study, so we offer options that fit with your lifestyle. There are four options to choose from: full-semester courses taught in the early evening; half-semester courses; intensively-taught courses over three to five days; and independent research programmes. We encourage you to discuss your best fit with one of our advisers.

Postgraduate specialisations

Our six specialisation areas:

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Environmental Law
- Human Rights Law
- International Law
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Public Law

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Postgraduate Law

“We provide a creative and supportive teaching and learning environment of legal excellence. Law shapes everything from politics and business to culture and society.

We offer postgraduate courses that are designed for both law and non-law graduates. They will give you the knowledge and skills to further your career no matter which field you come from.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Auckland Law School.” (Associate Dean, Jo Manning)

Master of Laws (LLM)

The Master of Laws (LLM) allows you to enhance your legal qualifications and skills with specialist in-depth knowledge. The advanced study of law can provide a stronger underpinning to capabilities acquired in your undergraduate study of law. For students not from a common law jurisdiction, the study of law in another jurisdiction (and another language) can be especially rewarding. The LLM will enable you to acquire further knowledge of theory and/or professional practice in a specialist area. Legal issues and practices are progressively international. Understanding how issues are dealt with in different jurisdictions is increasingly important. Many of our courses have an international outlook or adopt a comparative approach. The LLM is an opportunity to enhance your legal qualifications, acquire new skills, form enduring professional and personal connections with eminent scholars in the field, and develop your network with future leaders of the profession. The LLM may be commenced in either the first semester (late February) or the second (mid-July).

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LLM programme structure

Fulltime, the LLM can be completed in one year (two semesters). Students are required to complete courses totalling 120 points as well as LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing. The degree can be completed entirely by taking taught courses or by research. An LLM by research requires the completion of a 90 or 120 point thesis. LAW 700 – Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing familiarises students with the many resources available to help throughout the programme and allows students to hone their research and writing skills so they can confidently start their course of study. The course is compulsory for all students and is scheduled for the week before the commencement of each semester.

“The University of Auckland is a leading institution with modern infrastructure, and multiyear specialization in international tax law. It also has excellent databases and a brilliant library collection in my research area, which made it a perfect choice.”

“My supervisors are leading tax academicians with great expertise in international tax law. They have also conducted extensive research in theorizing international taxation. Hence, they can offer me the necessary guidance for my doctoral studies. For me, their support is what makes my journey as a PhD researcher special.

The University of Auckland provides a multicultural environment—hence, the perfect opportunity to expand my horizons and meet people with diverse cultural backgrounds who can share their diverse insights. At the same time, the law PhD cohort is ready to offer support and inspiring conversations that lead to a genuine exchange of ideas. Feeling that I am part of a truly intellectual community is highly beneficial for my doctoral experience.”

Maria Eleni Poulasi, PhD student

Maria Eleni, from Greece, is conducting doctoral research in International Tax Law, and particularly in International Tax Dispute Resolution.
Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

Give your career a legal advantage with this masters programme designed for non-law graduates wanting to enhance their existing skills with legal expertise. With the largest range of postgraduate courses in the country, at New Zealand’s top-ranked law school we’ll give you the tools to advance or even switch your career.

The MLS is pursued by those who wish to have an advanced understanding of the law and regulatory frameworks. It is designed to enhance professional capabilities, employability and career progression in various relevant professional disciplines, including international relations, human resources, public health, humanitarian assistance, management and governance, financial markets, engineering and technology, competition and regulation and environmental consultancy.

Understanding the law is not just knowing the rules but also how the legal system operates and changes and its underlying values and policies. Students are introduced to research tools and techniques in core units of the programme, where they learn analytical skills and the practical application of those skills. MLS students are eligible to enrol in all LLM courses.

The Auckland Law School MLS is an opportunity to enhance your legal qualifications, acquire new skills, form enduring professional and personal connections with eminent scholars in the field, and develop your network with future leaders of the profession.

The MLS may be commenced in either the first semester (late February) or the second (mid-July). Students will enrol in the 120 point or 180 point degree depending on their entry qualifications. The 120 point degree may be completed in one year full-time, while the 180 point MLS degree may be completed in one and a half years.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the Master of Legal Studies:

Programme structure

The MLS may be completed entirely by coursework or by research. In all cases, students complete two courses – LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing and usually LAW 701 The Legal System. For an MLS by coursework, students may complete the balance of the degree by taking a selection of postgraduate law courses and writing a dissertation. For an MLS by research, students will complete a 90 point (30,000 word) thesis under the supervision of a faculty member as part of their programme of study.

Jobs related to this programme

- Accountants and auditors
- Architects and town planners
- Business development managers and compliance managers
- Engineers
- IT people working in policy formulation
- Police
- Public health governance staff

“I choose to study at the University of Auckland due to its high quality of teaching and its international reputation.”

“Studying at the Auckland Law School has allowed me to focus my skills and broaden my knowledge. I have learnt about the best tax practices from developed countries, and I can now pass this knowledge on to my home country, Tanzania.”

From my experience at The University of Auckland, I found the academic staff very welcoming and supportive. They have given me insightful and valuable advice on course-related matters, career prospects, and future development. I’ve also had great support from the International Student Advisers at the University.

The University of Auckland have such wide diversity, no matter what country you are from, you will feel at home here. The Law School’s extensive resources allow you to grow your skill set and learn new knowledge. All the professors here are willing to help you to achieve your goals.”

Lilian Kimambo, Master of Taxation Studies
The Auckland Law School is the only New Zealand University to offer a specialised Masters degree in taxation. The Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS) programme is designed for both law and commerce graduates who intend to make tax advocacy or tax consulting their career and who wish to extend their understanding of the theoretical issues and legal structures that underpin the taxation system. The programme is an opportunity for graduates to develop their tax skills and for practitioners to update and hone their knowledge of tax.

Courses are scheduled with work commitments in mind and are all taught intensively over three consecutive days of instruction (normally Thursday to Saturday). The focus of the MTaxS programme is on tax law, with the technical issues explained by practitioners in the field. You will base your studies on the legislation and case law applicable to taxation and will draw from other disciplines, such as economics and accounting.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the Master of Taxation Studies:

"I choose to study a Master of Taxation because it offers valuable knowledge, practical skills, and specialised expertise, which are all essential for a successful career in taxation."

"One of the most valuable things you’ll gain from this programme is a deep knowledge of tax laws, regulations, and practices. You’ll develop a comprehensive understanding of concepts like income tax, corporate tax, international tax, tax planning, and compliance. This knowledge will equip you with the skills to navigate complex tax systems and make well-informed decisions in your professional career.

The university encourages a sense of belonging among international students. This involves promoting cultural diversity, organizing events that celebrate various cultures, and facilitating connections between international and domestic students. By embracing diversity and fostering an inclusive community, the University of Auckland creates an environment where international students can feel valued, respected, and integrated into the university community."

Yuan Ji, Master of Taxation Studies

Craig Elliffe is an experienced PhD supervisor who researches and supervises any area of taxation, but he has particular interest in international tax, corporate tax, tax policy, tax avoidance and tax reform.

Craig’s recent research has been focused on the level of tax paid by multinationals. There is widespread government and public concern about the low level of income tax paid by companies operating in the digital economy. His 2022 Research Excellence Medal award-winning research project identified significant challenges in the international tax system, considering how they might be remedied through multilateral international tax reform from both a New Zealand and a global perspective.

Professor Craig Elliffe

Students will enrol in the 120 point or 180 point degree depending on their entry qualifications. The 120 point degree may be completed in one year full-time, while the 180 point degree may be completed in one and a half years.

The MTaxS may be completed entirely by taught courses or by research. In both cases, students are required to complete two compulsory courses – LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing and COMLAW 740 The Tax Base.

For a taught MTaxS, students may complete the balance of the degree by taking a selection of tax courses and writing a dissertation. All 180 point MTaxS by taught courses, students are required to write a dissertation as part of their programme of study. For a MTaxS by research, students will complete a 90 point thesis (30,000 words) under the supervision of a member of the Law School. In the case of the 180 point MTaxS by research, students are required to also complete another 60 points by taking a selection of tax courses and/or writing a dissertation.

Students are able to enrol in 30 points from the LLM or MLS for credit towards the MTaxS degree. Likewise, LLM and MLS students with interest in tax can enrol in 30 points from the MTaxS syllabus.

Flexible study

We understand that personal, family and work commitments are important factors when deciding whether to study, so we offer options to fit with your lifestyle:

- All 15-point courses taught intensively over three consecutive days (normally Thursday to Saturday)
- Independent research programmes.

Where could this programme take you?

Inclusion of a major in Taxation as a specialist subject in your degree offers a range of professional possibilities. Tax as a career is less subject to the normal business cycles, and demand for tax professionals is always strong.
Intellectual Property Law

The MIP is for law and non-law graduates who wish to gain advanced knowledge of New Zealand and Australian intellectual property law. It comprises a range of specialist courses taught by leading intellectual property law researchers and experienced and expert intellectual property practitioners. The programme will particularly appeal to those seeking registration as a patent attorney with the Trans-Tasman Intellectual Property Attorney Board.

Part-time study is available and recommended for working professionals. Part-time options include 2 years (two courses per semester) or 4 years (one course per semester). The Faculty of Law has several intellectual property experts and offers a range of courses related to this increasingly important area of law. Such courses include:

- LAWCOMM 772: Intellectual Property and Practice
- LAWCOMM 782: Trade Mark Practice
- LAWCOMM 793: Patents and Related Rights
- LAWCOMM 795: Copyright and Design
- LAWCOMM 796: Trade Marks and Related Rights

What you will learn

Our intellectual property courses are designed to meet the knowledge requirements set by the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board (TTIPAB), which oversees the registration of patent and trade mark attorneys, and some of our courses are accredited courses of study with the TTIPAB.

Flexible delivery

We timetable our courses to provide flexibility for your learning. Some courses are taught on an intensive basis over three days. Others are run over six or eight weeks from 5 pm to 8 pm. Our courses are also delivered in a blended fashion. That is, a live face-to-face stream is the primary and recommended method of learning, but there will also be a concurrent online stream option.

Teaching our courses

Our courses are taught by our leading researchers in combination with outstanding intellectual property practitioners and professionals.

Rob’s area of research currently focuses primarily on trade mark law. However, Rob has a developing interest in copyright and design and he welcomes supervision opportunities in all areas of intellectual property law.

Rob has written numerous articles on various aspects of trade mark law, which have been published in international and New Zealand journals, including the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, the Intellectual Property Quarterly, the Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property, the Australian Intellectual Property Journal and the New Zealand Universities Law Review. His published articles have been cited in leading texts on trade mark law in New Zealand and Australia, by the New Zealand Supreme Court, the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal, the New Zealand High Court and the New Zealand Intellectual Property Office.

Rob is the co-author (with Kevin Glover) of the "Trade Marks" section of Intellectual Property Law (NZ) online looseleaf by LexisNexis and an editor of the New Zealand Intellectual Property Journal.

Scan to QR code to find out more about Intellectual Property Law study options:
Research Degrees

"Our academics at the Auckland Law School produce cutting-edge scholarship and are well-positioned to guide and supervise the next generation of legal scholars and researchers.”
Dr Arie Rosen, Associate Dean (Postgraduate Research)

Masters by Research
Both the LLM and MLS offer you a research component where students will be expected to complete a 30-point or 120-point thesis in one of the six specialisation areas: Corporate and Commercial Law, Human Rights Law, International Law, Litigation and Dispute Resolution or Public Law.

Conducting in-depth study in an area of personal interest will enhance employment opportunities either professionally or academically.

PhD in Law
The PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) in Law is the highest degree awarded in law. The study for a PhD is both professionally and challenging. Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy pursue an approved programme of advanced study and research under supervision. The demands of PhD research require a significant commitment by candidates in terms of time. It is expected that this programme will usually be completed within three to four years of full-time candidature.

The PhD is awarded for producing a sustained piece of research making a contribution to the existing literature, supervised by an experienced researcher in the field.

To be eligible for the PhD programme, students will normally have a Masters degree with first-class or second-class (division 1) honours. Candidates will also have to have demonstrated an ability to undertake research at a doctoral level. In order to meet this requirement, intending candidates must have successfully undertaken a substantial research project. Masters degrees comprised wholly of coursework without a substantial research component will not usually satisfy the research requirement for PhD admission. Students are normally required to have undertaken the equivalent of at least 30 points of research work before undertaking doctoral research. This requirement would normally be met by a student completing a 30 point dissertation or 90 or 120 point thesis as part of their Masters degree.

Entry into the PhD programme is competitive. Admission depends on the availability of a supervisor in the candidate’s chosen field and involves the submission of a detailed statement of research intent.

Research Degrees:

Research opportunities
The Auckland Law School has New Zealand’s largest community of legal academics, with leaders in Corporate and Commercial Law, Public Law and International Law. With these and all other major areas of the law, we attract research students from around the world.

The University of Auckland’s Law School is an active and vibrant research institution. Its members regularly publish articles and books in New Zealand and around the world, and also serve as editors of a range of publications. The faculty hosts a number of research centres, and maintains close cooperation with the Legal Research Foundation. The faculty’s work is supported by the Davis Law Library’s extensive collection of legal materials. The faculty welcomes enquiries from prospective research students.

The faculty’s core subject areas include:

- Constitutional, Administrative and Public Law
- Private, Corporate, and Commercial Law
- Criminal Law and Justice
- Legal Theory and Philosophy of Law
- Land and Environmental Law
- Legal History
- International and Comparative Law
- Human Rights Law
- Indigenous Peoples and the Law
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation, Dispute Resolution
- Family and Relationships Law
- Legal History and Theory

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Certificate of Proficiency

The Certificate of Proficiency provides students with the opportunity to supplement their current knowledge before proceeding to advanced study, or undertake a small number of courses in specific areas without enrolling in a formal qualification.

Overseas law graduates

Overseas law graduates wishing to practise law in New Zealand should apply in the first instance to the New Zealand Council of Legal Education (NZCLE) for assessment of their qualifications and experience. Overseas law graduates whose qualifications have been assessed by the NZCLE and who are required to pass university law courses can apply to take these courses under the COP.

Overseas law graduates should note that there are limits on enrolments in the compulsory law courses at this University. Should overseas graduates be required to take any of the compulsory courses, they will be subject to the same selection criteria as LLB degree applicants.

Overseas law graduates who are required to take more than one law course may wish to consider applying for the Graduate Diploma in Law or the Graduate Certificate in Law.

More information:

Graduate Certificate in Law and Graduate Diploma in Law

This certificate and diploma are excellent choices for law graduates from both New Zealand and overseas who wish to further enhance their legal knowledge.

You can focus on an area of specialisation according to your own interests or professional requirements, while updating skills and continuing professional development (it meets the requirements of the New Zealand Law Society’s Continuing Professional Development).

Overseas practitioners or graduates who wish to be admitted to practise as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand will need to apply to the New Zealand Council of Legal Education to have their overseas legal qualifications assessed.

More information:

Postgraduate Certificate in Law

With the largest range of postgraduate courses in the country, at New Zealand’s top-ranked Law School we’ll give you the tools to advance your career.

Our PGCertLaw is designed for professionals from non-legal backgrounds who require some knowledge of legal matters. Professionals such as accountants and auditors, architects and town planners, business development managers, compliance managers, engineers, IT professionals, compliance managers, police and public sector staff have greatly benefitted from this programme.

The programme can also be used by law graduates wanting to bridge the gap to Masters level law study. The PGCertLaw is effectively half of a Master of Laws (LLM) degree or Master of Legal Studies (MLS) degree.

Our programme provides flexible legal study for both full-time and part-time students. You can study while you work to keep up the momentum or go full-time to get to the next level even faster. Entry to the PGCertLaw is available throughout the year, providing the flexibility you need to accelerate your career.

The PGCertLaw also provides skills in legal research methodology for those without advanced skills in this area.

Auckland Law School is ranked 62 in the world*

Based on its high quality of teaching, learning and research*

More information:

Graduate Certificate in Law (GradCertLaw)

- 60 points are required.
- The programme is one semester full-time but may be completed part-time (over any duration).
- Students must pass 60 points of law courses from LLB Parts II, III and IV. If a student wishes to enrol in an LLB Part II course, they must satisfy the Grade Point Average required for admission into LLB Part II.
- With faculty approval, in lieu of courses from LLB Parts II, III, or IV, a student may substitute up to 30 points from courses listed in the Master of Laws programme. It will be required for the student to include Legal Research Methodology (LAW 700) with other courses from the Master of Laws programme.

Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw)

- The graduate diploma requires 120 points.
- The programme is one year (two semesters) full-time but may be completed part-time (over any duration).
- 120 points of courses from LLB Part II, III and IV, will be required, of which at least 75 points must be from LLB Part III and IV.
- If a student wishes to enrol in an LLB Part II course, they must satisfy the Grade Point Average required for admission into LLB Part II.

For more information on all the programmes please visit law.auckland.ac.nz/study-options

Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property

The Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law is a pathway programme to the Master of Intellectual Property – as well as a stand-alone academic qualification. As a stand-alone programme it will particularly appeal to students seeking to complete accredited courses required for registration as a trade mark attorney through the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board. The flexible course offerings and the ability to complete the programme part-time make it attractive for working professionals.

Part-time study is available and recommended for working professionals. Part-time options include 1 year (two courses per semester) or 2 years (one course per semester).

Entry requirements

Grade Point Average of 4.0 or higher in at least 60 points above Stage II.

Programme structure

The Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property will comprise:

Research Methodology (LAW 700) with other courses from the Master of Intellectual Property programme.

More information:
Scholarships

The University of Auckland and the Auckland Law School offer several scholarships and awards to international students wishing to pursue postgraduate study. The International Office also works with external scholarship agencies and government bodies to provide opportunities for international students who meet entry requirements. Below is a selection of available scholarships:

- The University of Auckland India High Achiever’s Scholarship
- The University of Auckland ASEAN High Achiever’s Scholarship
- The University of Auckland Vietnam Excellence Scholarship
- The University of Auckland International Student Excellence Scholarship

For a full list, visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

Doctoral Scholarships

Scholarship value: $33,000 p.a. (tax-free) for three years plus the cost of your compulsory fees (a six-month extension may be available).

Any student who is to be offered a place in a doctoral programme will be eligible for scholarship consideration prior to receiving their offer of place. Māori and Pacific applicants with a New Zealand university qualifying programme GPA of 7.0 or above who are offered a place in a doctoral programme are guaranteed a scholarship.

High-achieving students whose qualifying programme isn’t from a New Zealand university will be considered for a scholarship. The University will review the grades the student achieved in their qualifying programme and convert those into a University of Auckland equivalent. It will also consider the student’s academic references and the standing of the institution at which the qualifying programme was completed.

Professor Brian Coote Memorial Scholarship

The main purpose of the scholarship is to enable doctoral study in law for exceptional students who, like Professor Coote, can demonstrate a passion and commitment to the study of law.

Two scholarships are offered annually, with a value of up to $28,500 p.a. (tax-free) for three years plus the cost of your compulsory fees. This scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of the relevant faculty or the University of Auckland committee.

Career and work support

Assistance with your career and work opportunities

The Career Development and Employability Services (CDES) at the University of Auckland has in house International Career Development Consultants to assist you with identifying your skills and career options. You can get advice about working in New Zealand and how to successfully transition from academic life to the professional world. The CDES team will support your transition into work and life after completing your studies.

CDES will also help you connect and engage with employers and invite you to participate in events such as career expos, networking opportunities and employer presentations.

Kylie Chye is the Employer Engagement Manager at the Auckland Law School. She is available for one-on-one appointments to discuss your career and post-qualification opportunities. As well as advice, Kylie’s role is to bring employers into the Law School to ensure that you have a chance to grow your professional networks and meet employers while you are a student here. She also hosts CV and interview workshops specifically for postgraduate students throughout the year. The Auckland Law School has an internship programme, giving students with limited New Zealand legal experience a chance to build their CV and increase employment options in New Zealand.

Employment during study

Advanced postgraduate students are sometimes employed as paid tutors or teaching assistants for undergraduate courses. Tutoring is a great way to gain valuable professional and teaching experience during your Masters or PhD study. Other opportunities include part-time research assistantships, administrative duties or library work. There may be limits on allowable work hours (particularly for scholarship or international students), so you need to check any conditions that may apply.

Method of teaching

The teaching is a combination of interactive seminars and small group teaching. Given that these are postgraduate-level courses, students benefit from interacting with their peers from various backgrounds, both civil and common law.

The seminars and small group classes will be based on materials and reading lists circulated prior to the classes.

Method of assessment

The method of assessment for each course is typically through a research essay submitted to weeks after the intensive seminar is concluded. In the case of half-semester or full-semester courses, the research essay will be submitted after lectures for the course have concluded.

Delivery

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Learning enviroment

Method of teaching

The teaching is a combination of interactive seminars and small group teaching. Given that these are postgraduate-level courses, students benefit from interacting with their peers from various backgrounds, both civil and common law.

The seminars and small group classes will be based on materials and reading lists circulated prior to the classes.

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Assistant with your career and work opportunities

The Career Development and Employability Services (CDES) at the University of Auckland has in house International Career Development Consultants to assist you with identifying your skills and career options. You can get advice about working in New Zealand and how to successfully transition from academic life to the professional world. The CDES team will support your transition into work and life after completing your studies.

CDES will also help you connect and engage with employers and invite you to participate in events such as career expos, networking opportunities and employer presentations.

Kylie Chye is the Employer Engagement Manager at the Auckland Law School. She is available for one-on-one appointments to discuss your career and post-qualification opportunities. As well as advice, Kylie’s role is to bring employers into the Law School to ensure that you have a chance to grow your professional networks and meet employers while you are a student here. She also hosts CV and interview workshops specifically for postgraduate students throughout the year. The Auckland Law School has an internship programme, giving students with limited New Zealand legal experience a chance to build their CV and increase employment options in New Zealand.

Employment during study

Advanced postgraduate students are sometimes employed as paid tutors or teaching assistants for undergraduate courses. Tutoring is a great way to gain valuable professional and teaching experience during your Masters or PhD study. Other opportunities include part-time research assistantships, administrative duties or library work. There may be limits on allowable work hours (particularly for scholarship or international students), so you need to check any conditions that may apply.

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Entry requirements

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          - GPA of 5.0 or higher  
          - Dean satisfied student has capacity to undertake programme  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| MLS (120 points) | - BCom(Hons) in Commercial Law or any other 4 year Bachelors degree or 3 year Bachelor’s degree + at least 1 year postgraduate qualification  
          - GPA of 5.0 or higher  
          - Dean satisfied student has capacity to undertake programme  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| MLS (180 points) | - BCom in Commercial Law or any other 3 year Bachelor’s degree  
          - GPA of 5.0 or higher  
          - Dean satisfied student has capacity to undertake programme  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| MTaxS (120 points) | - BCom(Hons) in Commercial Law, LLB or LLB(Hons) or 4 year Bachelor’s degree, or 3 year Bachelor’s degree and at least 1 year postgraduate qualification  
          - Have passed a course in Taxation  
          - GPA of 5.0 or higher  
          - Dean satisfied student has capacity to undertake programme  
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          - Has passed a course in Taxation  
          - GPA of 5.0 or higher  
          - Dean satisfied student has capacity to undertake programme  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| MIP (120 points) | - Relevant bachelor’s degree such as in Engineering, Science or Technology with honours  
          - Students with an LLB or LLB(Hons) degree and a relevant bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 5.0 in their last year of study  
          - GPA of 5.0 or higher |
| PhD in Law (120 points) | - Masters-level qualification or the equivalent of a bachelor’s degree with honours  
          - Evidence of significant research, usually undertaken as part of prior study  
          - GPA of 6.0  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| Certificate of Proficiency | Graduates may enrol into one postgraduate course for a COP. Acceptance into the COP programme and the course selection is subject to approval by the Programme Director – LLM, MLS, PG Cert in Law and COP – Postgraduate Law |
| Postgraduate Certificate in Law | Bachelor of Laws or 3 years Bachelor’s degree  
          - GPA of 4.0  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| Graduate certificate in Law | You must have completed a Bachelor of Laws or an undergraduate law degree from a recognised university (or similar institution)  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |
| Graduate diploma in Law | You must have completed a Bachelor of Laws or an undergraduate law degree from a recognised university (or similar institution)  
          - You will require an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 with no bands less than 6.5 |

Support

Accommodation

The University of Auckland has a variety of accommodation options that offer you an independent lifestyle. We aim to provide an engaging and supportive campus environment. Our accommodation communities have robust academic support and pastoral care programmes to ensure our students achieve, grow and develop lifelong skills and connections. More information about our wide range of accommodation options at the University of Auckland can be found at www.auckland.ac.nz/accommodation

English language enrichment

English Language Enrichment (ELE) offers a number of language skills development programmes if you need to brush up on your English-language skills. These services are free to all students enrolled at the University. ELE provides advice, resources and links to language learning groups.

Moving support

Being a part of the Auckland Law School as a Masters student is about more than just an academic endeavour. We understand adjusting to a new culture can be challenging, and we provide a range of services and extracurricular activities to assist students as well as provide you with an opportunity to share your experiences with students from around the globe. The international Office has created a Predeparture and arrival guide which you will find useful. The International Student Handbook provides a detailed guide to the services and facilities offered for international students, including accommodation, health services and insurance.

Student Learning Services

Student Learning Services provides opportunities for postgraduate students to improve their academic performance. With a combination of directed online learning with optional face-to-face workshops facilitated by learning advisers, you are assisted through the challenges graduate students encounter when completing a Masters programme. Student Learning Services offer workshops on effective referencing and reference management, library and IT essentials, management of research data, navigating law databases, search skills, mapping masters research and writing skills. For more information please visit www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/international-students

Applications

Applications are made through the Apply Now option on our website. Once you have been offered a place and as you make travel preparations to come, we are available to assist you. Please contact:

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