Auckland Law School
Undergraduate Prospectus 2024

No.1
New Zealand University

No.62
QS World Rankings

No.1 for employability
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

Ko Waipapa Taumata Rau mātou, e mihi nei, e karanga nei ki te marea e hiahia ana ki te kai i te mātauranga

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

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.

Auckland Law School offers one undergraduate degree – the Bachelor of Laws. High-achieving students may be invited to transfer to the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) programme after the first two years of study. You may also complement your legal study through a conjoint degree.

As a student at Auckland Law School you will benefit from the largest range of undergraduate 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.

Our Pacific Island Law Students’ Association (PILSA) works closely with other Pacific associations, building strong community links and keeping Pasifika values at the forefront of their operations. 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.

We welcome your interest in Auckland Law School and look forward to having you join us in 2023.

Ko tō ringa ki te ture, ko tō ngākau ki te pono. May your hands possess the law, and your heart possess the truth.

(*An adaptation of Sir Āpirana Ngata’s ‘E tipu, e rea’. Sir Āpirana gained his Bachelor of Laws from Auckland Law School in 1896 – he was the first Māori to complete a degree at a New Zealand university.)

Ahorangi | Professor Penelope Matthews
Manukura Ture | Dean, Auckland Law School
Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland

*Times Higher Education and QS World Rankings 2022
Bachelors of Laws Part I

For first year Law, you will apply for LLB Part I and one other bachelor’s degree programme to satisfy the Law Part I requirement for five non-Law courses.

If you gain selection into LLB Part II you can continue studying your second degree as a conjoint with Law. A conjoint degree gives you the opportunity to acquire a wider knowledge base and broaden your career opportunities.

You can focus on non-Law subjects of your choice to supplement the area of Law you wish to specialise in or apply complementary legal knowledge to another field. Find more information and explore our wide range of conjoint options on page 6. Alternatively, Part II students may wish to continue only with law courses and work towards a single LLB degree rather than continuing with the conjoint programme.

If you complete LLB Part I but are not selected for 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 your first-year Law courses to your alternative degree. You may also continue with your other degree and reapply for LLB Part II in the next intake.

Graduate admission to Part I

University graduates who wish to apply for the LLB degree can view their options on our website. law.auckland.ac.nz/apply-graduate

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. Students who have completed the LLB Part I equivalent at another New Zealand law school, will be selected on the basis of your grades in LAW 111G (Law and Society), LAW 111 (Legal Method) and LAW 141 (Legal Foundations), or your equivalents at another New Zealand law school, plus your best 7.5 points (or equivalent) from your most recent year of university study.

Students who have completed the LLB Part I equivalent at another New Zealand law school should email for application advice. undergradlaw@auckland.ac.nz

Bachelors of Laws Part II

Admission to LLB Part II is limited and competitive. Not all students who gain entry into Part I will be able to continue to Part II.

There is no direct entry from secondary school into LLB Part II. All applicants must go through a selection process. You will be selected on the basis of academic merit. Your Part I results as well as your results from your other university courses will be used to assess whether or not you will be selected for Part II. (See Part II entry requirements on our website.) law.auckland.ac.nz/apply-llb-ii

Our Undergraduate Targeted Admission Scheme (UTAS) reserves a number of places in the LLB Part II programme for eligible Māori, Pasifika and students from other equity groups. If you are eligible for UTAS, you have completed LLB Part I and believe you have achieved a Law GPA of 3.0, you may consider applying for LLB Part II through the Scheme. law.auckland.ac.nz/utás

Graduate admission to LLB Part II

If you are a graduate who has completed the LLB Part I equivalent at another New Zealand law school, you will be selected on the basis of your grades in LAW 111G (Law and Society), LAW 111 (Legal Method) and LAW 141 (Legal Foundations), or your equivalents at another New Zealand law school, plus your best 7.5 points (or equivalent) from your most recent year of university study.

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Transfer of Credit

As part of your Application for Admission you can apply for transfer of credit for tertiary courses completed elsewhere. If you have completed study at another New Zealand university, you can email us to find out the transfer credit you may be eligible for. undergradlaw@auckland.ac.nz

Bachelors of Laws (Honours)

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB(Hons)) gives high-achieving LLB students the opportunity to delve deeper into an area of Law and to hone their research and writing skills.

Students who have gained a B- average or higher in their Law courses in Parts I and II of the LLB programme will be invited to transfer to the LLB(Hons) programme. Everyone completes Parts II and IV only not Honours Students. This will usually be at the end of the second year of study or for conjoint students, at the end of the third year of study, subject to meeting requirements.

The LLB(Hons) programme requires students to enrol in one additional semester, on top of their LLB programme, to complete a double-semester seminar course and a dissertation.

Students will need to maintain at least a B- average in their law courses to remain in the LLB Honours programme.

The LLB(Hons) is comprised of courses totaling 540 points. It involves a student completing the LLB programme and an additional 150-point honours seminar course (usually as part of their Part II year) and a 40-point dissertation in the semester immediately following the completion of LLB Part IV.

It will take a minimum of nine semesters to complete all of the requirements for the LLB(Hons) degree, unless a student is completing a conjoint degree. In that case it will take a minimum of 11 semesters. The number of semesters required can be reduced by one if the dissertation is completed through Summer School immediately following their Part IV year. Please note: Entry requirements may change each year. Find out more about individual courses online. law.auckland.ac.nz/uagcours

Degree structure

The LLB is made up of 480 points. It is a combination of compulsory Law courses, elective Law courses, non-Law courses from another degree programme and one General Education course.

LLB Part I

Part I students usually take LAW 111G (Law and Society) in Semester One. If you gain a B- (C+ for students applying under UTAS) or better in LAW 111G you can progress to LAW 131 (Legal Method) and LAW 141 (Legal Foundations) in Semester Two.

For most students, this will involve taking one additional 20-point course in your second year of study. The LLB(Hons) programme requires students to enrol in one additional semester, on top of their LLB programme, to complete a double-semester seminar course and a dissertation. Students will need to maintain at least a B- average in their law courses to remain in the LLB Honours 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 pursuing an LLB as a single degree, or across the second and third year of study for those completing conjoint degrees.

LLB Parts III and IV

In addition to taking compulsory Part III and IV papers, students are allowed to select elective courses. We offer the largest range of Law elective courses in New Zealand, with papers relating to Corporate and Commercial Law, Public, Criminal, Family, International and Environmental Law. It is important to plan ahead as not all elective courses are offered every year.
Double your options

Conjoint degrees enable you to complete the requirements of two degrees simultaneously, only adding one year of study to the longest degree in most cases. Admission can be in the first year or at any point before you have passed no more than 270 points for either component degree. Continuation depends on you maintaining your academic record to a set standard.

Conjoint degrees with Law

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)/Bachelor of Laws (BAdvSci(Hons)/LLB)

The BAdvSci(Hons)/LLB allows you to combine legal acumen with advanced disciplinary knowledge and scientific research skills.

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 to practice in commercial, taxation and company areas, then a BCom/ LLB is an excellent choice. You will also gain a broad background suitable for a position in management or public administration.

Bachelor of Communication/ Bachelor of Laws (BComm/LLB)

The BComm/LLB conjoint provides you with an understanding of the roles communication and law have in our world. In addition to the legal skills and knowledge gained from the LLB degree, you will develop an understanding of property valuation, investment, management and marketing.

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

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

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

The BA/LLB conjoint degree allows you to explore and develop your personal art practice alongside a strong knowledge of law and public responsibility.

Bachelor of Global Studies/ Bachelor of Laws (BGlobalSt/LLB)

With a BGlobalSt/LLB conjoint you can complement your legal skills and knowledge with the study of global issues to take on the challenges of global politics, law and human security. You will develop employment skills such as leadership, teamwork, public speaking, critical thinking, research and intercultural communication.

Bachelor of Health Sciences/ Bachelor of Laws (BHealSc/LLB)

The BHealSc/LLB conjoint offers you a broad introduction to law and the healthcare sector. This could lead to a career in medical law, health policy, health management or healthcare ethics.

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

If you want a degree that provides you with two distinct skill sets, the BMus/LLB is an excellent choice. Follow your passion for music while gaining valuable analytical, communicational and research skills – and gain an understanding of legal ethics, professional responsibility and the role law plays in society.

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

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

Bachelor of Fine Arts/Bachelor of Laws (BFA/LLB)

This BFA/LLB conjoint degree allows you to explore and develop your personal art practice alongside your strong knowledge of law and public responsibility.

Sample LLB degree structure

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Find out more

For more details about this programme, visit auckland.ac.nz/llb

Sample LLB conjoint degree structure (does not apply to the BE(Hons)/LLB and BAdvSci(Hons)/LLB)

There is considerable flexibility in planning conjoint programmes. The sample LLB conjoint degree structure is only one of several possible plans.

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One degree, unlimited potential at New Zealand’s top-ranked law school.
Preparing you for your future

The “Coffee Mates” programme where Law students learn more about the legal and commercial worlds.

He Ira Wāhine | Women’s Mentoring Programme.

Students enjoying the Industry “Mits and Mingles” networking event.

Stout Shield Mooting Final, one of many mooting competitions available at Law School.
Career pathways

Where will your Law degree take you?

A Law degree will arm you with many transferable skills, including knowledge of the law and its implications, a sense of justice and public responsibility, analytical, research and communication skills, and an ability to work under pressure. A degree from the University of Auckland Law School is well respected. In any given year, about half of our graduates take up positions in New Zealand law firms, while the other half begin their careers in a wide range of fields. These include accounting and consulting, business and industry, national and local government, teaching, research and journalism; and international, environmental and other non-governmental areas. 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 other major cities. Some of our top students go on to study our LLM, MPhil and PhD degrees. 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 recent graduates are now pursuing higher degrees at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other top overseas universities.

Becoming a barrister and solicitor

To be admitted to the bar you must complete a three-month Professional Legal Studies course after completing the LLM or LLB(Hons) degree. There are currently two providers of this course:
• The Institute of Professional Legal Studies
• The College of Law (New Zealand)

Careers team

Perhaps you’re not sure what you want to do when you graduate or maybe you have a career path in mind but need help getting there. In either case, our in-house careers team is here to support you. They can help you engage with industry, increase your employability skills and enhance the knowledge and skills that are acquired in the classroom. They will ensure that you are adequately educated on career paths available for Law School graduates. Programmes are run throughout the year.

Careers team

• For a wide range of accommodation options available for Law School graduates. Programmes are run throughout the year.
• Scholarships for Law School graduates. Programmes are run throughout the year.

Additional information

Scholarships

Each year Auckland Law School offers scholarships and awards to students to help with the cost of study. Regardless of your background or where you live, you may be eligible for a scholarship. For a full list of scholarships, visit our website: auckland.ac.nz/entry-level-and-first-year-scholarships

Open Day 2022

Experience life at Auckland Law School for yourself at our annual Open Day. Attend lectures, meet staff and students, and experience our vast range of courses and career opportunities.

For more information visit openday.ac.nz

Orientation

Discover all you need to know about the facilities and services available, meet staff, course directors, join our student clubs and more.

Week beginning 22 February 2023 (Semester One begins 28 February)

Frequently asked questions

Got a burning question? See if someone else has already asked it! law.auckland.ac.nz/questions

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**Academic English**

*For some programmes, you may be required to submit supplementary information (eg, a portfolio of work, referee reports, an online form) or to attend an interview/admission.*

Next you need to enrol

If your application is successful, we’ll email you an offer of place. For Semester One applications, this normally happens from mid-January.

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, take an online tutorial: [auckland.ac.nz/enrolment](http://auckland.ac.nz/enrolment).

To find out more about our subjects and courses, come visit us online at [law.auckland.ac.nz](http://law.auckland.ac.nz) or email [undergradlaw@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:undergradlaw@auckland.ac.nz).

Next you need to make sure you pay your fees

For an LLB student enrolled in a full-time load of 120 points and should be used as a guide only. The international student fee is based on the 2022 fees schedule for an LLB student enrolled in a full-time load of 120 points and should be used as a guide only.

Money matters

The domestic student fee is based on the 2022 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 [auckland.ac.nz/tuition-fees](http://auckland.ac.nz/tuition-fees).

All fees are charged on a per point basis. Part-time students taking fewer than 120 points will pay proportionately lower fees.

**Academic English**

*If you are a Māori or Pacific student, or a student with a disability, or from a low socio-economic background, you should:*

- Complete an online application form at [auckland.ac.nz/apply](http://auckland.ac.nz/apply).
- 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 background, you should:

- Complete an online application form at [auckland.ac.nz/apply](http://auckland.ac.nz/apply).
- Complete the additional Targeted Admission Scheme application on the Law School website and be available for an interview early December.

Disclaimer: Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this prospectus is provided as only a general guide for students and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the University of Auckland must consult its official document, the current Calendar of the University of Auckland, to ensure they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies. Publication date: January 2023.
Please note that AskAuckland Central is scheduled to close in the first half of 2022. At that time, we will open five brand new centres where students and whānau will be welcome to visit and talk with our expert advisers:

**City Campus:**
General Library, Building 109,
5 Alfred Street, Auckland

**Epsom Campus:**
Sylvia Ashton Warner Library,
Gate 3, 74 Epsom Avenue (Parking at Gate 2)

**Grafton Campus:**
Philson Library, Building 503, Level 1,
85 Park Rd, Grafton (Entry via the Atrium)

**South Auckland Campus**
Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga:
6 Osterley Way, Manukau

**Whangarei Campus**
Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau:
L Block, 13 Alexander Street, Whangarei

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