

SUMMER SCHOOL Preliminary PROGRAMME 2025-26

As of 10 September 2025



Faculty of Law

**PLEASE read the following prior to submitting an application for a
LAW 300 level Summer School Course.**

Subject to change

Please note, **all** Summer course offerings are subject to change at short notice and may no longer be offered if enrolment numbers are too low.

In addition, the timetable, assessments etc. may still change at short notice. As at date of publication, this brochure contains the best information we have. We will update the brochure if we have new information.

The Law Summer School Programme for 2025-26 has two terms:

- (i) November-December 2025 – four courses will initially be offered. Details appear below.
- (ii) January-February 2026 – four courses will initially be offered. Details appear below.

Enrolment applications for summer school courses opened on 8 September 2025 for summer school courses in Nov-Dec 2025 and open in October for summer school courses in Jan-Feb 2026.

How to enrol in your summer school course?

To apply successfully you must complete two requirements no later than the dates specified below:

1. Submit a 2025 change of enrolment via MyUC, **and**
2. Complete this form: [Summer School 2025/2026](#).

These two requirements are strictly applied and may differ from instructions published elsewhere.

LAWS351-25SU2(C) Nov-Dec Friday by 31 October 2025

LLAW320-25SU2(C) Nov-Dec Friday by 31 October 2025

LLAW325-25SU2(C) Nov-Dec Friday by 31 October 2025

LAWS358-25SU2(C) Nov-Dec Friday by 31 October 2025

LAWS339-26SU1(C) Jan-Feb Friday by 5 December 2025 (Limited Entry course)

LLAW317-26SU1(C) Jan-Feb Friday by 2 January 2026

LLAW306-26SU1(D) Jan-Feb Friday by 2 January 2026

LAWS380-26SU1(C) Jan-Feb Friday by 5 December 2025 (Limited Entry course)

Eligibility for Summer 300 level Law Courses

1. All students must be eligible to apply for enrolment in 300 level Law courses generally by having already passed, or be enrolled in, their remaining LAWS200 courses during semester two 2025.
2. To be eligible to commence a Summer 300 level law course a student must have passed at least one 300 level Law course in a semester prior to Summer 2025-26.

Allocation of Places in Limited Entry Law 300 level Summer School Courses

When demand by eligible students exceeds places in a particular course, preference will be given to final year students first, followed by penultimate students. If demand in each category of eligible students exceeds available places, allocation will be by **random draw**. Notwithstanding the outcome of any random draw, the Dean reserves the right to limit a student to **one** limited entry course.

Completing the two steps above – see “how to enrol” - is a strict requirement for enrolment in a Summer course because the information assists the determination of places in limited entry courses and the administration of courses run during a period when fewer staff are on campus.

Workload expectations

Please remember that your summer school courses are 15-point courses and similar to your semester courses you can expect a workload of 150 hours per course. Some of those hours will be accounted for through lectures, but the remaining portion is expected to be completed outside of lectures and workshops.

Effectively, one summer school course equals a four-week full-time job requirement. Hence the strong recommendation not to take more than one summer school course per term.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email lawandjusticedegreeadvice@canterbury.ac.nz and include in the subject line: “Summer School enquiry”

LAWS351-25SU2(C) LAW AND SPORT

Applications to enrol are now open

Course Co-ordinator: Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Toomey

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 31 October 2025**

Course Dates: Monday 10 November 2025 – Sunday 14 December 2025

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 10 November – Thursday 20 November 2025
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

LAWS351 ASSESSMENT

Subject to change

Test One: Thursday 27 November 2025 Open Book **Onsite** 5.00 pm - 7.00pm

Test Two: Thursday 4 December 2025 Open Book **Onsite** 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Course Description:

The law is now an integral part of sport. This course explores the application of numerous legal principles in a specialist environment, the uniqueness of which invites innovating and interesting legal arrangements. It is hoped that by the end of the course, students have a working knowledge of legal problems associated with sport. Class discussion is encouraged.

The lectures will be recorded.

While there are numerous “sports law” New Zealand cases, they remain uncategorised. I have therefore assembled relevant New Zealand cases according to the topics. The names of these relevant cases, together with the names of relevant overseas cases, will be posted on LEARN. You are expected to download these cases yourselves. They are a valuable resource in your future legal careers.

LLAW320-24SU2(C) ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

Applications to enrol are now open

Course Co-ordinator: Professor Ursula Cheer

Lecturer: Mr Joe Bennett

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 31 October 2025**

Course Dates: Monday 17 November 2025 – Sunday 14 December 2025

Lecture Days/Times: Wednesday 19 November – Friday 12 December 2025
Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
2 hour lectures on those days from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

LLAW320 ASSESSMENT

Subject to change

Online Quizzes: Quiz 1 closes Wednesday 26 November 9am 10%

Quiz 2 closes Wednesday 3 December 9am 10%

Writing Assignment: Friday 5 December 2025 30%

Final Writing

Assignment: Friday 12 December 2025 50%

Course Description:

This course opens the bonnet on the English language to demonstrate not only how it works, but also how to tune it. It teaches conscious practical skills that students can apply to all their writing. It will show students how to please and hold a reader. By teaching clarity of expression it will also foster clarity of thought. The ability to write well, with clarity of thought and expression, is an essential and valued skill for employers in legal practice and outside it. It is a key skill to acquire or polish as students prepare to graduate and look for employment.

Lectures will **not be recorded**.

This is a skills course in which students practise and develop writing skills during class, working with the lecturer. Students are expected to attend lectures in person.

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) text generators, such as ChatGPT, may not be used for any part of the course.

LLAW325-25SU2 (C) Special Topic: Global Value Chains: Access to Justice

Applications to enrol are now open

Course Co-ordinator: Dr Elsabe Schoeman

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 31 October 2025**

Course Dates: Monday 10 November 2025 – Sunday 14 December 2025

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 10 November – Friday 5 December 2025
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

LLAW325 ASSESSMENT

Subject to change

First assignment: Website search for examples of Global Value Chains (10%)

Second assignment: Presentation of case in class (15%)

Third assignment: Presentation of ideas for final written assignment (25%)

Fourth assignment: Final written assignment (50%)

Course Description:

Global Value Chains (GVCs), accounting for 70% of international trade, encompass the full range of activities required to bring a product or a service from conception to end-use. GVCs are predominantly driven by big Multinational Corporations (MNCs) that spread their activities across the world through multiple subsidiaries – think mining, oil, tech, fashion – to source essential components (oil, rare minerals, etc) or to save on manufacturing costs (cheap labour, poorly regulated labour markets, etc). When victims suffer harm as a result of the activities of MNCs and their subsidiaries, access to justice is severely compromised by the transnational dimension and prohibitive costs of litigation, the inequality of litigating parties, and the lack of effective regulation at national and global level. This course explores access to justice by way of private international law and human rights initiatives, as those have played out in recent transnational cases.

The course will **not be recorded**.

Class discussion and participation are mandatory. Considering the multi-faceted and global nature of the course, student views and ideas are critical contributory factors to the understanding and overall successful completion of the course.

All case law will be discussed and analysed in detail in class. **There will be significant group work: prescribed readings will be shared amongst groups to report back and discuss in class.** As this is a dynamic, developing area of law, students will be expected to follow latest developments through recommended websites and report back to class. This will feed into the final written assignment.

Applications to enrol are open for this course, however, it is tricky to find the course on your MyUC account. When you want to add the course to your change of enrolment, you need to select “All Courses” in the first search box, leave the second as is and in the third add “LLAW325” (no spaces) and hit search and the course should come up as per below screenshot:

The screenshot displays the MyUC search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with three input fields. The first field is labeled "SEARCH" and contains the text "All Courses" with a yellow highlight. The second field is labeled "All Subjects" and contains a dropdown arrow. The third field contains the text "llaw325". To the right of the search bar is a "Search" button with a magnifying glass icon and a "Reset" link. Below the search bar, it says "1 course found". To the left of the "SHOW:" label are two dropdown menus: "All levels" and "All teaching periods". To the right of the "SHOW:" label is a dropdown menu with "Christchurch x" selected. To the right of the "SHOW:" label is a "DISPLAY:" label with a grid icon and a list icon. Below the search bar, there is a card for the course "LLAW325 -25SU2 (C)" with the location "Christchurch". The card also shows "Special Topic", "15 points", and a red button labeled "300 LEVEL". A plus icon in a circle is located at the bottom right of the card.

You should then be able to add the course as usual, clicking on the “plus” icon.
If you still have difficulties, please call our contact centre for support on 0800 827748.

Please remember to apply for a change of enrolment in your 2025 enrolment.

LAWS358-25SU2 (C) The Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Applications to enrol are now open

Course Co-ordinator: Dr Shea Esterling

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 31 October 2025**

Course Dates: Monday 10 November 2025 – Sunday 14 December 2025

Workshop Days/Times: Monday 10 November – Friday 12 December 2025

Thursday 13 November: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm **and** 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Friday 21 November: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm **and** 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Monday 1 December to Friday 5 December:

every day 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

(note, no workshops in week of 24 November)

LAWS358 ASSESSMENT

Subject to change

Oral presentation: **Week of 1 December – attendance mandatory, see times above**

Final exam (in person): **12 December – 10.00 am to 1.00 pm**
Assessment 3: **due date tba**

Course Description:

This course is designed to give students a solid understanding of the international legal frameworks for the protection and promotion of Indigenous rights by introducing core legal instruments and institutions. In particular, this course will focus on international human rights law, though presenting where appropriate frameworks from across a range of domestic jurisdictions including Aotearoa New Zealand inviting a comparative approach to the protection and promotion of Indigenous rights. This international subject matter will introduce students to a variety of historical and contemporary administrative, art, criminal, constitutional and property law issues which concern Indigenous Peoples. These cross jurisdictional and cross cutting issues will challenge students to think critically about the current transnational approach to Indigenous rights.

Course materials and assessments will be drawn from a variety of primary and secondary sources including cases, commentary, legislation, popular media, and other sources as appropriate.

The 2-hour lectures will be pre-recorded and expected to be watched before attending the workshops.

The corresponding workshops will **not be recorded**, attendance is required. Note, the workshops are very interactive and a recording would not fully or properly capture the in-workshop activities that put into practice the lecture content.

Attendance for oral presentations is mandatory.

LAWS339-26SU1 NEGOTIATION AND THE LAWYER

Applications to enrol open from 1 October 2025

Course Co-ordinator: Mr Brendan Cullen and Cheryl Green

Limited Entry: The course is limited to **34 students**

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#) by **Friday 5 December 2025**

Course Dates: Monday 5 January 2026 – Sunday 8 February 2026

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 5 January – Friday 9 January 2026
10.00 am-5.00 pm each day

Monday 12 January – Tuesday 13 January 2026
are assessment days 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

LAWS339 ASSESSMENT

Subject to change

Client Interviewing Assessment: Wednesday 7 January 2026 (on Learn) (20%)

Negotiation Assessment: Monday 12 January 2026 & Tuesday 13 January 2026
9.00 am – 6.00 pm (ONSITE) (50%)

Mediation Assessment: Due 5.00 pm Monday 19 January 2026 (on Learn) (30%)

Course Description:

The purpose of the course is to provide students with a “starter course” in client interviewing, negotiation and mediation.

The focus of the course will be to provide students with knowledge and some of the practical skills that they will need when they commence practising law in the areas of civil/commercial negotiation and mediation.

The course will **not be recorded**.

DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS COURSE UNLESS YOU CAN BE PRESENT FOR ALL DAYS AND HOURS SET OUT ABOVE. The course depends on **all** students being present to undertake collaborative/interactive work in pair, trios etc.

The objectives of the course will include:

- Familiarising the students with the theory of client interviewing, negotiation and mediation;
- Teaching the students some practical skills in client interviewing, negotiation and mediation;
- The practical skills component of the course will include questioning techniques, advocacy skills and preparing documents such as file notes recording client interviews and litigation risk assessments. The students will also learn the relevant rules of professional responsibility;
- The practical skills will be delivered through the students in pairs and small groups, working on practising client interviews, problem scenarios, participating in a negotiation role play and preparing a written litigation risk assessment for a mediation;
- The assessments for the course will reflect the significant emphasis on knowledge and skills;
- There will be assessments for each part of the course content (client interviewing, negotiation and mediation);
- The course will be intensive and students are expected to do extra reading and work to prepare for the lectures and assessments outside of the teaching hours of 10am-5pm.

LLAW317-26SU1(C) SPECIAL TOPIC: SPACE LAW AND POLICY

Applications to enrol open from 1 October 2025

Course Co-ordinator: Dr Ricky Lee

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 2 January 2026**

Course Dates: 12 January 2026 – Sunday 8 February 2026

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 12 January – Friday 16 January 2026
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10am to 4pm (with lunch break)

LAWS380 Assessment:

Subject to change

Online Test: Friday 30 January 2026 (25%)

Presentation on Research Topic: Monday 26 January 2026 (30%)

Research Essay: Thursday 5 February 2026 (45%)

Course Description:

This is a course focused on the legal principles relating to human activities in space, from the history of their development to their present-day application, as well as the policy areas of contention at a global and regional level. There will be particular attention on contemporary legal and policy issues such as military uses and applications, space tourism, and resource utilisation and exploitation.

Warning:

The course **may** not be recorded as the course is delivered over five days in workshop format. Note the days and times above.

LLAW306-26SU1(D) INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES RESOLUTION

Applications to enrol open from 1 October 2025

Course Co-ordinator: Professor Petra Butler

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 2 January 2026**

Course Dates: Monday 5 January 2026 – Sunday 8 February 2026

Lecture Days/Times: LLAW306 IS AN ONLINE COURSE. THERE WILL BE A ZOOM PARTICIPATION COMPONENT. YOU MUST HAVE ACCESS TO SUITABLE ONLINE SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSE.

Zoom lecture times: Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30 am

Note: lecture times may change at short notice to accommodate guest speakers

LLAW306 Assessment:

Subject to Change

Other assessments tbc

Final Online Exam: Thursday 5 February 2026

Course Description:

International disputes range from business-to-business disputes about a sale gone wrong, to (maritime) boundary disputes between two countries, to a Peruvian farmer who sues one of Germany's largest energy companies for its carbon footprint. This course familiarises the students with the different mechanisms to resolve an international dispute and some of the substantive laws that form the basis of international disputes, such as the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, or the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas. Students will have the opportunity to get an overview of subjects such as private international law, international civil procedure, international arbitration, international human rights, law of the sea, international trade.

The Zoom sessions will be recorded.

However, the attendance for the guest Zoom lecture sessions will be **mandatory**. All effort will be made that those guest lectures are advertised early and are all at the same time and day of the week. However, given that the guest lecturers will be the leaders in their field and busy practitioners short notice changes might occur.

The course is a distance course. It requires students to be able to manage their own workload. The course requires students to engage with the online material themselves. The material is presented in modules which contain videos, readings and a quiz that tests the students on their understanding of the module. There also will be guest lectures by highly acclaimed international dispute resolution specialists.

Some of the assessment will involve **group work**.

There also will be Zoom drop-in sessions/tutorials each week.

LAWS380-26SU1 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Applications to enrol open from 1 October 2025

Course Co-ordinator: Dr Thomas Harré

Limited Entry: The course is limited to **36 students**

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 5 December 2025**

Course Dates: Monday 5 January 2026 – Sunday 8 February 2026

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 5 January – Thursday 15 January 2026
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9.00 am – 12.00 pm
One lecture includes compulsory Field Trip date tbc

LAWS380 Assessment:

Subject to change

Report on Court Visit: date tbc (10%)

Essay: 23 January 2026 (40%)

Take Home Test: 19 January 2026 (50%)

Course Description:

The course aims to provide a practical overview of the law of criminal procedure. The course will examine each of the core stages in the criminal justice process, broadly following the scheme of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011. In focusing on these key aspects, the course is intended to provide students with an understanding of the procedure which may be useful to them in later employment.

Attendance is **mandatory**.

This is a practical course. It complements the papers offered on evidence, sentencing, and trial advocacy. It's designed to give students a real-world understanding of how criminal law operates. It will be particularly valuable for students who would like to find work either as a prosecutor or as defence counsel. The lectures are broken up into teaching and then group work on practical exercises, followed by discussion about those exercises. Students can expect guest lecturers from different barristers with expertise as prosecutors, defence, and appellate counsel.