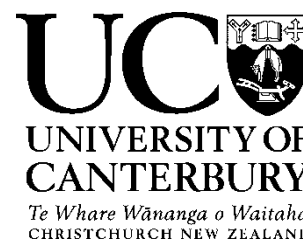


SUMMER SCHOOL Preliminary PROGRAMME 2026-27

As of 18 August 2026



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 2026-27 has two terms:

- (i) November-December 2026 – three courses will be offered. Details appear below.
- (ii) January-February 2027 – two courses will be offered. Details appear below.

Enrolment applications for summer school courses opened on 13 July 2026 for summer school courses in Nov-Dec 2026 and open in October for summer school courses in Jan-Feb 2027.

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 2026 change of enrolment via MyUC, **and**
2. Complete this form: [Summer School 2026/2027](#) .

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

LAWS339-26SU2(C) Nov-Dec by Friday 23 October 2026 (Limited Entry Course)

LLAW320-26SU2(C) Nov-Dec by Friday 23 October 2026 (Limited Entry Course)

LAWS331-26SU2(C) Nov-Dec by Friday 7 November 2026

LAWS380-27SU1(C) Jan-Feb by Friday 1 December 2026 (Limited Entry course)

LLAW325-27SU1 (D) Jan-Feb by Friday 8 January 2027

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 2026.
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 2026-27.

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. Thereafter, if demand 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

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 summer term.

Also note, the maximum workload allowed over summer is 30 points, for the reasons above. Exceeding the maximum workload requires special permission, please follow the excess workload process outlines here: [Excess Workload Approval | UC](#)

Questions?

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

LAWS339-26SU2 NEGOTIATION AND THE LAWYER

Now Open

Course Co-ordinator: Brendan Cullen and Cheryl Green

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

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 23 October 2026**

Course Dates: Monday 16 November 2026 – Sunday 13 December 2026

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 16 November – Friday 20 November 2026
10.00am-5.00pm each day

Monday 23 November – Friday 27 November 2026
are assessment days 9.00am – 6.00pm

LAWS339 ASSESSMENT

Subject to change

Client Interviewing Assessment: Monday 23 November -Wednesday 25 November
9am -6pm (ONSITE) (30%)

Negotiation Assessment: Thursday 26 November & Friday 27 November
9am – 6.00pm (ONSITE) (50%)

Mediation Assessment: Due 5.00pm Monday 30 November (on Learn) (20%)

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 objectives of the course will include:

- Familiarising students with the theory of client interviewing, negotiation and mediation;
- Teaching 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. Students will also learn the relevant rules of professional responsibility;
- The practical skills will be delivered through students in pairs and small groups, working on practising client interview role plays, 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.

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 practical skills work.

LLAW320-26SU2(C) ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

Now Open

Course Co-ordinator: Joe Bennett

Lecturer: Joe Bennett

Limited Entry: The course is limited to **50 students**

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment in MyUC and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 23 October 2026**

Course Dates: Monday 16 November 2026 – Sunday 13 December 2026

Lecture Days/Times: Wednesday 18 November – Friday 11 December 2026
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 25 November 2026 9am 10%

Quiz 2 closes Wednesday 2 December 2026 9am 10%

Writing Assignment: Friday 4 December 2026 30%

Final Writing

Assignment: Friday 11 December 2026 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.

LAWS331-26SU2(C) COMMERCIAL LAW I: SALES AND CONSUMER LAW

Now Open

Course Co-ordinator: Matt Barber

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment of their 2026 application and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 7 November 2026**

Course Dates: Monday 9 November 2026 - Sunday 13 December 2026

Lecture Days/Times: Lectures: available online beginning from 9 November
Workshops: Mondays 3-5pm, from 16 November
(subject to change)

LAWS331 ASSESSMENTS

Subject to change

Coursework: 25%

Final examination: 75% **In-person on-campus**. Details TBC.

Do not enrol into this course unless you will be present on campus for the final examination (Date to be confirmed, but likely to be during the week beginning 14 December.)

Course Description:

The course covers:

1. Sale of goods law
2. Consumer Guarantees Act 1993
3. Fair Trading Act 1986

Lectures will be by recordings available online. Scheduled workshops will be online and will not be recorded. They are no face to face lectures.

Note, this information does not replace the course outline. The above information is for advertising purposes to our students only to help making informed choices.

LAWS380-27SU1 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Applications to enrol can be made from October 2026

Course Co-ordinator: Thomas Harré

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

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment of their 2026 application and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 1 December 2026**

Course Dates: Monday 11 January 2027 – Sunday 14 February 2027

Lecture Days/Times: Monday 11 January – Thursday 21 January 2027
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9am – 12pm
One lecture includes compulsory Court Visit date TBC

LAWS380 Assessment:

Subject to change

Report on Court Visit: date tbc (10%)

Essay: 29 January 2027 (40%)

Assignment: 25 January 2027 (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**. Lectures will not be recorded.

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.

LLAW325-27SU1 Special Topic: LAW AND COUNTERTERRORISM

Applications to enrol can be made from October 2026

Course Co-ordinator: Richard Burchill, Associate Research Fellow United Nations University Centre for Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)

Students **MUST** Apply to Enrol, via a Change of Enrolment and complete [this form](#), by **Friday 8 January 2027**

Course Dates: Monday 11 January 2027 – Sunday 14 February 2027

Lecture Days/Times: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 10am-12noon. There are no face to face lectures, Course delivery is via LEARN.

LLAW325 Assessment:

Assignment 1: Briefing Note 1 (15%)
Assignment 2: Briefing Note 2 (15%)
Assignment 3: Legal Submission (70%)

Course Description:

This course examines the legal, political, and social dimensions of counterterrorism in modern democratic societies, with a particular focus on Aotearoa | New Zealand. Grounded in New Zealand legislation and case law, the course explores the development and operation of the country's counterterrorism framework, including the role of law enforcement, intelligence agencies, and security institutions in preventing terrorist acts and responding to terrorist threats. The course will examine the legal definition of terrorism and its application, the powers available to the state to prevent and disrupt terrorist activity, and the challenges of regulating national security within a constitutional democracy. Through analysis of leading New Zealand cases and legislative developments, the course considers how counterterrorism law has evolved in response to changing threats and public expectations.

A central theme of the course is the relationship between counterterrorism and human rights. Because one of the primary objectives of counterterrorism is prevention, states increasingly rely on surveillance, intelligence gathering, risk assessment, and other monitoring practices to identify threats before harm occurs. These measures raise difficult questions concerning privacy, freedom of expression, freedom of association, due process, and democratic accountability. Students will engage with these key debates about the effectiveness, legitimacy, and consequences of counterterrorism law. The course encourages critical reflection on the balance between collective security and individual rights, enabling students to assess and critique the impact of legal responses to terrorism in New Zealand.

Indicative Course Outline (topics and dates may vary depending on how the course progresses):

1. History of counterterrorism law in NZ
2. Definition(s) of terrorism
3. Terrorism Offence: investigation and arrest
4. Terrorism Offence: prosecution and trial
5. Terrorism Offence: trial/sentencing
6. Terrorism Offence: sentencing/detention
7. Terrorist Designation and Control Orders
8. Role of Chief Censor/Classification Office
9. Surveillance
10. Evolving threats
11. Transnational cooperation

Readings:

There is no single set textbook for this course. The primary (required) readings will be case-law, legislation, and government reports/studies.