

Faculty of Law

The Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

See also *General Course and Examination Regulations*.

Distance enrolment is not available for the Bachelor of Laws degree.

1. Structure of the Degree

To qualify for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws a candidate must be credited with the following 480 points, unless the candidate is granted an exemption otherwise provided for in the University of Canterbury regulations:

- (a) 30 points for LAWS 101;
- (b) 15 points for LAWS 110;
- (c) 75 points for courses selected from any of:
 - i. courses prescribed or accepted for the Bachelor of Arts, Science or Commerce (except ACIS 152 or ACCT 152 and ACIS 252 or ACCT 252);
 - ii. LAWS 102;
 - iii. other courses approved by the Dean of Law.
- (d) 180 points for the remaining compulsory courses specified in Group A of the Schedule to this degree;
- (e) 180 points for courses selected from the optional 300-level courses listed in Group B of the Schedule to this degree.

Notes:

1. *The Group A courses LAWS 101 and LAWS 110 are prerequisites for the remaining Group A courses (graduates may be exempted from this prerequisite under Regulation 4).*
2. *Not all Group B courses will necessarily be available in any one year and candidates should consult the School of Law about the courses to be offered.*

2. Prerequisites for Enrolling in 300-level LAWS Courses

No student may enrol for any 300-level LAWS course unless he or she has been credited with:

- (a) all the courses required by Regulation 1(c) (or is exempted from them as a graduate under Regulation 4), and
- (b) all the LAWS 200-level courses or is concurrently enrolled in those not yet credited.

Note: *The Dean of Law may approve a course of study which does not comply with these conditions.*

Admission to the Programme

3. Standard of Entry and Approvals Required for Admission to the Programme

All students must satisfy Regulation A of the Admission Regulations.

Transfers of Credit, Direct Entry and Exemptions

4. Exemption for Graduate Entrants and Exemption from Prerequisites

- (a) A student who holds a New Zealand degree, or who is admitted ad eundem statum on the basis of an overseas degree is exempt from the courses worth 75 points specified in Regulation 1(c). Graduates may apply to the Dean of Law for concurrent enrolment in 100-level and 200-level Law courses. If admitted to concurrent enrolment, a student must enrol in LAWS 101 and LAWS 110 and such 200-level courses as are approved by the Dean of Law.
- (b) The Dean of Law may grant exemption from any prerequisite requirement for Group A or Group B courses if satisfied that a student has adequate training or ability. This will normally apply only to students approved for Certificate of Proficiency enrolment, including those overseas practitioners seeking to comply with New Zealand Council of Legal Education requirements (see also Enrolment Regulation A.6, Certificate of Proficiency).

5. Substitution and Cross-Credit of Courses

- (a) If LAWS 101 and LAWS 110 are credited to another degree they shall also be cross-credited to the Bachelor of Laws.
- (b) In the case of students enrolled for a double degree, a course at 200-level from the schedule to the other degree may be cross-credited to the LLB for a maximum of one Group B course (15 points) in Regulation 1(e), in addition to the cross-credit in Regulation 5(a) above. Such courses do not need to be relevant to Law.
- (c) In the case of students enrolled for the LLB only, a course at 200-level or 300-level from the schedule to another undergraduate degree may

be substituted to the LLB for a maximum of one Group B course (15 points) in Regulation 1(e). Such courses must be directly relevant to the student's individual course of study for the LLB and must be approved in advance of enrolment by the Dean of Law.

Notes:

1. *No more than a total 15 points of non-law may be cross-credited or substituted in terms of Regulation 5(b) and 5(c). At least 165 points must be chosen from Group B 300-level LAWS courses.*
2. *Regulation K1 of the General Course and Examination Regulations provides for a maximum of 120 points cross-credited between two degrees. LAWS 101, LAWS 110 and 75 points of non-law results in 120 points in common. In addition LLB Regulation 5(b) permits a further 15 points in common.*
3. *A candidate for a Bachelor of Commerce who has been credited with AFIS 253 or ACCT 256 for passing the LLB courses specified in Regulation 6(a) of the Regulations for the Bachelor of Commerce is also entitled to cross-credit courses for the LLB under this Regulation.*

Waivers, Variation and Transition from Earlier Regulations

6. Transition Regulation: Completion of the Degree by Candidates Enrolled Before 2011

These regulations have effect from 1 January 2011. A candidate enrolled before 2011 shall be governed by these regulations but may apply to the Dean of Law for such variation as the Dean may determine.

Note: See General Course and Examination Regulation P: General Transition Regulations.

Admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

Students wishing to seek admission as barristers and solicitors of the High Court of New Zealand are required to complete successfully a further course of study offered by providers approved by the New Zealand Council of Legal Education. Candidates for admission as barristers and solicitors must also satisfy all other criteria specified by the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006.

Students seeking a place on the course are required to have completed their Bachelor of Laws degree before beginning the course and are required to have passed the Group B course, LAWS 398, Legal Ethics.

Schedule to the Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws

Notes:

1. *In the case of students to whom Regulation 4 applies, LAWS 101 and LAWS 110 are not prerequisites for LAWS 200-level and 300-level courses. In the case of students to whom Regulation 4 does not apply, LAWS 101 and LAWS 110 are prerequisites for all 200-level and 300-level courses.*
2. *Where additional prerequisites apply, they are specified in the Schedule.*
3. *All students intending to enrol in limited entry courses (including students awaiting the outcome of transfer of credit applications) must apply to enrol by the deadline published for limited entry LAWS courses in the Guide to Enrolment and on the School of Law website.*

For full course information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

Group A: All courses compulsory

Note: LAWS 202–206 are limited entry courses – refer to the Admission Regulations, G. Limitation of Entry.

| Course Code | Course Title |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| LAWS 101 | Legal System: Legal Method and Institutions |
| LAWS 110 | Legal System: Research, Writing and Legal Foundations |
| LAWS 202 | Criminal Law |
| LAWS 203 | The Law of Contract |
| LAWS 204 | The Law of Torts |
| LAWS 205 | Land Law |

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| LAWS 206 | Public Law |
| LAWS 301 | Equity and Succession |

Group B: Optional courses

| Course Code | Course Title |
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| LAWS 102 | Law, Justice and Morality |

300-level courses (180 points required)

Note: LAWS 339, LAWS 359, LAWS 382 are limited entry courses – refer to the Admission Regulations, G. Limitation of Entry. Not all courses may be offered in any one year. Candidates should consult the Course Catalogue or the School of Law as to which courses are to be offered.

| Course Code | Course Title |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| LAWS 303 | Advanced Employment Law |
| LAWS 305 | Company Law |
| LAWS 307 | The Principles of Evidence |
| LAWS 309 | Child and Family Law |
| LAWS 310 | Relationship Property and Family Finance |
| LAWS 314 | Environmental Law, Policy and Society |
| LAWS 315 | Transnational Criminal Law |
| LAWS 319 | Environmental Law, Conservation and the Public Interest |
| LAWS 320 | NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990 |
| LAWS 321 | International Criminal Law |
| LAWS 322 | International Human Rights |
| LAWS 323 | Immigration and Refugee Law |
| LAWS 324 | Principles of Public International Law |
| LAWS 325 | Occupational Safety Law |
| LAWS 327 | International Environmental Law |
| LAWS 329 | Securities Law |
| LAWS 330 | Intellectual Property Law |
| LAWS 331 | Commercial Law I: Sales and Consumer Law |
| LAWS 332 | Commercial Law II: Personal Property Security & Credit |
| LAWS 334 | New Zealand and Colonial Legal History |
| LAWS 335 | Insolvency Law |
| LAWS 336 | Antarctic Legal Studies |
| LAWS 337 | Criminal Justice |
| LAWS 338 | International Trade |
| LAWS 339 | Negotiation and the Lawyer |
| LAWS 340 | Banking Law |
| LAWS 341 | Insurance Law |
| LAWS 343 | International Institutions |
| LAWS 345 | Social Security Law |
| LAWS 346 | Law of Agency |
| LAWS 347 | Problems in International Law |
| LAWS 348 | Research Project |
| LAWS 349 | Computers and the Law |
| LAWS 350 | Competition Law |
| LAWS 351 | Law and Sport |
| LAWS 352 | Selected Issues in Taxation |
| LAWS 354 | Judicial Review |
| LAWS 355 | European Union Law |
| LAWS 357 | Special Topic: EU Social Policy |
| LAWS 359 | Trial Advocacy |
| LAWS 360 | Jurisprudence |
| LAWS 361 | Issues in Jurisprudence |
| LAWS 362 | Special Topic |
| LAWS 363 | Individual Employment Law |
| LAWS 364 | Law of the Sea |
| LAWS 376 | Special Topic: Resource Management Act 1991: Selected Issues |
| LAWS 377 | Special Topic : Maori and the Law of Marine Resources |
| LAWS 380 | Contemporary Issues in Criminal Law and Procedure |
| LAWS 381 | Landlord and Tenant |
| LAWS 382 | Legal Internship |
| LAWS 383 | Law and Medicine |
| LAWS 384 | Legislation: Law-Making for the 21st Century |
| LAWS 385 | Advanced Intellectual Property Law |
| LAWS 388 | Special Topic: European Public Law |
| LAWS 390 | Conflict of Laws |
| LAWS 391 | Maori Land Law |
| LAWS 392 | The Treaty of Waitangi |
| LAWS 393 | Advanced Land Law |
| LAWS 396 | Media Law |
| LAWS 397 | Civil Litigation |
| LAWS 398 | Legal Ethics |

The Degree of Bachelor of Laws Honours (LLB(Hons))

See also *General Course and Examination Regulations*.

1. Admission to the Programme

- Admission to the Honours programme shall be subject to invitation by the Dean of Law.
- Entry into the Honours programme is by invitation after completion of at least three Group A courses at 200-level or 300-level and no more than 90 points from Group B courses, in accordance with published criteria.

- An applicant who holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws shall not be admitted into the Honours programme.

2. Structure of the Degree

- A candidate for the degree of LLB(Hons) shall comply with the requirements of LLB Regulation 1, and must enrol in LAWS 410, LAWS 420, and LAWS 430.
- A candidate for the LLB(Hons) degree must

complete the requirements within two years of becoming eligible to enter the Honours programme, or within three years if concurrently enrolled for another degree.

- (c) In special circumstances or when the candidate is a part-time student the Dean of Law may extend the period within which a candidate may remain eligible for the award of Honours.

3. Level of Award of the Degree

- (a) The Degree may be awarded with Honours, which may be of the First Class or Second Class (Division 1 or 2).
- (b) The grade of Honours shall be determined by the School of Law's Board of Examiners. Performance in courses cross-credited for Group B courses under LLB Regulation 5(b) or courses substituted for Group B courses under LLB Regulation 5(c) shall not be taken into account in determining the class of Honours.

- (c) A candidate who fails to obtain Honours may, on the recommendation of the Dean of Law, be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

4. Withdrawal from the Programme

- (a) Continued enrolment in the Honours programme may be refused if a candidate fails to maintain the academic standard required for Honours and a candidate may be required by the Dean of Law to withdraw from the programme.
- (b) When a candidate withdraws from the Honours programme, voluntarily or otherwise, the Dean of Law may recommend that the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Laws be awarded or determine which courses shall be credited towards that degree.

Note: The School of Law will publish in the School of Law Handbook the criteria required for selection and for classes of Honours.

Schedule to the Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws Honours

For full course information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

Note: These courses are offered to Honours candidates only.

| Course Code | Course Title |
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| LAWS 410 | Advanced Research Skills |
| LAWS 420 | Honours Research Paper |
| LAWS 430 | Honours Dissertation |

The Degree of Master of Laws (LLM)

See also *General Course and Examination Regulations*.

1. Qualifications Required to Enrol in the Degree

A candidate for the Degree of Master of Laws must, before enrolling for the degree:

- (a) either qualify for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws from a New Zealand University or be admitted ad eundem statum as entitled to enrol for the Degree of Master of Laws, and
- (b) be approved as a candidate by the Dean of Law.

Note: Relevance and standard of undergraduate studies will be criteria for approval.

2. Structure and Requirements of the Degree

The Dean of Law shall approve a candidate's enrolment, subject to suitable supervision being available. The degree may be taken in any one of the following ways:

- (a) The candidate may take three courses. Each course comprises two research papers, each of which will normally be not less than 10,000 words.
- (b) The candidate may take two courses and write a dissertation which will normally be not less than 20,000 words.
- (c) With the permission of the Dean of Law, a candidate may replace one research paper in up to two courses, with appropriate coursework that will be subject to examination or other form of assessment.
- (d) With the permission of the Dean of Law, the candidate may take the degree by thesis alone.
- (e) In order to be awarded the degree, a candidate must pass each course of study for which he or she is enrolled. In special circumstances, the Dean of Law may permit a candidate who fails a course, or the dissertation, to re-enrol in that or

another course or the dissertation, in a subsequent year.

3. Dissertations and Theses

- (a) A dissertation shall have the same value as one course. It must be prepared under the supervision of a university teacher. The candidate must show proficiency in the exposition and application of legal principles and familiarity with the published work relevant to the subject matter of the dissertation.
- (b) A thesis must be prepared under the supervision of a university teacher. It must be a substantial and original contribution to the exposition of law in which the candidate, in addition to the matters specified in paragraph (a), must provide a critical appraisal of the original and secondary sources relevant to its subject matter.
- (c) The thesis shall satisfy the conditions laid down in the General Course and Examinations Regulations, Part L.

4. Award of Honours

The degree may be awarded with Honours, which may be First Class or Second Class (Division 1 or 2).

5. Full-time and Part-time Study

- (a) Full-time study:
 - i. A candidate shall normally be enrolled as a full-time candidate.
 - ii. The minimum period of enrolment for a full-time candidate is one year.
 - iii. The maximum period of enrolment for a full-time candidate is two years, which shall be consecutive unless the candidate's enrolment is suspended under Regulation 5(e).
- (b) Part-time study:
 - i. With the approval of the Dean of Law, a candidate may be enrolled as a part-time candidate.

- ii. A part-time candidate is one who, because of employment, health, family or other reasons, is unable to devote his or her full-time to study and research.
 - iii. The minimum period of enrolment for a part-time candidate is two years, which shall be consecutive unless the candidate's enrolment is suspended under Regulation 5(e).
 - iv. The maximum period of enrolment for a part-time candidate is four years, which shall be consecutive unless the candidate's enrolment is suspended under Regulation 5(e).
- (c) Full-time and part-time candidates are expected to be able to attend the School of Law in person. Distance enrolment is not available for the LLM degree.
 - (d) After the commencement of study and research for the degree a candidate may, with the permission of the Dean of Law, transfer from part-time to full-time status, or vice versa. In granting such permission, the Dean shall determine the minimum and maximum periods of study and may impose other conditions.
 - (e) In special cases the Dean of Law may suspend the enrolment of a candidate, and may extend the time for submission of a research paper, thesis or dissertation. In such a case the Dean shall determine whether the candidate remains eligible for Honours.

6. Award of LLM instead of PhD

Where a thesis has been presented for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Law and the examiners are of the opinion that it does not justify the award of that degree they may recommend the award of the Degree of Master of Laws with or without Honours.

Schedule to the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Laws (LLM)

Note: Enrolment in the following courses will be subject to there being suitable supervision available within the Department in any one year. Not all courses will be offered in any one year.

For full course information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

| Course Code | Course Title | LAWS 607 | The Law of Contract |
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| LAWS 601 | Legal Research and Methodology | LAWS 608 | The Law of Torts |
| LAWS 602 | New Zealand Legal System | LAWS 609 | Land Law |
| LAWS 603 | Public Law | LAWS 610 | Equity and Succession |
| LAWS 604 | Criminal Law | LAWS 611 | Evidence |
| LAWS 605 | Commercial Law | LAWS 612 | Comparative Law |
| LAWS 606 | Jurisprudence | LAWS 613 | Family Law |

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| LAWS 614 | Company Law | LAWS 636 | Indigenous People's Rights |
| LAWS 615 | Securities Regulation | LAWS 637 | Dispute Resolution |
| LAWS 616 | Intellectual Property | LAWS 638 | Legal History |
| LAWS 617 | Restitution | LAWS 639 | Accident Compensation |
| LAWS 618 | Antarctic Legal Studies | LAWS 642 | Law and Economics |
| LAWS 619 | Competition Law | LAWS 643 | Law and Finance |
| LAWS 620 | Administrative Law | LAWS 644 | Law and the Environment |
| LAWS 621 | Law and Medicine | LAWS 646 | Special Topic |
| LAWS 622 | Legislation | LAWS 647 | Special Topic |
| LAWS 623 | Insurance Law | LAWS 648 | Special Topic |
| LAWS 624 | Taxation Law | LAWS 649 | Dissertation |
| LAWS 625 | Banking Law | LAWS 650 | International Criminal Law |
| LAWS 626 | Civil Liberties | LAWS 651 | International Human Rights Law |
| LAWS 627 | Conflict of Laws | LAWS 652 | Immigration and Refugee Law |
| LAWS 628 | Labour Law | LAWS 653 | Principles of Public International Law |
| LAWS 629 | Natural Resource Law | LAWS 654 | International Environmental Law |
| LAWS 630 | Treaty of Waitangi | LAWS 655 | International Trade |
| LAWS 631 | Welfare Law | LAWS 656 | International Institutions |
| LAWS 632 | Law and Sport | LAWS 657 | European Public Law |
| LAWS 633 | Landlord and Tenant | LAWS 658 | Law of the Sea |
| LAWS 634 | Media and Arts Law | LAWS 659 | Special Topic: Transnational Criminal Law |
| LAWS 635 | Law and Information Technology | LAWS 690 | LLM Thesis |

The Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) (LLM(IntLaw&Pols))

See also *General Course and Examination Regulations*.

1. Qualifications Required to Enrol in the Degree

A candidate for the Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) must, before enrolling for the degree:

- either qualify for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws from a New Zealand university, or be admitted ad eundem statum as entitled to enrol for the Degree of Master of Laws; and
- be approved as a candidate by the Dean of Law and Dean of Arts or nominee.

Note: Relevance and standard of undergraduate studies will be criteria for approval.

2. Structure of the Degree

To qualify for the Degree a candidate must:

- satisfactorily complete a written dissertation; and

- be credited with four courses from the Schedule to this degree; and
- ensure the combined weight of courses and dissertation be at least 1.0 EFTS; and
- pass each course for which he or she is enrolled. In special circumstances, the Dean of Law may permit a candidate who fails a course, or the dissertation, to re-enrol in that or another course or the dissertation, in a subsequent year.

3. Dissertation

- The dissertation shall count for forty (40) percent of the degree mark.
- The dissertation shall be written on an area of international law approved by the Dean of Law or nominee and under the supervision of a member of academic staff.
- A candidate must show proficiency in the exposition and application of legal principles and familiarity with the published work relevant to the subject-matter of the dissertation.

4. Courses

- (a) Each course under 2(b) shall have a weight counting for at least fifteen (15) percent of the degree mark.
- (b) At least one course, but no more than two courses, shall be from the courses listed in Schedule B to the Regulations.
- (c) The balance of courses shall be from the courses listed in Schedule A to the Regulations.
- (d) One of the four courses credited must be ILAP 613 Advanced Principles of Public International Law.
- (e) The programme of courses chosen by the candidate must be approved by the Dean of Law or nominee.

Note: Not all of these courses will necessarily be available in any one year and candidates should consult the School of Law and Political Science Department about the courses to be taught in each year.

5. Award of Honours

The Degree may be awarded with Honours, which may be First Class or Second Class (Division 1 or 2).

6. Full-time and Part-time Study

(a) Full-time study:

- i. A candidate shall normally be enrolled as a full-time candidate.
- ii. The minimum period of enrolment for a full-time candidate is one year.
- iii. The maximum period of enrolment for a full-time candidate is two years, which shall be consecutive unless the candidate's enrolment is suspended under Regulation 6(e).

(b) Part-time study:

- i. With the approval of the Dean of Law, a candidate may be enrolled as a part-time candidate.
 - ii. A part-time candidate is one who, because of employment, health, family or other reasons, is unable to devote himself or herself full-time to study and research.
 - iii. The minimum period of enrolment for a part-time candidate is two years, which shall be consecutive unless the candidate's enrolment is suspended under Regulation 6(e).
 - iv. The maximum period of enrolment for a part-time candidate is four years, which shall be consecutive unless the candidate's enrolment is suspended under Regulation 6(e).
- (c) Full-time and part-time candidates are expected to be able to attend the School of Law in person. Distance enrolment is not available for the LLM(ILAP) programme.
- (d) After the commencement of study and research for the degree a candidate may, with the permission of the Dean of Law, transfer from part-time to full-time status, or vice versa. In granting such permission, the Dean shall determine the minimum and maximum periods of study and may impose other conditions.
- (e) In special cases the Dean of Law may suspend the enrolment of a candidate, and may extend the time for submission of a dissertation. In such a case the Dean shall determine whether the candidate remains eligible for Honours.

Schedule to the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics)

For full course information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

Group A

Courses offered by the School of Law

Note: Not all courses will be offered in any one year.

| Course Code | Course Title |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| ILAP 601 | Principles of Public International Law |
| ILAP 602 | The United Nations |
| ILAP 603 | International Humanitarian Law |
| ILAP 604 | International Criminal Law |
| ILAP 607 | Problems in International Law |
| ILAP 608 | Law of International Trade |
| ILAP 609 | International Human Rights Law |
| ILAP 610 | Immigration and Refugee Law |

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| ILAP 611 | Antarctic Legal Studies |
| ILAP 612 | International Environmental Law |
| ILAP 613 | Advanced Principles of Public International Law |
| ILAP 625 | Dissertation |
| ILAP 626 | International Institutions |
| ILAP 627 | European Public Law |
| ILAP 628 | Special Topic |
| ILAP 629 | Special Topic |
| ILAP 630 | Law of the Sea |
| ILAP 631 | Special Topic: Transnational Criminal Law |

Group B

Courses offered by the School of Social and Political Sciences

Note: Not all School of Social and Political Sciences ILAP courses will be available in any one year, or any one semester. Students should refer to the corresponding 300 or 400-level POLS course prescriptions for more information on specific courses, and contact the School for information on the current year's offerings.

Course Code Course Title

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| ILAP 651 | Intervention and International Relations |
| ILAP 652 | Nationalism and Globalisation |
| ILAP 653 | New Zealand, Conflict and Pacific Politics |
| ILAP 654 | International Politics: Conflict Management |
| ILAP 655 | International Politics: Northeast Asia |

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| ILAP 656 | World Politics: Militaries and Societies |
| ILAP 657 | International Politics: Peace and Security in International Relations |
| ILAP 658 | International Regimes for Health and Human Security |
| ILAP 659 | International Conflict Resolution: The Theory and Practice of Mediation |
| ILAP 660 | International Political Economy |
| ILAP 661 | International Organisations |
| ILAP 662 | Special Topic: The Politics of Human Rights in a Globalized World |
| ILAP 663 | Political Theory: Ethics and International Relations |
| ILAP 680 | Dissertation |
| ILAP 681 | Dissertation |