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Glossary

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Associate degree

An award for completing a two-year (or part-time equivalent) tertiary program.

Direct Entry

Programs for which applications are not processed through SATAC but are made direct to UniSA.

Bachelor degree

A program of three or more years' duration (or part-time equivalent). Bachelor degree programs provide the relevant qualifications for many professions.

Honours

An additional year of study in a bachelor degree during which students specialise in a chosen area of study. In some cases, honours study can actually be done as part of the degree.

Graduate Certificate

An award for completing a postgraduate program of at least six months in duration (or part-time equivalent).

Graduate Diploma

An award for completing a postgraduate program of at least one year in duration (or part-time equivalent).

Masters degree

A postgraduate degree undertaken after completion of a bachelor degree (normally with honours) which focuses on one area of specialisation.

PhD

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs normally extend over three years (or part-time equivalent) and involve significant research work.

HOW DOES YOUR PROGRAM WORK?

Major

A set of related courses which comprises 36 units of study within a bachelor degree.

Sub-major

A set of related courses which comprises between 19 and 35 units of study within a bachelor degree. In some programs these may be called 'general studies sub-majors'.

Minor

A set of related courses which comprises up to 18 units of study within a bachelor degree. In some programs these may be called 'cognates'.

Program

Award in which you are enrolled, eg Bachelor of Arts.

Course

A component of study within a program (previously known as a 'subject').

Unit

A value assigned to a course which measures the amount of work involved in that course. Full-time students normally undertake 36 units of study per year (18 units per study period).

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Assumed knowledge

Some first-year courses require knowledge of certain SACE Stage 2 subjects.

BUGE (Broadening Undergraduate Education)

A course chosen from any on offer outside your Division, provided that individual course prerequisites are met. BUGE courses are designed to broaden your knowledge and skills beyond your professional field of study.

CRICOS code

Code identifying that a UniSA program has been registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Division

UniSA is split into four academic Divisions – Business; Education, Arts and Social Sciences; Health Sciences; and Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment – each offering a range of specialised programs and courses.

SATAC Guide

A publication that lists every program offered by South Australian higher education institutions. The SATAC Guide provides information about the selection process and includes instructions on how to apply and is available every year from newsagents Australia-wide.

Special Entry (STAT)

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is an alternative tertiary admissions test for people who do not have a recent Year 12 certificate.

TER (Tertiary Entrance Rank)

A ranking of all students who have completed SACE in a particular year. The minimum TER required for the previous year is often a guide to how well you will need to perform to gain entry into a particular program. TERs can vary from year to year and should be used as a guide only.

Why study law at UniSA?

- » Our highly flexible trimester program allows completion of the four year Law degree in just three years
- » We offer small class sizes, outstanding new facilities, and experienced leading academics
- » Our flexible program allows you the choice of commencing your studies in March, June or September
- » The double degree program enables law to be combined with other disciplines such as commerce, journalism and psychology
- » UniSA law students can be admitted to practice within three years of commencement by entering the Law Society's practical legal training program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, in their final year of study.
- » In 2008, 91 per cent of Law graduates were in full-time employment. The median starting salary was \$47k.*
- » Of bachelor degree graduates who were available for full-time employment in 2008, 85.2 per cent were in full-time employment within four months of completing their degrees (up from 84.5 per cent in 2007).*

* GradFiles, Schools Edition, December 2008 (Graduate Careers Australia)

Experience. Law

Law offers a secure foundation on which to build an enriching career. The Bachelor of Laws degree is widely recognised as a leading qualification that serves the needs of business, government and the legal profession.

Students are challenged to think critically across the spectrum of human affairs. Law graduates possess advanced problem solving and communication skills.

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The Division of Business

The Division of Business offers the full range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees within the business and management disciplines.

Our undergraduate programs are offered through the Schools of Commerce, Management, Marketing and Law.

EQUIS Accreditation

The Division of Business is accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS). EQUIS is part of the European Foundation for Management Development. Accreditation is awarded to business schools only after a rigorous assessment by a panel of international academics and business people.

EQUIS accredited institutions must demonstrate high quality in all of their activities, including academic programs and research, resources and student services, and connections with the corporate world. EQUIS also stresses diversity and internationalisation.



Links to Industry

Students benefit from the knowledge and experience of our academic staff, many of whom are actively involved in research and have direct links with industry and the professions. We incorporate the latest research findings into our teaching, ensuring our students learn the most up-to-date and relevant knowledge. This means that when our students graduate, they will be equipped with the skills and critical knowledge that are demanded by industry.

Flexibility

The Division of Business provides flexible study options to suit the requirements of our students. Students can choose to study both full-time and part-time study modes. Overseas exchanges may also be incorporated into their program as part of their studies. Many of our core business courses are also offered outside of normal business hours, so students can select lectures and tutorials to suit their own schedule.

Students also have flexibility in the courses they choose to study. As many of our programs include electives, students can tailor their degree to suit their study interests and career aspirations.

Honours

On successful completion of an undergraduate degree in business, a high-achieving student has the opportunity to undertake an Honours degree, which will give them a competitive edge. This qualification represents elite academic performance and a high level of professional and academic development, which is recognised nationally and internationally.

An Honours degree provides an advanced year of study in business, management, commerce, marketing or law, and enables the development of research competencies. By undertaking the independent research project in the Honours program, students develop the skills to identify, analyse and address relevant topics in business.

An Honours graduate has an advantage in employment over a graduate with an undergraduate degree and is also prepared to carry out postgraduate research (eg a PhD, Masters by Research).

The Honours program is undertaken face-to-face (internally). Students complete three coursework components and start the second half of the year working with their supervisor to prepare and submit their thesis.

At the core of Honours is an independent research project conducted in a area of research interest, which leads to the production of a thesis. Students are supervised by an academic supervisor qualified in the area.

For more information, please visit: unisa.edu.au/businesshonours



Brooke Adey

Bachelor of Laws,
Bachelor of Commerce

'The idea of a brand new law program encouraged me to consider studying at UniSA, and after seeing the enthusiasm of the academics, I was convinced this was an environment in which I would reach my potential, both as a student and as an individual.'

The trimester model the Law School has adopted was another bonus. It allows a student to complete the law program in three years, with the possibility of Honours and the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, making my double degree only five years. The UniSA teaching staff are a credit to the university and themselves. They are so driven and determined to shape their students into not only brilliant lawyers, but professional individuals.'

Bachelor of Laws

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SATAC code	424461
UniSA program code	DBLA
CRICOS code (international students only)	060781B
TER (February 2009 cut-off)	90.3
Program length	4 years (can complete in 3 years if studied in 3 trimesters per year)
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City West
Accepts Special Entry (STAT)	Yes
External study available	Partial
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	Yes
Honours study available	Yes
Program fees	Commonwealth supported
Program fees (international students only)	(A\$) 18,880 per annum
Scholarships available	unisa.edu.au/scholarship

Program overview

The Bachelor of Laws program is the academic qualification required for legal practice. With a strong foundation in the discipline of law, students gain a profound insight into modern society, while developing the necessary skills for successful professional practice. The program focuses on the core underlying principles of law and their application in a world of change. It also promotes critical thinking and analytical skills.

The Bachelor of Laws is a four year degree, but because of the three term model, can be completed in three years. Designed to maximise flexibility, the degree enables students to progress at their own pace. Students can commence their studies in March, June or September, and have the opportunity to complete the practical training required for admission to practice, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, in their final year of study. UniSA offers the only Commonwealth-supported undergraduate law program of this kind in the country.

What will I study?

This program will cover fundamental principles and concepts of Australian law. Students will gain a deep understanding of the strengths and limitations of the common law system of justice. They will come to appreciate the systemic and evolutionary nature of law as a body of rules and principles with a variable content, requiring continuous study. Students will be able to identify legal issues arising from complex facts, and have the capacity to provide effective legal advice, taking account of cultural and

ethical issues. The development of practical legal research, writing and advocacy skills is a major aim of the program.

What does it take?

Law students need excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills, flexible and open minds, a creative approach to problem solving, and the ability to think logically, critically and clearly. Good law students are self-directed but have the capacity to work cooperatively with others. Above all, students must display high ethical standards.

Who will employ me?

Law graduates have a range of employment opportunities. Legal practice is the most likely destination for a majority of law graduates but the degree offers an excellent foundation for many careers. Graduates may serve in roles within industry, government, commerce, community organisations, banking, finance, industrial relations, marketing, administration, management or academic institutions. Law students who take a double degree with another discipline, such as commerce, psychology, international studies, journalism or property, will increase their career opportunities even further.

Professional recognition

This degree covers, in a comprehensive way, the academic requirements for admission to legal practice. Students seeking admission to practice are required to complete an approved practical legal training program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) offered by The Law Society of South Australia, which can be done in their final year of study. Students

seeking admission to practise in other Australian jurisdictions should apply to the appropriate admitting authority. There are additional course requirements for students who wish to seek professional accreditation.

Honours

The law degree will be available as a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) requiring a GPA of not less than 5 and completion of an Honours thesis of approximately 9,000 words. The Honours thesis will be weighted as equivalent to 2 courses.

Program requirements

FIRST YEAR

Contracts A
Torts A
Legal Institutions and Methods
Law, Society and Justice
Contracts B
Torts B
Legal Research and Writing
Property Law: General
Fundamentals of Criminal Law
Australian Federal Constitutional Law
Real Property Law
Jurisprudence: Theories of Law

SECOND YEAR

Criminal Responsibility
Administrative Law
Corporate Law: General
Elective
Law of Trusts
Corporate Law: Finance and Governance
Principles of Equity
Law Elective
Professional Conduct/Law Elective
Civil Procedure/Law Elective
Evidence Law/Elective
Elective

THIRD YEAR

Law Elective
Law Elective
Elective
Elective
Law Honours
Thesis 1/Law Elective
Law Honours
Thesis 2/Law Elective
Law Elective
Law Elective



Ryan Dow

Bachelor of Laws

'Ask yourself if you want to make a difference in the world. Ask yourself if you are concerned about the big issues of today. If the answer to both is yes then law is for you.'

I believe that a law degree empowers individuals to make an impact on society on a large scale. To me, the best thing about studying law is that you are among a group of people who share the same passion and drive, and who are embarking on a similar journey as you. Together, you are working towards understanding and challenging concepts that you could not do nearly as well on your own. An individual can build on their communication skills, their education and their social life all at the same time.'

Laws Double Degree (5 years)

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SATAC code	424471
UniSA program code	DBLD
CRICOS code	
(international students only)	060782A
TER (February 2009 cut-off)	90.3
Program length	5 years (can complete in 4 years if studied in 3 trimesters per year)
Prerequisites	None
Assumed knowledge	None
Home campus	City West
Accepts Special Entry (STAT)	Yes
External study available	Partial
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	Yes
Honours study available	Yes
Program fees	Commonwealth supported
Program fees (international students only)	(A\$) 18,880 per annum
Scholarships available	unisa.edu.au/scholarship

Program overview

Students can complete a law degree in conjunction with another degree such as commerce, marketing, human resource management, tourism, international studies, construction management, engineering journalism, information systems, sustainable environments, science and psychology. Most double degrees will take five standard years to complete and will include 24 courses from the law program and 16 courses from the second program (40 courses totalling 180 units).

What will I study?

The total number of units required is 180 (40 courses). These 40 courses are divided as follows between the two degree programs: 24 courses from the Bachelor of Laws Program; and 16 courses from the Second Degree. Three courses (13.5 units) from the Bachelor of Laws Program are not prescribed, enabling double degree students to complete the Honours program (9 units) and one additional elective (4.5 units).

Professional recognition

This degree covers, in a comprehensive way, the academic requirements for admission to legal practice. Students seeking admission to practice are required to complete an approved practical legal training program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) offered by The Law Society of South Australia. The GDLP is a 6 to 12-month course commencing in January and July of each year, and can be undertaken in the final year of study. Students seeking admission to practise in other Australian jurisdictions should apply to the appropriate admitting authority.

The professional recognition for other programs can be found in schedules for the single degrees.

Honours

Students achieving a credit level average will be allowed to enrol in honours courses in their final year. Successful completion of the program and the honours project courses may lead to the award of a degree with honours.

Program requirements

The following degrees may be combined with the Bachelor of Laws in the Law Double Degree:

Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
Bachelor of Journalism
Bachelor of Business (International Business)
Bachelor of Business (Management of Information Technology)
Bachelor of Business (Property)
Bachelor of Commerce
Bachelor of Information Systems
Bachelor of Management
Bachelor of Management (Human Resource Management)
Bachelor of Management (Marketing)
Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Statistics)
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management
Bachelor of Sustainable Environments
Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management

Laws Double Degree (6.5 years)

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Program Information Session 2009

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SATAC code	424481
UniSA program code	DBLE
CRICOS code	
(international students only)	060783M
TER (February 2009 cut-off)	94.0
Program length	6.5 years (can complete in 5.5 years if studied in 3 trimesters per year)
Prerequisites	It is a prerequisite for this program that students have achieved a score of 10 or better in SACE Stage 2 Mathematical Studies or equivalent
Assumed knowledge	A knowledge of SACE Stage 2 Physics and Chemistry will be assumed in this program
Home campus	City West
Accepts Special Entry (STAT)	Yes
External study available	No
Part-time study available	Yes
TAFE credit available	Yes
Honours study available	Yes
Program fees	Commonwealth supported
Program fees (international students only)	(A\$) 21,800 per annum
Scholarships available	unisa.edu.au/scholarship

Program overview

Students can complete a law degree in conjunction with another degree such as commerce, marketing, human resource management, tourism, international studies, construction management, engineering, journalism, information systems, sustainable environments, science and psychology. Double degrees with Engineering or Construction Management and Economics will take 6.5 standard years to complete and will include 24 courses from the law program and 26 courses from the engineering or construction management and economics program (50 courses totalling 225 units).

What will I study?

The total number of units is 225 – that is, 50 courses (if all courses are 4.5 units). These 50 courses are divided as follows between the two degree programs: 24 courses from the Bachelor of Laws Program; and a minimum of 26 courses from one of the Engineering degrees. Students must complete 225 units to meet the requirements of this double degree program.

Professional recognition

This degree covers, in a comprehensive way, the academic requirements for admission to legal practice. Students seeking admission to practice are required to complete an approved practical legal training program, the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) offered by The Law Society of South Australia. The GDLP is a 6 to 12-month course commencing in January and July of each year, and can be undertaken in the final year of study. Students seeking admission to practise

in other Australian jurisdictions should apply to the appropriate admitting authority. The professional recognition for other programs can be found in schedules for the single degrees.

Honours

The law degree will be available as a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) requiring a GPA of not less than 5 and completion of an Honours thesis of approximately 9,000 words. The Honours thesis will be weighted as equivalent to 2 courses (9 units).

Program requirements

The following degrees may be combined with the Bachelor of Laws in the Law Double Degree (6.5 years):

Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics
Bachelor of Engineering (Networking and Communications)
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Communication)
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)
Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems)
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Mechatronic)
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Microengineering)
Bachelor of Engineering (Telecommunications)
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)

Entry requirements

For Undergraduate Bachelor Degrees and Associate Degrees

Applicants are required to have one of the following qualifications:

- » Qualified for SACE; and
 - Recorded achievement in five SACE subjects taken at stage 2 level; and
 - Included at least four Stage 2 subjects which are approved Higher Education Selection Subjects (HESS); and
 - Obtained a competitive TER
- » Completed interstate or overseas qualifications that the University considers equivalent to the SACE
- » Completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- » Completed or partly completed a recognised higher education program at a recognised higher education institution
- » Completed at least four Open Universities Australia (OUA) courses at the appropriate level
- » Completed an award from TAFE or from another registered training organisation at AQF Certificate IV or above

- » Qualified for Special Entry and completed the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). A personal competencies statement and/or employment experience may also be considered
- » Completed the University Foundation Studies program.

Please note that some programs have prerequisites. Applicants should check all entry requirements before applying. For some programs, applicants may also be required to attend an interview or present a folio.

For more information on entry requirements, visit unisa.edu.au/future

Equity and Special Access

UniSA offers various programs and services to assist rural and/or socio-economically disadvantaged students, Indigenous Australians and people with a disability to apply to UniSA.

For more information, contact (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW or email study@unisa.edu.au

USANet Special Access Scheme

The USANET Special Access Scheme is an equity initiative established to increase access to UniSA for school leavers who may have been educationally disadvantaged. USANET offers bonus points and support services to encourage students to enrol and succeed in undergraduate programs at UniSA.

Students will be automatically eligible for USANET if they have attended a school recognised by UniSA as either significantly disadvantaged, or if they are rural or isolated or students who are on the School Card (or state equivalent) and/or Youth Allowance attending any other school in Australia. To download an application form, go to unisa.edu.au/usanet/apply.asp

The completed form needs to include your SATAC application number, the school stamp and be verified by the school principal or delegate.

For more information, contact Future Student Enquiries, phone (08) 8302 2376 or 1300 UNINOW (local call cost) or email study@unisa.edu.au

Student contributions

Student contributions are the amount you pay towards the cost of your program. The University determines the amount that you contribute within a range set by the Australian Government. The contribution that applies depends on which courses you choose to study and the contribution band in which those courses are classified. The amount of your student contribution also depends on the unit value of your courses of study (the equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) value of the course).

As per the Australian Government guidelines, the student contribution amounts for 2009 are:

Band	Fields of study	Student contribution
National priorities	Nursing, Education	A\$4,162
Band 1	Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts	A\$5,201
Band 2	Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, health, engineering, science, surveying, agriculture	A\$7,412
Band 3	Law, accounting, commerce, administration, economics, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science	A\$8,677

Note: these amounts are for 1 EFTSL in 2009. The student contribution amounts for 2010 will be advised by the Federal Government in October 2009, and these will be available to view via unisa.edu.au/future/fees at that time.