

Faculty of Law

See also General Course and Examination Regulations.

Distance enrolment is not available for the Bachelor of Laws 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:

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

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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.

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LAWS 206	Public Law	30	W	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2012 R: LAWS 201
LAWS 301	Equity and Succession	30	W	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206

Group B: Optional courses

LAWS 102	Law, Justice and Morality	15	NO	
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LAWS 324	Principles of Public International Law	15	SI	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 342, LAWS 375 (prior to 2006)
LAWS 325	Occupational Safety Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 327	International Environmental Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 347 (2001-2004), ILAP 612, ILAP 637
LAWS 329	Securities Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 330	Intellectual Property Law	15	SI	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 331	Commercial Law I: Sales and Consumer Law	15	SI	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-206 R: LAWS 311
LAWS 332	Commercial Law II: Personal Property Security & Credit	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 311
LAWS 334	New Zealand and Colonial Legal History	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 335	Insolvency Law	15	SI	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202 - 206
LAWS 336	Antarctic Legal Studies	15	SI	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 372 (prior to 2006), ANTA 402
LAWS 337	Criminal Justice	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 338	International Trade	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013; (iii) LAWS 324 or may be admitted by HOD if concurrently enrolled in LAWS 324 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 339	Negotiation and the Lawyer Note: Limited entry.	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 369 (prior to 2006)
LAWS 340	Banking Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 327 before 2005
LAWS 341	Insurance Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 327 before 2005
LAWS 343	International Institutions	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013; (iii) LAWS 324 or may be admitted by HOD if concurrently enrolled in LAWS 324 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 345	Social Security Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 346	Law of Agency	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 R: LAWS 327 before 2005
LAWS 347	Problems in International Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 348	Research Project	15	W	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 379 (prior to 2006)

LAWS 349	Computers and the Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 350	Competition Law	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: AFIS 355, ACIS 355
LAWS 351	Law and Sport	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 371 (prior to 2006), LAWS 336 in 1998.
LAWS 352	Selected Issues in Taxation	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 394 (1999), LAWS 395 (2000-2001)
LAWS 354	Judicial Review	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 394 (2000-2002)
LAWS 355	European Union Law	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206. Students enrolled in other degrees, who do not have the above prerequisites and co-requisites, but have completed appropriate courses in another discipline, may apply to the Head of Department for a waiver. R: EURO 311
LAWS 357	Special Topic: EU Social Policy	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-206
LAWS 359	Trial Advocacy Note: Limited entry.	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101 and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013; (iii) LAWS 316 or LAWS 307. C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 389 (prior to 2006)
LAWS 360	Jurisprudence	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 302
LAWS 361	Issues in Jurisprudence	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 302
LAWS 362	Special Topic	15	S1 S2	P: (i) LAWS 101 and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013. C: LAWS 202-206
LAWS 363	Individual Employment Law	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-206 R: LAWS 318
LAWS 364	Law of the Sea	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101 and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013. C: LAWS 202-206. Students enrolled in other degrees,

LAWS 382	Legal Internship Note: Limited entry.	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 383	Law and Medicine	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 384	Legislation: Law-Making for the 21st Century	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 385	Advanced Intellectual Property Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 374 (prior to 2006)
LAWS 388	Special Topic: European Public Law	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013. C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206. Students enrolled in other degrees who do not have the above prerequisites and co-requisites, but have completed appropriate courses in another discipline, may apply to the Head of Department for a waiver. R: EURO 333
LAWS 390	Conflict of Laws	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 313
LAWS 391	Maori Land Law	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 392	The Treaty of Waitangi	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 393	Advanced Land Law	15	S1	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013; (iii) LAWS 205 C: LAWS 202-204, LAWS 206
LAWS 396	Media Law	15	S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 397	Civil Litigation	15	NO	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206
LAWS 398	Legal Ethics	11 (2010) 15 (2011)	SU2 S2	P: (i) LAWS 101; and (ii) LAWS 110 from 2013 C: LAWS 202-LAWS 206 R: LAWS 370 (prior to 2006), LAWS 399 (prior to 2006)

See also General Course and Examination Regulations.

- (a) Admission to the Honours programme shall be subject to invitation by the Dean of Law.
- (b) 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.

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.

- (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

Note: These courses are offered to Honours candidates only.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Level	Prerequisites
LAWS 410	Advanced Research Skills	10	S1	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department R: LAWS 401
LAWS 420	Honours Research Paper	20	S2	P: LAWS 410 R: LAWS 401
LAWS 430	Honours Dissertation	30	W	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: LAWS 451, LAWS 501

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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.

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.

- (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.

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

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- (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(d).

- (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(d).

- 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(d).
- (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.

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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.

LAWS 601	Legal Research and Methodology	0.3333	FY CY	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
LAWS 602	New Zealand Legal System	0.3333	FY CY	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
LAWS 603	Public Law	0.3333	FY CY	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.

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A candidate for the Degree of Master of Laws



