

# 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 status 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](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses)

### Group A: All courses compulsory

LAWS 206 Public Law  
LAWS 301 Equity and Succession

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

Course Code	Course Title	Course Code	Course Title
LAWS 303	Advanced Employment Law	LAWS 348	Research Project
LAWS 305	Company Law	LAWS 349	Computers and the Law
LAWS 307	The Principles of Evidence	LAWS 350	Competition Law
LAWS 309	Child and Family Law	LAWS 351	Law and Sport
LAWS 310	Relationship Property and Family Finance	LAWS 352	Selected Issues in Taxation
LAWS 314	Environmental Law, Policy and Society	LAWS 354	Judicial Review
LAWS 315	Transnational Criminal Law	LAWS 355	European Union Law
LAWS 319	Environmental Law, Conservation and the Public Interest	LAWS 357	Special Topic: EU Social Policy
LAWS 320	NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990	LAWS 359	Trial Advocacy
LAWS 321	International Criminal Law	LAWS 360	Jurisprudence
LAWS 322	International Human Rights	LAWS 361	Issues in Jurisprudence
LAWS 323	Immigration and Refugee Law	LAWS 362	Special Topic
LAWS 324	Principles of Public International Law	LAWS 36.541	Td(L)-20(A)31(Wsaxation)c(F536)10(1)urnrh62( )J OA5u-1.541 Td(L,
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		

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](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses)*

*Note: These courses are offered to Honours candidates only.*

Course Code	Course Title
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



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)

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### Group A

#### Courses offered by the School of Law

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

Course Code    Course Title

