



# Bachelor of Laws (LW34)

**Year offered:** 2011

**Admissions:** Yes

**CRICOS code:** 003486D

**Course duration (full-time):** 4 years

**Course duration (part-time):** 6 years

**Course duration (external):** 6 years

**Domestic fees (indicative):** 2011: CSP \$4,540 (indicative) per semester

**International Fees (indicative):** 2011: \$10,500 (indicative) per semester

**Domestic Entry:** February and July

**International Entry:** February and July

**QTAC code:** 417601 internal; 417605 external

**Past rank cut-off:** 92

**Past OP cut-off:** 5

**OP Guarantee:** Yes

**Assumed knowledge:** English (4, SA)

**Preparatory studies:** For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit

<http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/apply/ug/info/knowledge.jsp>

**Total credit points:** 384

**Standard credit points per full-time semester:** 48

**Standard credit points per part-time semester:** 24 (years 1 and 2), 36 (years 3 - 6)

**Course coordinator:** Dr Bill Dixon

**Campus:** Gardens Point and External

## Why choose this course?

Law, Justice and Legal Practice form QUT's Faculty of Law. Here, you will learn from academic staff who are highly involved in the legal and justice communities, use foremost on-line study facilities and legal technology and graduate with developed workplace skills.

## Career outcomes

On average approximately 90% of QUT Law graduates are employed within four months of graduating or take on further study like the QUT Legal Practice Course to gain admission as solicitors. QUT Law graduates become solicitors, barristers, in-house counsel, government lawyers, policy officers and advisors or take on roles in business and industry.

## Practical teaching

As a QUT Law student, you may undertake the elective units 'Internship', 'Learning in Professional Practice', 'Virtual Law Placement' and 'Legal Clinic' to gain legal experience in the public or private sector.

## Workplace Skills

The QUT School of Law is a recognised leader in innovative legal education, particularly in the area of workplace skills. You will graduate with improved general, practical skills that

better prepare you for employment. Workplace skills are carefully integrated into your course through a staged skills program. These include: negotiation, client interviewing, legal drafting, advocacy, legal research, IT skills and communication and problem solving.

## Industry links

You may hone your courtroom and mooting (mock trial) skills through coaching by retired judges who are regularly appointed as Judges-in-Residence.

You will learn from academic staff with current firsthand experience. Many lecturers and tutors either work in or consult to the legal profession, government and other community organisations. Some law firms sponsor academic staff positions and have staff work for them on a regular basis. These include the Clayton Utz Professor in Public Law and the Gadens Professor in Property Law.

## Course structure

The Bachelor of Laws includes the essential 11 fields of knowledge required to satisfy the academic requirements for admission as a legal practitioner. Unit offerings balance theory and practice and cover critical perspectives, research and legal reasoning, and principal areas of law. Recognising the practical and real-world nature of QUT, the Bachelor of Laws degree provides students with an opportunity to undertake a series of elective streams. These streams group legal content and legal skills units into alignment with the varied career destinations which a legal education opens to graduates. Students are given advice as to which units will allow them to experience aspects of legal practice in the fields that they are most interested in exploring, from suburban private practice to international work or legal policy development within government.

## Facilities / technology

You have the chance to graduate with some of the most advanced IT skills in the law including electronic courtroom operation and procedure and on-line legal research. QUT has a state-of-the-art electronic courtroom and has links with leading university e-courts overseas, eg. Courtroom 21, University of Virginia, USA.

All study units have their own web page with study resources included.

## Convenience

You may complete the QUT Bachelor of Laws in full-time or part-time modes. There is also an external option for distance students. The course is taught and administered at QUT's Gardens Point (city) campus. So whether you are



located in Brisbane or elsewhere, you may benefit from gaining a QUT law degree.

### Scholarships

On enrolment into the Bachelor of Laws or related double degree, you may apply for a QUT Law Founders' Scholarship. This is for first-year students who are socio-economically disadvantaged. Other scholarships available later in the course are the Blake Dawson Scholarship and the Shine External Studies Scholarship.

### OP Guarantee

The OP Guarantee will apply to this program.

### Distance Education (External) Special Entry Requirements

Entry to the distance education (external) mode of the course is restricted to students who reside in Australia outside the Brisbane City Council boundaries.

Students who reside within the Brisbane City Council may be considered under exceptional circumstances. A covering letter outlining your exceptional circumstances claim with supporting documentation must accompany your admission application form.

### Other Course Requirements

It is a requirement that distance education students participate in two three-day attendance schools per year in addition to the orientation attendance school for commencing students only. The attendance schools are an integral component of the distance education course and are compulsory. When undertaking the course via distance education, it is the students responsibility to ensure they have access to a suitable law library.

### Career Outcomes

The defining nature of the QUT Bachelor of Laws is its real-world applied nature which will equip you with the high quality knowledge and skills and that meet the needs of the legal profession, government, business and industry. In developing the LLB the Faculty recognises that graduates are increasingly seeking a broad range of careers including, but not limited to, legal practice.

The flexible nature of the degree provides students with an opportunity to undertake a series of elective streams. These streams group legal content and legal skills units into alignment with the varied career destinations which a legal education opens to graduates and will allow you to study areas of the law that match your career aspirations.

Career opportunities include private practice as a barrister

and/or solicitor; work in government departments; employment as an in-house lawyer; and a range of other occupations.

### Professional Recognition

The QUT Bachelor of Laws course is an approved degree for the purposes of the Legal Practitioners Admission Rules. Accordingly, it enables graduates to satisfy the academic requirements for admission to practise as a solicitor and/or barrister in all Australian states and territories. The QUT LLB degree qualification is also recognised for admission purposes in West and East Malaysia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

### Deferment

All domestic applicants offered admission to undergraduate award courses may apply to defer commencement of their study. A deferment application will not normally be considered for courses where specific admission requirements apply, for example submission of folios or undertaking auditions. Applicants are not entitled to hold a deferred place and hold a place in another QUT course for the same period.

### Full-time program

#### Year 1, Semester 1

LWB136	Contracts A
LWB145	Legal Foundations A
LWB147	Torts A
	Contextual Elective

#### Year 1, Semester 2

LWB137	Contracts B
LWB146	Legal Foundations B
LWB148	Torts B
	Contextual Elective

#### Year 2, Semester 1

LWB238	Fundamentals of Criminal Law
LWB240	Principles of Equity
LWB242	Constitutional Law
LWB243	Property Law A

#### Year 2, Semester 2

LWB239	Criminal Responsibility
LWB241	Trusts
LWB244	Property Law B
	Law Elective



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#### Year 3, Semester 1

LWB335 Administrative Law  
Law Elective  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 3, Semester 2

LWB334 Corporate Law  
Law Elective  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 4, Semester 1

LWB431 Civil Procedure  
LWB432 Evidence  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 4, Semester 2

LWB433 Professional Responsibility  
Law Elective  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Law Electives

Further information regarding Law Electives  
can be found at:  
<http://www.law.qut.edu.au/study/courses/ugrad/lselect.jsp>

#### LW33 Transitional Arrangements for Law Units:

\* If you have completed LWB231 Introduction to Public Law and not LWB235 Australian Federal Constitutional Law you must undertake LWB242 Constitutional Law.

\*\* LWB435 Legal Research in Practice replaces LWB434 Advanced Research and Legal Reasoning for students wishing to undertake this unit.

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If you have not followed the standard course structure up to this point in time or are uncertain as to the correct number of electives available please contact the Law School

#### Part-time Program

##### Year 1, Semester 1

LWB145 Legal Foundations A  
LWB147 Torts A

##### Year 1, Semester 2

LWB146 Legal Foundations B  
LWB148 Torts B

##### Year 2, Semester 2

LWB136 Contracts A  
Contextual Elective

##### Year 2, Semester 2

LWB137 Contracts B  
Contextual Elective

##### Year 3, Semester 1

LWB240 Principles of Equity  
LWB242 Constitutional Law  
LWB243 Property Law A

##### Year 3, Semester 2

LWB241 Trusts  
LWB244 Property Law B  
Law Elective

##### Year 4, Semester 1

LWB238 Fundamentals of Criminal Law  
LWB335 Administrative Law  
Law Elective

##### Year 4, Semester 2

LWB239 Criminal Responsibility  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

##### Year 5, Semester 1

LWB432 Evidence  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

##### Year 5, Semester 2

LWB334 Corporate Law  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 6, Semester 1

LWB431 Civil Procedure  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 6, Semester 2

LWB433 Professional Responsibility  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

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#### Mid-Year Entry, Full-time Program

#### Year 1, Semester 2

LWB136 Contracts A  
LWB145 Legal Foundations A  
LWB147 Torts A  
Contextual Elective

#### Year 2, Semester 1

LWB137 Contracts B  
LWB146 Legal Foundations B  
LWB148 Torts B  
LWB238 Fundamentals of Criminal Law

#### Year 2, Semester 2

LWB239 Criminal Responsibility  
Contextual Elective  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 3, Semester 1

LWB240 Principles of Equity  
LWB242 Constitutional Law  
LWB243 Property Law A  
Law Elective

#### Year 3, Semester 2

LWB241 Trusts  
LWB244 Property Law B  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 4, Semester 1

LWB335 Administrative Law  
Law Elective  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 4, Semester 2

LWB334 Corporate Law  
LWB433 Professional Responsibility  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

#### Year 5, Semester 1

LWB431 Civil Procedure  
LWB432 Evidence  
Law Elective  
Law Elective

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#### Mid-Year entry, Part-time program

##### Year 1, Semester 2

- LWB145 Legal Foundations A
- LWB147 Torts A

##### Year 2, Semester 1

- LWB146 Legal Foundations B
- LWB148 Torts B

##### Year 2, Semester 2

- LWB136 Contracts A
- Contextual Elective

##### Year 3, Semester 1

- LWB137 Contracts B
- LWB238 Fundamentals of Criminal Law
- Contextual Elective

##### Year 3, Semester 2

- LWB239 Criminal Responsibility
- Law Elective

##### Year 4, Semester 1

- LWB240 Principles of Equity
- LWB242 Constitutional Law
- LWB243 Property Law A

##### Year 4, Semester 2

- LWB241 Trusts
- LWB244 Property Law B
- Law Elective

##### Year 5, Semester 1

- LWB335 Administrative Law
- Law Elective
- Law Elective

##### Year 5, Semester 2

- LWB334 Corporate Law
- Law Elective
- Law Elective

##### Year 6, Semester 1

- LWB431 Civil Procedure
- LWB432 Evidence
- Law Elective

##### Year 6, Semester 2

- LWB433 Professional Responsibility
- Law Elective
- Law Elective

##### Year 7, Semester 1

- Law Elective
- Law Elective
- Law Elective

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#### **Potential Careers:**

Barrister, Commercialisation Officer, Contract Administrator, Corporate Secretary, Crown Law Officer, Government Officer, In-House Lawyer, Lawyer, Patent Lawyer, Policy Officer, Public Servant, Solicitor, Trademark Lawyer.

## **UNIT SYNOPSES**

### **LWB136 CONTRACTS A**

This unit includes the following: formation of contracts; equitable estoppel; privity of contract; formalities; express and implied terms; an examination of promises which are legally binding; how contractual promises may be characterised and the significance of that characterisation.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB137 CONTRACTS B**

Legally binding promises pervade society, from uncomplicated bargains like riding on a bus to complex multi-million dollar transactions. The law of contract provides an understanding of promises which are legally binding, how contractual promises may be characterised and the significance of that characterisation, and how contractual promises may be discharged or invalidated. This is the second of two associated units which examine the law of contract, the focus of this unit being on the discharge of contracts, remedies for breach and the invalidation of contracts. The two units together provide the foundation for several units encountered later in the course.

**Prerequisites:** LWB136 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 hours per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB145 LEGAL FOUNDATIONS A**

The unit aims to provide foundational knowledge about law and legal concepts, the Australian legal system and constitution, sources of law (including their purpose and use) and the ethical underpinnings of the law and legal profession. The unit also aims to introduce, within real world contexts, the essential legal skills of case analysis, problem solving, legal writing, legal reasoning, legal research and statutory interpretation to enable students to progress in their study of law.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB146 LEGAL FOUNDATIONS B**

The aim of this unit is for you to further develop, within real world contexts, the skills in legal research, analysis, problem solving and writing that were introduced in LWB145 Legal Foundations A. This aim is directed towards ensuring that by the end of the first year of your law degree you are able to perform tasks required to progress your study of law and that you can reflect on the continued development of your legal research and writing skills to equip you with the skills required in legal practice.

**Prerequisites:** LWB141 or LWB145 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

### **LWB147 TORTS A**

The aims of this unit are for you to develop an understanding of the law of torts relating to trespass, negligence and workers' compensation and the underlying principles and policies that influence the development of torts law. Further, this unit aims to demonstrate how the law of torts works in a real world context, with particular focus on legal problem solving and the teaching of legal interviewing skills. The unit will practise and develop the foundational legal skills introduced in LWB145 Legal Foundations A.

**Corequisites:** LWB145 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB148 TORTS B**

This unit aims to build upon the knowledge, understanding and skills developed in Torts A through a more in-depth examination of a wider range of torts and related issues. It also aims to equip you with a more detailed and sophisticated knowledge and understanding of how this area of the law is likely to develop in the 21st Century. Integral to this is the development of your skills, necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving, research and written communication and an understanding of ethical issues related to the practice of law.

**Prerequisites:** LWB138 or LWB147 **Corequisites:** LWB146 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB238 FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL LAW**

An understanding of the principles of Criminal Law is of fundamental importance as it impinges upon almost every aspect of domestic, commercial, corporate and public activity in Queensland. The aim of this unit is to provide an

overview of the aims and sources of Criminal Law in Queensland and to develop an understanding of the onus of proof in criminal matters. Additionally the unit explores the concept of fault elements, the criminal justice system and a selection of major offences while also developing advocacy skills.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SUM-2 and 2011 SEM-1

### **LWB239 CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The aim of this unit is to build upon the principles and skills explored in LWB238 by developing an understanding of the way criminal responsibility is imposed through the complicity provisions of the Criminal Code and the common law and how the major defences and excuses operate. The unit also examines the major sentencing principles applied in Queensland.

**Prerequisites:** LWB238 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

### **LWB240 PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY**

The principles of Equity were originally developed to ameliorate the harshness of the common law and have since become a fundamental component of our legal system. A knowledge and understanding of the major principles of equity are necessary to an understanding of how the Australian legal system operates; it is therefore located early in the LLB degree. The aim of this unit is to provide a coherent knowledge and understanding of equitable principles within the context of the Australian legal system as well as developing skills relevant to ongoing learning and professional practice.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SUM

### **LWB241 TRUSTS**

Trusts are a fundamental institution of ownership of property in equity; they are used for various purposes including estate planning, commercial and charitable purposes. A knowledge and understanding of the trust in its various forms and the equitable principles of property transfer are fundamental in understanding the impact of the principles of equity in the area of property ownership and rights. The aim of this unit is to provide a coherent knowledge and understanding of the law relating to trusts within the context of the Australian legal system and to develop skills relevant to ongoing learning and professional practice.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 SUM

### **LWB242 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

The aim of the unit is to provide knowledge and understanding of the constitutional arrangements effected by the Commonwealth Constitution and the State Constitutions, including the structure and institutions of the Constitutions, the division of power between Commonwealth and States, and relations between the different levels of government.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB243 PROPERTY LAW A**

The aim of the unit is to provide you with an understanding of the legal principles relating to real and personal property and how these rules operate in a modern legal system. The unit also aims to develop the skills, necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving and reasoning and oral and written communication.

**Prerequisites:** LWB137 and (LWB148 or LWB139) **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

### **LWB244 PROPERTY LAW B**

This unit aims to build upon the knowledge, understanding and skills that you acquired in LWB243 Property Law A by further developing your understanding of property law relating to leases, mortgages, co-ownership, community title, easements, profits a prendre and freehold and statutory covenants. It also aims to equip you with an understanding of how this area of the law is likely to develop in the 21st Century. Integral to this is the development of your skills of problem solving, research, writing and drafting which are necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving, research, written communication and drafting.

**Prerequisites:** LWB243 and LWB146 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

### **LWB334 CORPORATE LAW**

This unit includes the following: the basic legal principles relating to registered companies; the principle of the veil of incorporation; internal functioning of a registered company including the operation of the constitution and replaceable rules; dealings with third parties; legal rules relating to share capital; dividends and loan capital; introduction to obligations of company officers and shareholder rights. Further specialised units such as Law of Corporate Governance are offered for students who have completed Corporate Law and wish to concentrate some of their studies in the corporations and commercial area.

**Prerequisites:** (LWB143 or LWB146) and (LWB237 or



LWB243) **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week  
in Sem 2. **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-2

### **LWB335 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

To enable you to develop a working knowledge of administrative law at both the state and federal level as well as a broader understanding of the role and function of this area of law in balancing administrative efficiency and legitimate government interests against the requirements of accountability in executive decision-making.

**Prerequisites:** LWB242 **Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2011 SUM-2 and 2011 SEM-1

### **LWB431 CIVIL PROCEDURE**

This core unit focuses on developing basic litigation skills. The following issues are examined: the adversarial system and alternative methods of dispute resolution, obligations to the client, the structures and processes of litigation conducted in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts, jurisdiction, originating process, notice of intention to defend, parties, service, ending proceedings early, pleading, disclosure, subpoenas, trial, appeals, costs and enforcement.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

### **LWB432 EVIDENCE**

The law of Evidence concerns those rules and principles which govern the presentation and proof of facts and information in court proceedings, both civil and criminal. The unit covers both State and Federal jurisdictions. NB: External only in Semester Two.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week **Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1

### **LWB433 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

This unit includes the following: the ethical principles upon which the practice of all professions is based; the principles which underpin the discipline of law and the workings of the legal profession; the history, nature, organisation and operation of the legal profession; codes of conduct, trust accounts and professional legal ethics.

**Credit points:** 12 **Contact hours:** 3 per week in Sem 2.  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External **Teaching period:** 2011 SUM-2 and 2011 SEM-2