

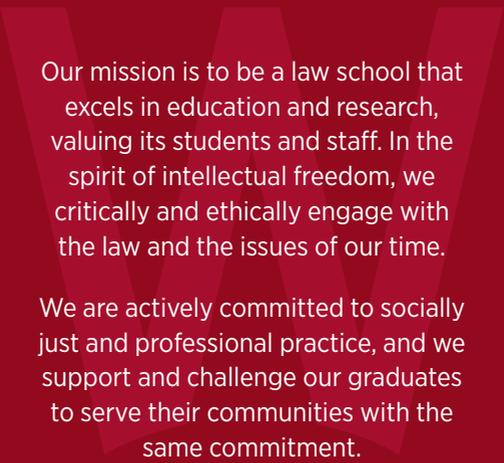
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SCHOOL OF LAW



First Year Handbook  
2018



Our mission is to be a law school that excels in education and research, valuing its students and staff. In the spirit of intellectual freedom, we critically and ethically engage with the law and the issues of our time.

We are actively committed to socially just and professional practice, and we support and challenge our graduates to serve their communities with the same commitment.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Western Sydney University acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Greater Western Sydney. As a matter of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural protocol, and out of recognition that its campuses occupy their traditional lands, the University acknowledges the Darug, Gandangarra and Tharawal peoples and thanks them for their support of its work in Greater Western Sydney.

# Dean's Welcome



Let me begin by wishing you a warm welcome to Western Sydney School of Law. My name is Steven Freeland and I am the Dean of the School, as well as Professor of International Law. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our school, as you begin an exciting phase of your professional development and career path. You have come at an exciting time – 2018 will see a revised first year program designed to both challenge and stimulate you.

At Western Sydney Law School, we strive for excellence in everything we do – teaching, research and community engagement. We have amazing academic and professional staff, a very strong and inclusive alumni (3,000+) and, best of all, great students. You will now join us and become an integral part of a vibrant, ambitious and mature law school, with an underlying goal to promote greater social justice for all and to instil an even greater sense among our students of the importance of fairness and equity. We constantly review and update our curriculum to ensure that our students are being offered the most relevant and 'cutting-edge' subjects possible to maintain not only student interest but also employability of our graduates. We want our students to be equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Please remember the more you put into your studies and life at the University and Law School, the more you will get out of the experience. There are many interesting extracurricular activities that you should consider, and there are also some excellent University and Law School level support networks. We have an open-door policy and are all very approachable.

As Dean of Western Sydney Law School, I am delighted to welcome you into our ranks and I hope that you find your experiences with us enjoyable, stimulating and inclusive. I hope that you feel proud to now be a part of our team, and I very much look forward to meeting you in the first few weeks of semester.

Professor Steven Freeland  
Dean, School of Law



# Hello from the First Year Advisor

Welcome! We are very pleased that you are now one of our first year Law students. Your first year of university sometimes can be daunting, and it is our role to support you as much as we can. We organise events for first year students throughout the year and we are always available to answer your queries. This School of Law First Year Handbook should be your first point of call for any questions you have during your first year of study, but if you find that you need further guidance or advice, please feel free to contact us. We might not always have a simple answer, but we will often be able to help with identifying options and helping you feel more confident in the choices you make. On this page is a guide to who you should contact for queries you may have during your time at the School of Law.

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**Administrative enquiries**  
(e.g. timetabling)

[lawenquiry@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:lawenquiry@westernsydney.edu.au)

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**Unit enquiries**

Refer to the Learning Guide, which includes the contact details for each Unit Coordinator

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**Course enquiries**  
(unit sequencing, progression to completion, unit selection, transfers etc.)

Refer to the online University Handbook: [handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook](http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook) and if you still have queries contact [courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au)

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**Miscellaneous first year enquiries**  
not covered above

Refer to the School of Law First Year Handbook and if you still have queries contact [firstyearlaw@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:firstyearlaw@westernsydney.edu.au)

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# Understanding Our Terminology

You will soon understand the unusual acronyms and terms used at the University, but this new language can be very confusing at the beginning of your studies. Below is a useful guide.

→ **MyWestern** – the main student online portal for everything you need at the University. You can access all our online services (including the Library, your student email account and more).

[westernsydney.edu.au/mywestern](http://westernsydney.edu.au/mywestern)

→ **MySR** – a specific site that covers enrolment, adding and removing units, etc. MySR is accessed through Western Central.

[mysr.westernsydney.edu.au](http://mysr.westernsydney.edu.au)

→ **vUWS** – this stands for ‘virtual UWS’ and is the University’s ‘online learning environment’ accessible through the University homepage or your MyWestern page. Every unit will have a vUWS site which you must access regularly.

[vuws.westernsydney.edu.au](http://vuws.westernsydney.edu.au)

→ **LawvUWS** – this is a vUWS site specifically for Law students. It contains a vast array of information and has a folder exclusively for first year students.

OUR TERM	COMMON TERM
Course	Degree
Unit	Subject
Core	Compulsory
Alternate	Elective
Session	Teaching term; semester
Blended learning	Online activities and face-to-face
WLSLA	Western Sydney Law Students’ Association

# GETTING STARTED IN LAW

## CHECK LIST

- Read this Handbook
- Activate Western Sydney email account
- Enrol in your units
- Register for seminars/lectures/tutorials
- Log in to vUWS
- Attend Orientation

### At Orientation:

- Sign up for MATES
- Go on a campus tour
- Meet some of your teachers
- Meet your fellow students
- Visit the Library
- Visit the Moot Court
- Visit the Bookshop
- Locate your classrooms
- Join the Law Students' Association
- HAVE FUN

### Before the first week of lectures:

- Read the Learning Guides for your units
- Do the preparatory reading for your first classes (check the Learning Guides for this)

### First week of lectures:

- Buy all of your textbooks
- Attend all of your classes



# Before Session Starts

## 1. GETTING STARTED

If you have not already done so, visit [westernsydney.edu.au/starting](http://westernsydney.edu.au/starting)

This provides a step by step guide to getting started at the University. It explains how to:

- Activate your MyWestern account
- Plan your course
- Calculate your fees
- Get your student ID card
- Enrol in your units and classes
- Check your timetable
- Get prepared for uni to start

## 2. YOUR FIRST YEAR LAW UNITS – A QUICK GUIDE

Western Sydney University offers several different Law courses. Some are combined with another discipline, e.g. Business, and others are straight Law courses. All Law students are required to complete 24 LLB (Law) units, which consists of 16 core LLB

units and 8 alternate LLB units. Each specific combined Law course has different additional requirements, which you can find in the University Handbook [handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook](http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook)

Below is a quick guide to which Law units you are required to enrol in during your first year.

### LAW STUDENTS COMMENCING ONLY IN AUTUMN SESSION

Combined Law Full-Time	Autumn	200977 Fundamentals of Australian Law 200010 Criminal Law Plus 2 non-LLB units from your other degree
	Spring	200978 Legal Analysis and Critique 200008 Torts Plus 2 non-LLB units from your other degree
Combined Law Part-Time	Autumn	200977 Fundamentals of Australian Law 200010 Criminal Law
	Spring	200978 Legal Analysis and Critique 200008 Torts Law
Straight Law Full-Time	Autumn	200977 Fundamentals of Australian Law 200010 Criminal Law 200011 Contracts Law 200020 Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics
	Spring	200978 Legal Analysis and Critique 200008 Torts 200811 Alternative Dispute Resolution 200984 Government and Public Law
Straight Law Part-Time	Autumn	200977 Fundamentals of Australian Law 200010 Criminal Law
	Spring	200978 Legal Analysis and Critique 200008 Torts

### 3. HOW TO ENROL IN A UNIT

A step by step explanation of how to enrol in your units and register for your classes is available at [westernsydney.edu.au/starting](http://westernsydney.edu.au/starting)

Before you enrol, you will need to have a University student ID card (available from the student centre any time after you have accepted the offer).

Students may enrol in units until the end of the second week of session (9 March 2018). After this time, but before HECS census date (31 March 2018) you will need to complete a Rule Waiver Request via eForms (accessible via Western Central) [eforms.westernsydney.edu.au](http://westernsydney.edu.au) if you want to enrol in a unit. See also: [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/forms/online\\_forms](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/forms/online_forms)

Students cannot enrol in units after the HECS census date, and you can only withdraw from units if you make a formal application to do so.

### 4. HOW TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS

Once you have successfully enrolled in your units (e.g. Fundamentals of Australian Law) you will need to register for the specific classes that you will attend (e.g. Monday 9am). This is known as 'Tutorial Registration'. To register for all your classes, go to 2018 Tutorial Registration from the WSU Home Page: [tutorialregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/aplus/student](http://tutorialregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/aplus/student). Or register through MyWestern at [westernsydney.edu.au/mywestern](http://westernsydney.edu.au/mywestern)

If you have an unavoidable timetable clash once your timetable is complete, please email [lawenquiry@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:lawenquiry@westernsydney.edu.au)

### 5. USEFUL APPS

Consider downloading one of several apps from the App Store which will be useful throughout your Law degree. They include:

- Blackboard Mobile Learn. This is essentially vUWS on your mobile device [westernsydney.edu.au/webservices/wsu/uws\\_app\\_-\\_info\\_page](http://westernsydney.edu.au/webservices/wsu/uws_app_-_info_page)
- Australian Guide to Legal Citation. This can be accessed through the App Store or Google Play [itunes.apple.com/au/app/aglc-reference/id666618431?mt=8](http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/aglc-reference/id666618431?mt=8)
- AustLii for iPad. This provides access to legislation, cases and articles [itunes.apple.com/au/app/austlii/id440459400?mt=8](http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/austlii/id440459400?mt=8)
- The Australian Constitution [itunes.apple.com/au/app/constitution/id301301300?mt=8](http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/constitution/id301301300?mt=8)
- A law dictionary, such as [lexisnexis.com.au/en-AU/Products/mobile-app.page](http://lexisnexis.com.au/en-AU/Products/mobile-app.page)

- An app for taking and organising notes such as [itunes.apple.com/au/app/evernote/id281796108?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/evernote/id281796108?mt=8) or [itunes.apple.com/au/app/dropbox/id327630330?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/dropbox/id327630330?mt=8) or [itunes.apple.com/au/app/google-drive-free-online-storage/id507874739?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/google-drive-free-online-storage/id507874739?mt=8)
- An app for accessing documents and ebooks such as [itunes.apple.com/au/app/adobe-reader/id469337564?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/adobe-reader/id469337564?mt=8) and [itunes.apple.com/au/app/bluefire-reader/id394275498?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/bluefire-reader/id394275498?mt=8)

You may also like to follow the Law School on Twitter [@Westsydlaw](https://twitter.com/Westsydlaw)

For IT assistance, please contact [itservicedesk@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:itservicedesk@westernsydney.edu.au)

## 6. PREPARING FOR CLASSES

Before the first week of session you should access the vUWS site for each of your units. On vUWS you will find a unit Outline and Learning Guide for each unit, which provides all relevant information about the unit, including reading requirements, assessment tasks and contacts. You should also access the LawvUWS site, which provides helpful information to Law students. There is a First Year folder specifically for first year students with tips for studying Law, details about first year events and other relevant links.

Once you have read the Learning Guide for each of your units, you should purchase the required textbooks from [coop.com.au/western-sydney-university](http://coop.com.au/western-sydney-university)

We recommend that you attend a Library tour so you can meet the Law librarians and learn how to borrow a book, print, photocopy, and order an item from another campus. Further information on the University Library is available via the MyWestern portal or [library.westernsydney.edu.au](http://library.westernsydney.edu.au)

If you would like to read something to prepare for the session, the following texts may be useful:

- Michael Brogan and David Spencer, *Becoming a Lawyer: Success at Law School* (Oxford University Press, 3rd ed, 2014)
- Claire Macken, *Law Student Survival Guide: 9 Steps to Law Study Success* (Thomson, 2nd ed, 2010)
- Richard Krever, *Mastering Law Studies and Law Exam Techniques* (LexisNexis, 9th ed, 2016)
- Enid Campbell and Richard Fox, *Students' Guide to Legal Writing and Law Exams and Self Assessment* (Federation Press, 3rd ed, 2010)
- Anthony Marinac et al, *Learning Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)
- [survivelaw.com](http://survivelaw.com)

## 7. ORIENTATION

First year Orientation is a wonderful way to meet Law staff and fellow Law students, pick up a few tips about studying Law and let your hair down before you embark on what is a challenging few years ahead. It will also equip you with information about how to successfully manage your transition into university life.

For more information see [westernsydney.edu.au/starting/orientation](http://westernsydney.edu.au/starting/orientation)

## 8. STUDENTS ENROLLING MID-YEAR

There is no-mid year (Spring) entry for students in straight Law (2501 and 2502), full time or part time, because the first year units must be completed in order. If you are enrolling in a combined Law degree mid-year, you should complete some of your non-Law units in Spring, and commence your first year LLB units the following year.



# During Session

## 1. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENTS

### (a) Workload

Studying at university is very different from studying at school. At school you may have been given a lot of direction by your teachers – how to study, what to write, where to go for resources etc. At university you are expected to be an independent learner. This means that the onus is on you to enrol correctly, complete the work for class and to find out what is required for assessment tasks. Some students struggle with this responsibility, but the important thing to remember is that the more you put into your university studies, the more you will get out of them.

In addition to the nature of university study in general, Law is a demanding (and rewarding) degree. It requires reading and synthesising large amounts of often difficult materials. Assessment tasks are designed to challenge you and they will require a significant amount of preparation. Students are expected to spend **ten hours a week studying for each unit** – for a full-time course, this represents a forty hour week. These hours are made up of class attendance, preparing for class (generally

in the form of readings) and completing assessments. Given the substantial workload required in order to successfully complete a Law degree, students are strongly advised to keep their non-university commitments to a minimum. We recommend no more than ten hours of non-university work a week. If this is not possible, we recommend that you consider enrolling on a part-time basis.

All Law classes commence in the first week of session. Students are required to attend their scheduled classes and be ready to participate in discussions and take notes. You should bring the Learning Guide for each unit, plus any notes, textbooks or other materials posted on vUWS for the relevant class.

### (b) Academic Standards

As a university student your work is expected to comply with universal academic standards. This means that all work must be well researched and thoroughly referenced. The method of referencing legal work is set out in the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (AGLC). Students can access these rules via the School of Law's AGLC app

[itunes.apple.com/au/app/austlii/id440459400?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/austlii/id440459400?mt=8) or downloaded at [mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au](http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au) or the First Year folder in the LawvUWS site. The AGLC is also available in hard copy at Connect Books. We discuss referencing in all first year Law units, especially Fundamentals of Australian Law.

Referencing your work adequately is particularly important. A failure to do so may lead to a claim of plagiarism, for which significant penalties may apply – including being permanently excluded from the University. **Plagiarism** involves submitting or presenting work as if it were your own, when in fact, it is not. It also includes submitting the same piece of work for two different units.

Allowing someone to copy from you is also **academic misconduct**. You must not feel pressured to supply a friend with information which you know may get you into trouble. If you are in this position, direct your friend to the strict policies on plagiarism at [westernsydney.edu.au/policy](http://westernsydney.edu.au/policy). Of course, the same thing applies if you find a USB stick or a printed paper in the library or computer lab. Don't look at it! It is not worth it.

**Collusion** is another form of academic misconduct for which penalties apply. If you have an individual assignment, you may discuss generally with other students what the assignment requires you to do, and how you are going with it. However, it may be regarded as collusion if you have detailed discussions, look at each other's drafts or write the assignment together.

### **(c) Submitting and Collecting Assignments**

To assist students in recognising whether their work is adequately referenced, all written assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via vUWS and Turnitin – online text-matching software that highlights similarities between your text and another text.

In some units, a hard copy of your assignment must also be submitted at the School of Law. Refer to the assessment information for each unit to find out what is required.

Hard copy assignments should be deposited in the lecturer's assignment box or in the after hours chute at the School of Law building of the relevant campus.

Some units will use Grademark, which enables your teachers to mark and comment upon your assignment/essays online. The work will then be returned to you electronically. In other units, your written work will be marked in hard copy and academic staff will hand back your assignments in class. If you do not attend class, your assignment will be placed at the Law reception on each campus for collection.

### **(d) Sitting Examinations**

Some units will have a mid-session exam, which will usually be held in class time or on a Saturday. Please see your unit information for more details. Final examinations are held during the formal exam period, which usually commences two weeks after the last week of session. You can find out when the exam period is scheduled, and the exam timetable, via your MyWestern portal [westernsydney.edu.au/mywestern](http://westernsydney.edu.au/mywestern)

### **(e) Assessment Results**

Marks for assignments will be displayed via the MyGrades page on vUWS. If your mark does not appear, contact the Unit Coordinator for that unit.

Marks for final exams will be included in your overall result, which is released on a set date across the whole University.

If you are unhappy with your results, you should read the feedback on your assignment or in the case of an exam, seek feedback from the Unit Coordinator. Having received the feedback, refer to the Learning Guide and consider how you performed against the criteria and standards outlined. If you are still dissatisfied, or you feel some error has been made, you may consider seeking a review of your grade. This is NOT a re-mark, it is simply a decision as to whether there has been a mistake in the marking or calculating process.

## 2. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

One of the best ways to survive and thrive at the University is to become engaged in the activities on offer. Students who make connections with other students feel less isolated and more confident at university, which positively impacts on their studies. The University has a range of support services and initiatives to help students settle into university life. Some of these are run by the School of Law, while others are run by the University and are available to all students.

Below is an outline of what is available.

### (a) MATES

MATES is a voluntary program which provides first year students with an opportunity to connect with other new students and mentors in later years of study. This helps new students meet and network with other students as well as gain knowledge and skills to settle into life at university.

Every attempt is made to match a participating first year Law student with a later year Law student.

If you would like to request a MATE, register at [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/student\\_welfare\\_services2/mates\\_@\\_western](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/student_welfare_services2/mates_@_western)

### (b) Western Sydney Law Students' Association (WSLSA)

The WSLSA is an association run by Western Sydney Law students. It hosts various events throughout the year, including practical legal skills workshops, mooted competitions, careers events, industry competitions and socials. The WSLSA has a significant presence within the legal community, both within and outside of the University. Their events are always highly anticipated and very successful.

Membership is voluntary but highly recommended. For more information see [wslsa.com.au](http://wslsa.com.au)

### (c) First Year Law Social Events

Early in the session the WSLSA organises a function for first year Law students, giving them a chance to meet each other and senior Law students informally. Details will be posted on the LawvUWS site.

Other events are organised during the academic year and we encourage students to attend. Law school is less daunting when you have others to talk to.

### (d) 'At Risk' Program

This program is designed to identify and make contact with students who may be struggling with the workload of university. During your first session, the first year team will monitor your attendance and your academic results. A senior Law student will then contact students who, through poor attendance or poor marks, appear to be having difficulties. We are concerned for your welfare and we want to help you succeed in your studies.

**(e) LawvUWS – First Year Folder**

LawvUWS is a general School of LawvUWS site, which provides regularly updated information to students about various aspects of their university study. This includes career opportunities and internships, extracurricular activities and social events. This site includes a folder dedicated to first year Law students. It provides information relevant to first year students, including tips for settling in to university study, details about first year events and links to other helpful information.

**(f) Individual Consultation**

Sandy Noakes, School of Law, First Year Advisor, is available for individual consultation with first year Law students by phone, email or face to face. Contact [s.noakes@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:s.noakes@westernsydney.edu.au) or phone **9685 9106**.

**(g) Academic Workshops and Programs**

If you do not feel confident that your previous studies have adequately prepared you for studying at university, some free academic preparation programs are available through the University. There are also several

workshops held throughout the year to assist you with academic reading, writing and researching, as well as assistance with the University's computer systems.

Face-to-face workshops are available for academic literacy and grammar.

A series of online workshops are also available including:

- Online writing and literacy support (Library Study Smart) at [westernsydney.edu.au/studysmart](http://westernsydney.edu.au/studysmart)
- Library Study Smart Advisors ([westernsydney.edu.au/studysmart/home/find\\_help\\_study\\_smart\\_advisor\\_hours](http://westernsydney.edu.au/studysmart/home/find_help_study_smart_advisor_hours))
- Returning to Learning ([westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/services\\_and\\_facilities/study\\_and\\_life\\_skills\\_workshops](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/services_and_facilities/study_and_life_skills_workshops))
- Introduction to e learning online workshops ([westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/study\\_and\\_life\\_skills\\_workshops](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/study_and_life_skills_workshops))

- Study, money and life skills online workshops and ebooks, ([logincms.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/study\\_and\\_life\\_skills\\_workshops/?a=365511](http://logincms.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/study_and_life_skills_workshops/?a=365511))
- The Desk online learning ([thedesk.org.au](http://thedesk.org.au))

See [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities)

**(h) The Peer Assisted Learning (PASS) Program**

PASS is a program in which a later year Law student provides guided study to a study group made up of first year students. It is offered to all first year Law students in one or more first year units. More information on PASS is provided at Orientation and will also be posted on the relevant first year unit's vUWS site early in the session. [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/study\\_and\\_life\\_skills\\_workshops/pass\\_-\\_peer\\_assisted\\_study\\_sessions](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/study_and_life_skills_workshops/pass_-_peer_assisted_study_sessions)



**(i) Counselling**

If you are having personal difficulties at home, in your relationship or at university, or you otherwise wish to talk to the University Counsellor, this service is offered free of charge and is entirely confidential. There is a counselling service on each campus and you can request an appointment by calling **9852 5199** or emailing **counselling@westernsydney.edu.au**

For more information see **[westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/counselling\\_services](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/counselling_services)**

There is also helpful information about health and wellbeing on **[westernsydney.edu.au/wellbeing\\_mentalhealth](http://westernsydney.edu.au/wellbeing_mentalhealth)**

In addition, the Chaplaincy offers a free and confidential service, providing spiritual guidance and support. It is available to people of all faiths and none. It also provides facilities for meeting, prayer, reflection and meditation. For more information see **[westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/chaplaincy](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/chaplaincy)**

**(j) Disability Support**

The Disability Service provides confidential advice and support for students who have a disability or chronic health condition. Where a student is affected by a disability or chronic illness, the Disability Service will assist the student in arranging reasonable adjustments (such as providing special equipment or a note taker or preparing unit materials in an alternative format such as Braille). For more information see **[westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/disability\\_service](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/disability_service)**

**(k) Financial and Advocacy Support**

The Student Welfare Service provides professionally trained staff to help you work through the unexpected problems that sometimes catch you by surprise. Student Welfare staff can assist you with advocacy, financial assistance, accommodation issues, textbook vouchers, sexual health concerns and bullying. For more information see **[westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/student\\_welfare\\_services2](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/student_welfare_services2)**

**(l) Careers Service**

Careers can help you with everything from finding a part-time job, placement or internship, through to helping you with preparing your resume or assisting you with career planning and development. These free services are available to all current students and recent graduates. For more information see **[westernsydney.edu.au/careers/home/students\\_grads](http://westernsydney.edu.au/careers/home/students_grads)**

# Progression Through Your Studies

During your years as a Law student you may have specific questions about the progression of your studies. Below is an outline of the more common questions that students want to know.

## (a) What are the core (compulsory) Law units I will be required to complete?

Fundamentals of Australian Law

Criminal Law

Legal Analysis and Critique

Torts Law

Contracts

Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Administrative Law

Government and Public Law

Equity & Trusts

Law of Associations

Remedies

Constitutional Law

Property Law

Criminal Procedure and Evidence

Civil Procedure and Arbitration



**(b) What alternate (elective) Law units can I do?**

Advanced Constitutional Law	International Climate Law
Advanced Family Law	International Criminal Law
Advanced Taxation Law	International Environmental Law
Advanced Torts and Civil Wrongs	International Moot Court
Advocacy	International Trade Law
Anti-Discrimination Law	Islam, International Law and Human Rights
Australian Competition Law	Issues in the Criminal Justice System
Australian Consumer Law	Jurisprudence
Banking and Securities Law	Law Economics and Business Ethics
Bioethics	Law and Public Policy (Development and Implementation)
Clinical Legal Placement	Law of Employment
Comparative Law: Legal Systems of the world	Law of International Organisations
Conflicts of Law	Law of the Sea
Corporate Governance	Law Honours Dissertation
Elder Law	Media Law
Family Law	Mediation
Family Dispute Resolution	Medical Law
Financial Services Law	Mental Health Law
First Peoples and the Australian Legal System	Moot Court
Foundations of Chinese Law	Planning and Environment Law
Foundations of Indian Law	Practising in the Public Interest
Human Rights Law	Public Health Law
Immigration and Refugee Law	Public International Law
Independent Study (Law)	Revenue Law
Information and Data Governance Law and Regulation	Revenue Law Industry Placement
Insolvency Law and Policy	Space Law – Commercial Aspects
Intellectual Property	Work, Health and Safety Law
International Business Transactions Law	Wills and Succession

**(c) Can I get credit for previous studies that I have done?**

This is known as 'Advanced Standing'. You can apply for Advanced Standing through the School of Law for both Law and non-Law units. To obtain Advanced Standing for a Law unit, the previous study must have been part of an accredited law degree (this excludes law related business degrees, for example). Work experience is not applicable to Advanced Standing for Law units but it may be relevant to non-Law units.

To obtain Advanced Standing you must submit an Advanced Standing form available at [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/forms](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/forms)

Once you have submitted the form, the Deputy Dean, will determine whether the unit studied at the other university is sufficiently similar in content to the Western Sydney University unit.

Note that not all LLB alternate units are offered every year or on each campus. More information about Units can be found in the Handbook at [handbook.westernsydney.edu.au](http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au)

For a full list of LLB alternate Units, see: [handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/HBOOK/course.aspx?course=2501.9](http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/HBOOK/course.aspx?course=2501.9)

### (d) Can I study a unit at another institution?

Students may apply to study a unit at another institution, both in Australia and overseas (known as cross institutional study), - if it is a subject that is not offered at Western Sydney University or where the student is temporarily moving interstate for a period of time. Students must apply and obtain permission before they commence the study, otherwise they will be required to pay up front full fees at the other institution and risk not being able to count this study towards their Western Sydney University degree. If you are granted permission to study a unit at another university, you will be granted unspecified credit (i.e. satisfactorily completed or unsatisfactorily completed).

For more information and to fill in the relevant documentation see [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/forms](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/forms)

### (e) Can I enrol in units over summer?

The period between Spring and Autumn sessions is the Summer session. In your first year, you will be ineligible to complete any Law units in your first Summer Session of study. This is due to progression requirements and restrictions. You are however eligible to study units for your second degree (if you are studying a combined Law degree). If you want to study up to two units during the summer session, they will be covered by HECS just like your other units. You enrol into Summer Session

the same way as you enrol for Autumn and Spring sessions. See [westernsydney.edu.au/summer](http://westernsydney.edu.au/summer)

### (f) Can I study at a foreign university?

The University enables students to study either one or two sessions overseas at specified universities. The arrangement between the overseas university and Western Sydney University, known as international exchange, is that the Western Sydney University student pays the Western Sydney University fees rather than the fee at the overseas university. You can only go on an international exchange after you have completed at least four units and if you have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.5 out of 7 (effectively a high pass average). For more information see [westernsydney.edu.au/globalmobility](http://westernsydney.edu.au/globalmobility) or email [exchange@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:exchange@westernsydney.edu.au)

### (g) Can I do Honours?

Students with a credit average or better can apply to do Honours. Honours requires completion of a unit titled Law Honours Dissertation. Students receive training in research methodology and then must write a research dissertation of 8-10,000 words on a legal topic, under the supervision of an academic in the School of Law. Honours gives students the opportunity to further develop and refine their legal research and writing skills and to explore and analyse a legal topic of their choice to produce a high-quality piece of academic work. Completing your degree with Honours is an effective way of making you more competitive in

the job market. Anyone wishing to do further study should consider doing Law Honours Dissertation.

Students who successfully complete the unit with a mark of 65% or greater are awarded their Law degree with Honours provided their overall performance in the LLB units results in a grade point average (GPA) of 5.5 or greater (equivalent to a high credit). For more information see [westernsydney.edu.au/law/school\\_of\\_law/honours](http://westernsydney.edu.au/law/school_of_law/honours) or email [lawhonours@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:lawhonours@westernsydney.edu.au)

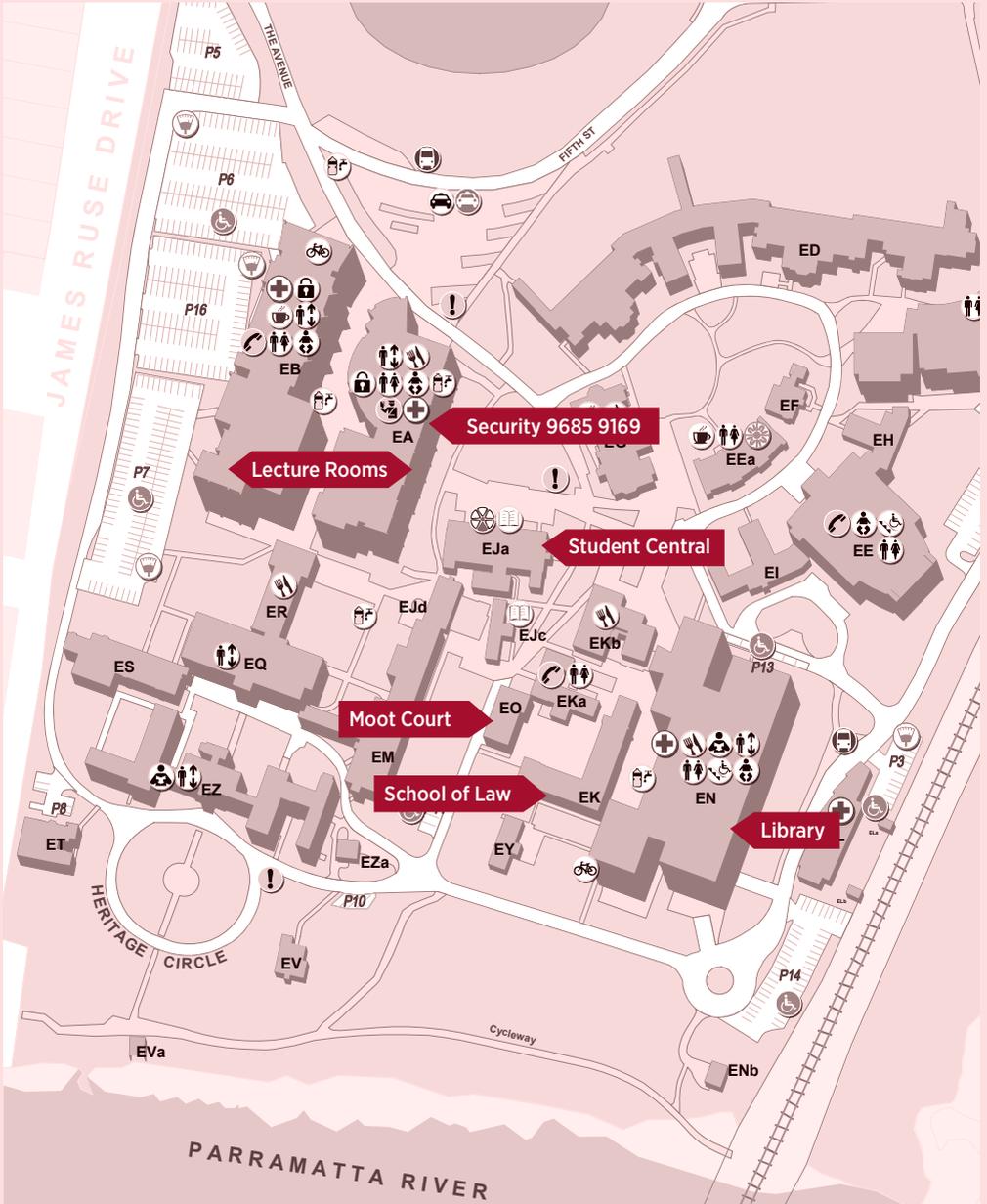
### (h) Can I change courses?

The process for changing courses depends on which course you are changing to. If you want to change from a combined degree to a straight Law degree or to a different course within the same UAC code (such as from Arts/Law to Social Science/Law), you must complete a Course Variation Application. See [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/forms](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/forms)

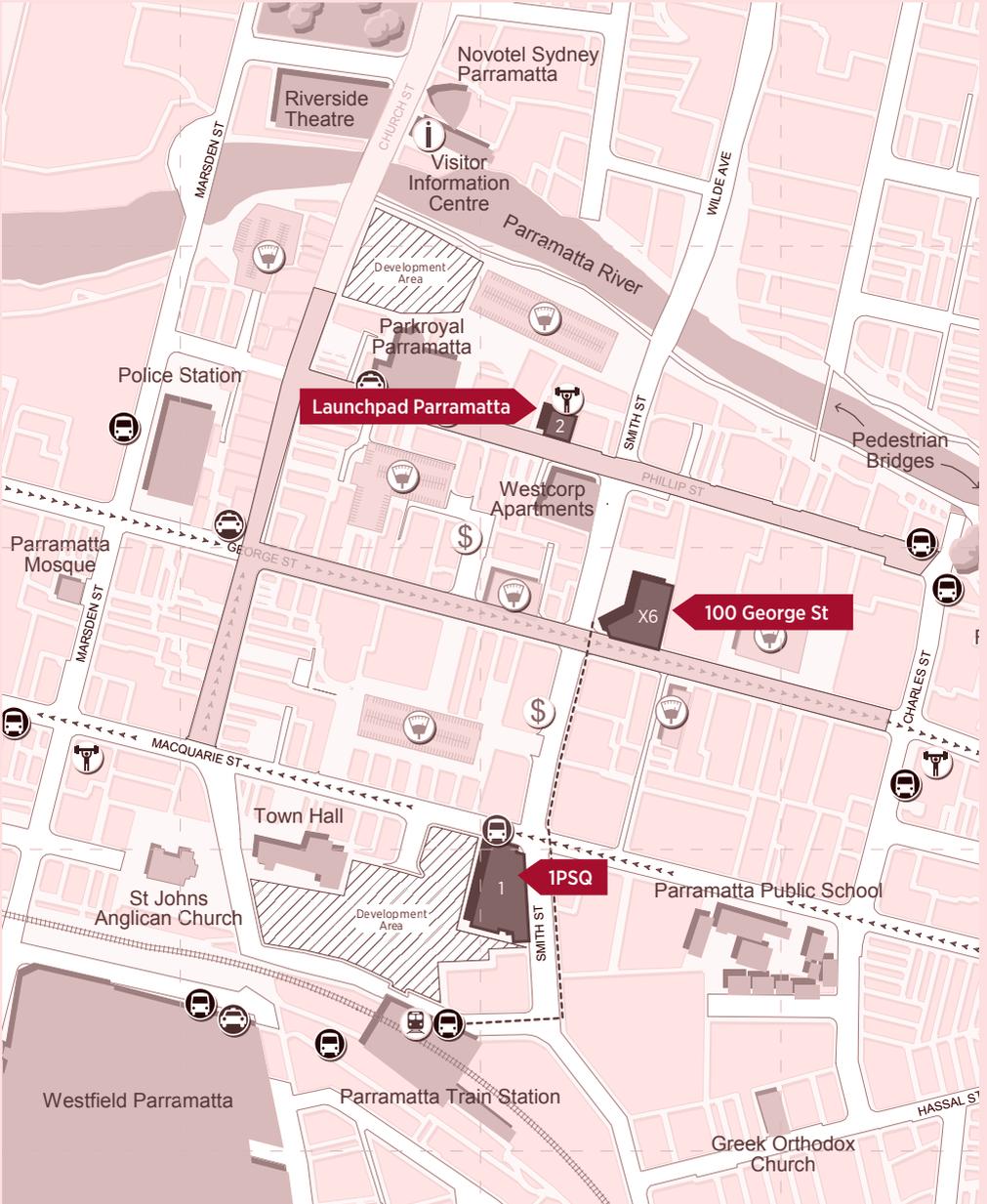
If you want to change to a course with a different UAC entry code you must reapply through either MySR or UAC. If you are successful in changing your course, you may apply for Advanced Standing for the units you have completed in your initial course.

For more information see [westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/enrolment/adding,\\_dropping\\_and\\_changing\\_units](http://westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/adding,_dropping_and_changing_units) or email [courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au)

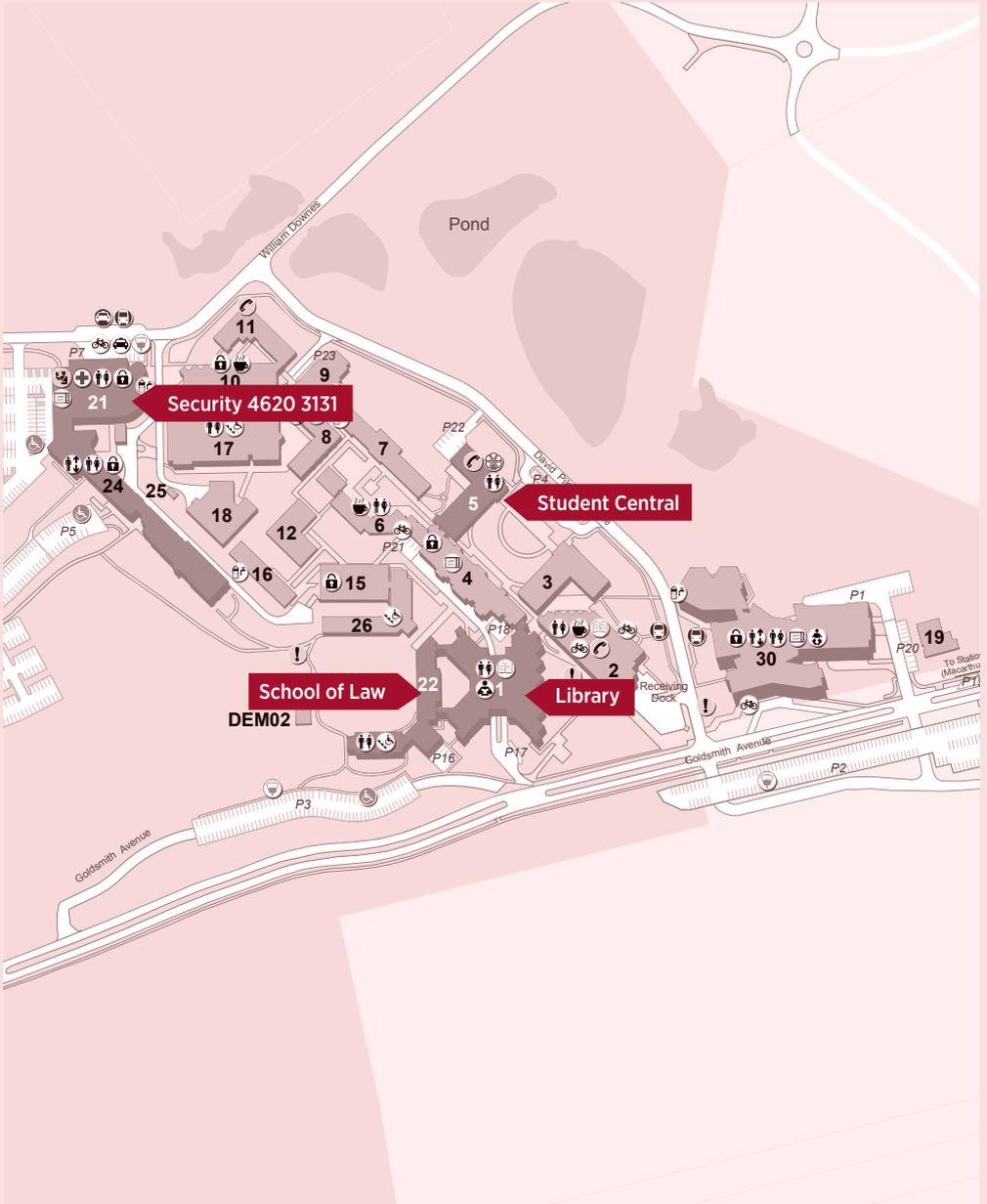
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