

# The Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB – 480 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

Distance enrolment is not available in LAWS courses.

## 1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2018.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 1877.

## 2. Variations

The Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws a student must be credited with a minimum of 480 points, comprising:

- (a) all courses from Schedule C to these Regulations;
- (b)
  - i. If LAWS301 was credited as 30 points, 180 points for the remaining compulsory courses specified in Schedule C;
  - ii. If LAWS301 was credited as 15 points, 165 points for the remaining compulsory courses specified in Schedule C.
- (c)
  - i. If LAWS301 was credited as 30 points, 180 points for courses selected from the optional 300-level courses listed in Schedule E;
  - ii. If LAWS301 was credited as 15 points, 195 points for courses selected from the optional 300-level courses listed in Schedule E.
- (d) 75 points for courses selected from any of:
  - i. courses prescribed or accepted for any bachelor's degree (except ACCT152, ACCT252 and CRJU150);
  - ii. LAWS150 (2013 only), or CRJU101, CRJU160, and LAWS102;
  - iii. other courses approved by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

A student must satisfy the Admission Regulations of the University to be admitted to this qualification.

## 5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

## 6. Time limits

- (a) This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with a time limit of 10 years.
- (b) In addition, a student completing this qualification for the purposes of admission as a Barrister and Solicitor must comply with the New Zealand Council of Legal Education time limit requirements.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

- (a) If either or both of LAWS101 and LAWS110 are credited to another degree, it or they shall also be credited to the Bachelor of Laws.
- (b) A maximum of 15 points of non-law may be cross-credited or substituted under this Regulation as follows:
  - i. In the case of a student enrolled for a double degree or a graduate who holds a bachelor's degree, one 200-level course from the schedule to the other degree may be cross-credited for one Schedule E course (15 points). The course does not need to be relevant to Law.
  - ii. In the case of a student enrolled for the LLB only:

- a. one course at 200 or 300-level from the schedule to another bachelor's degree may be substituted for one course to the LLB for a maximum of one Schedule E course (15 points) in Regulation 3(c).
- b. The substituted course must be relevant to the student's programme of study for the LLB and must be approved in advance of enrolment by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate.
- (c) In terms of the General Regulations of the University, it is declared LAWS101; LAWS110 (if credited to the other degree) and 75 points of non-law (LLB Regulation 3(d)) count towards the 120 points in common. In addition, LLB Regulation 7(b)(i) permits a further 15 points in common.
- (d) A student enrolled in the BA degree may cross-credit a LAWS200-level course to the BA instead of the further 15 points provided for in LLB Regulation 7(b)(i) (Refer to BA Regulation 7(a)(iii)). Such a student may also substitute as per Regulation 7(b)(ii) above.
- (e) For a student enrolled in the BCJ degree, the 120 points of cross-credit permitted under the General Regulations shall be: LAWS101 (30 points); 75 points non-law as per Regulation 3(d); plus CRJU201 (15 points) or SOCI 218 (15 points) cross-credited to the LLB degree in lieu of one LLB Schedule E course. In addition to this, LAWS202 Criminal Law may be cross-credited to the BCJ in place of (i) CRJU202 (15 points) and (ii) one BCJ Schedule E 200-level elective course (15 points) (refer to BCJ Regulation 7(a)(ii)).
- (f) A student enrolled in the BCom may:
  - i. cross-credit (in addition to the 120 points provided for in Regulation 7(c)) a total of 30 points between the BCom and the LLB as provided for in BCom Regulation 7(a). This includes any cross-credit to the LLB in terms of LLB Regulation 7(b)(i) (15 points); or
  - ii. cross-credit a LAWS200 course to the BCom for the 30 points provided for in (f)(i) above. In this case, no further cross-credit applies in terms of LLB Regulation 7(b)(i). Such students may, however, substitute a non-law course to the LLB in terms of Regulation 7(b)(ii).

## 8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with the following stipulations:

- (a) A student may not enrol in LAWS301 or any 300-level course listed in Schedule E unless they have been credited with:
  - i. LAWS101, LAWS110 and the courses required by Regulation 3(d), unless exempted under Regulation 8(b) below; and
  - ii. all the LAWS 200-level courses or is concurrently enrolled in those LAWS 200-level courses not yet credited.
- (b) A student who holds an Aotearoa New Zealand degree, or who is admitted with Equivalent Standing on the basis of an overseas degree:
  - i. is exempt from the courses worth 75 points specified in Regulation 3(d), and;
  - ii. may apply to the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate for concurrent enrolment in 100 and 200-level Law courses. If admitted to concurrent enrolment, a student must enrol in LAWS101 and LAWS110 and such 200-level courses as are approved by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate.
- (c) The Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate may exempt a student enrolled in the LLB or Certificate of Proficiency from any prerequisite or co-requisite requirement.

## 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

- (a) Honours, Distinction and Merit are not awarded for this degree.
- (b) Refer to the Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

There are no advancing or exit qualifications for this degree.

## 11. Programme of Study

- (a) The Programme of Study for full-time students is stipulated below. Students enrolled on a part-time basis must seek academic advice in relation to their enrolment.
- (b) The Programme of Study for students in their first year of enrolment in the LLB degree includes 120 points for LAWS101, LAWS110 and the courses required by Regulation 3(d), unless exempted under Regulation 8(b).

- (c) Subject to Regulation 7, the Programme of Study for students in their second year of enrolment of the LLB degree consists of:
  - i. in the case of students enrolled for the LLB only, 120 points for LAWS203, LAWS204, LAWS205 and LAWS206.
  - ii. in the case of students enrolled for a double degree,
    - a. 90 points for LAWS203, LAWS205, LAWS206, and
    - b. a maximum of 60 points selected from the Schedule to the other degree.
- (d) Subject to Regulation 7, the Programme of Study for students in their third year of enrolment in the LLB degree consists of:
  - i. in the case of students enrolled for the LLB only, 45 points for LAWS202 and LAWS301, and a maximum of 105 points for 300-level courses listed in Schedule E.
  - ii. in the case of students enrolled for a double degree,
    - a. 75 points for LAWS202, LAWS204, LAWS301; and
    - b. a maximum of 75 points for 300-level courses selected from Schedule E and/or courses selected from the Schedule to the other degree.
- (e) Subject to Regulation 7, the Programme of Study for students in their fourth year of study and enrolled for the LLB only consists of a maximum of 150 points selected from 300-level courses listed in Schedule E.
- (f) Subject to Regulation 7, the Programme of Study for students in their fourth and subsequent years of study and enrolled for a double degree consists of a maximum of 150 points for courses selected from 300-level courses listed in Schedule E and/or courses selected from the Schedule to the other degree.
- (g) Students who fail any Schedule C course must seek academic advice in relation to their ongoing programme of study.

## 12. Professional requirements

A student wishing to seek admission as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand must have:

- (a) passed LAWS398 Legal Ethics; and
- (b) completed successfully a further programme of study offered by providers approved by the New Zealand Council of Legal Education; and
- (c) satisfied all other criteria specified by the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

Notes:

1. In the case of a student to whom Regulation 8(b)ii or 8(c) applies, LAWS101 and LAWS110 are not prerequisites for LAWS 200 and 300-level courses.
2. 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 Te Kaupeka Ture | Faculty of Law website.

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
LAWS101	Legal System: Legal Method and Institutions	30	W	Campus	C: LAWS110 R: CRJU150
LAWS110	Legal Foundations, Research and Writing	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS 101
LAWS202	Criminal Law	30	W	Campus	P: LAWS203, LAWS205 and LAWS206 C: LAWS204, LAWS301
LAWS203	The Law of Contract	30	W	Campus	P: LAWS101 and LAWS110 C: LAWS205 and LAWS206
LAWS204	The Law of Torts	30	W	Campus	P: LAWS101 and LAWS110 C: LAWS203, LAWS205 and LAWS206
LAWS205	Land Law	30	W	Campus	P: LAWS101 and LAWS110 C: LAWS203 and LAWS206
LAWS206	Public Law	30	W	Campus	P: LAWS101 and LAWS110 C: LAWS203 and LAWS205
LAWS301	Equity and Trusts	15	S1	Campus	P: LAWS203, LAWS205 and LAWS206 C: LAWS202 and LAWS204

Note: LAWS202–206 are limited entry courses – refer to the Enrolment Regulations.

## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws

### 300-level courses

Note: LAWS339, LAWS359, LAWS382, and LAWS387 are limited entry courses or courses requiring a special application – refer to the Enrolment Regulations. Not all courses may be offered in any one year. A student should consult the Course Catalogue or Te Kaupeka Ture | Faculty of Law as to which courses are to be offered.

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
LAWS303	Advanced Employment Law	15	NO		P: LAWS363 C: LAWS202–LAWS206 R: LAWS318
LAWS305	Company Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202–LAWS206 R: LAWS312
LAWS307	The Principles of Evidence	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202–LAWS206 R: LAWS316, CRJU308
LAWS309	Child and Family Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202–LAWS206 R: LAWS317
LAWS310	Relationship Property and Family Finance	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202–LAWS206 R: LAWS317
LAWS314	Environmental Law, Policy and Society	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202–LAWS206 R: LAWS304

LAWS315	Transnational Criminal Law	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: CRJU311 EQ: CRJU311
LAWS319	Environmental Law, Conservation and the Public Interest	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS304
LAWS320	NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS321	International Criminal Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: CRJU309 EQ: CRJU309
LAWS322	International Human Rights	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS323	Immigration and Refugee Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS324	Principles of Public International Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS342, LAWS375 (prior to 2006)
LAWS326	Treaty Settlement Negotiations	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS327	International Environmental Law	15	NO		P: LAWS324 C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: ILAP612
LAWS330	Intellectual Property Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS331	Commercial Law I: Sales and Consumer Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS311
LAWS332	Commercial Law II: Personal Property Security and Credit	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS311
LAWS335	Insolvency Law	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202 - LAWS206
LAWS336	Antarctic Legal Studies	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS372 (prior to 2006), ANTA402
LAWS338	World Trade Law	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: ILAP608
LAWS339	Negotiation and the Lawyer	15	SU2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS369 (prior to 2006)
LAWS341	Insurance Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS344	Gender and the Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS346	Commercial Law 3: Commercial Relationships	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS348	Research Project	15	S1	Campus	P: Head of Department permission mandatory C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS379 (prior to 2006)
			S2	Campus	
LAWS350	Competition Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: AFIS355, ACIS355
LAWS351	Law and Sport	15	SU2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS352	Taxation Law	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS394 (1999), LAWS395 (2000-2001)
LAWS354	Judicial Review	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS394 (2000-2002)
LAWS355	European Union Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: EURO311, EURA311
LAWS356	Nature, Resources and the Law	15	NO		P: LAWS205 C: LAWS202-204; LAWS206
LAWS358	The Rights of Indigenous Peoples	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS359	Trial Advocacy	15	S2	Campus	P: LAWS316 or LAWS307. C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS397

LAWS360	Jurisprudence	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS302
LAWS362	Disasters and the Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS363	Employment Law	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS318
LAWS364	Law of the Sea	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS362 prior to 2010, ILAP630
LAWS365	Issues in Policing and Prosecution	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS337, CRJU307 EQ: CRJU307
LAWS366	Sentencing Theory and Practice	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS337; CRJU301 EQ: CRJU301
LAWS368	Comparative Law: New Zealand Law in Global Context	15	NO		C: LAWS202 - LAWS206
LAWS370	Problems in International and Regional Trade	15	NO		C: LAWS202 - LAWS206 R: ILAP633
LAWS371	International Investment Law and Arbitration	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS333 and ILAP634
LAWS373	Washington Internship	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
LAWS376	Resource Management Law: Selected Issues	15	NO		C: LAWS202 - LAWS206
LAWS378	Genetics, Neuroscience and the Criminal Law	15	NO		P: (1) LAWS202, or (2) CRJU202 and 45 additional points at 200-level from Schedule C of the BCJ and Amo Matua, Ture   Executive Dean of Law approval. C: LAWS203-LAWS206 R: CRJU313
LAWS380	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Procedure	15	SU1	Campus	P: LAWS202 or CRJU202 C: LAWS203-LAWS206 R: CRJU312 EQ: CRJU312
LAWS381	Landlord and Tenant	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS382	Legal Internship	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of Head of School. C: LAWS202-LAWS206
			S2	Campus	
LAWS383	Law and Medicine	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: CRJU313
LAWS384	Legislation: Law-Making for the 21st Century	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS386	The Capstone Course: Applied Professional Skills	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS306
LAWS387	Advanced Public Law	15	NO		P: LAWS206 C: LAWS202-LAWS205
LAWS388	European Public Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: EURO333, EURA333 EQ: EURA333, EURO333
LAWS390	Private International Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS391	Māori Land Law	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LAWS392	The Treaty of Waitangi	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: POLS218; POLS258; HIST268; SOCI209; HSRV207; MAOR219

LAWS393	Contemporary Issues in Land Law	15	S2	Campus	P: LAWS205 C: LAWS202-LAWS204, LAWS206
LAWS396	Media Law	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: COMS233
LAWS397	Civil Procedure	15	S2	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS359
LAWS398	Legal Ethics	15	S1	Campus	C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS370 (prior to 2006), LAWS399 (prior to 2006)
LLAW300	Pacific Legal Studies	15	NO		C: LAWS202-LAWS206
LLAW304	Special Topic: Law and Counter-terrorism	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Amo Matua, Ture   Executive Dean of Law C: LAWS202-206
LLAW305	Legal, Regulatory, and Policy Considerations Around AI Technologies	15	S1	Campus	P: LAWS101 C: LAWS202-LAWS206 R: LAWS367, DATA305 EQ: DATA305
LLAW321	Tikanga Māori   Māori Laws and Philosophy	15	S2	UC Online	C: LAWS202-LAWS206