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Adelaide Law School Career Guide



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Welcome from the Dean



The Adelaide Law School brings together a rich history of excellence and well-established international and local networks of legal industry experts, academics and alumni. Since our inception in 1883, we shape graduates by arming them with the skills and knowledge that equips them for an exciting future.

We offer a range of real-world experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom—from international study

tours and exchanges, to industry placements and practical training in our student run legal clinics. Our diverse, engaged and passionate community of well qualified staff and eager students provides an exceptional learning environment and an opportunity to engage in developing new law and law reform.

Our programs provide students with the legal knowledge and attributes that will prepare them to excel in their career, whether they decide to practise law or work across industry, government or community organisations.

If you are interested in building a solid legal foundation for your future career, I encourage you to consider studying at the Adelaide Law School.

Professor Christopher Symes

Dean of Law



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Adelaide Law School



Ranked in top 1% of universities worldwide[^]

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SA's no. 1 Uni for graduate employability*



Member of the Group of Eight



Produced over 100 Rhodes Scholars

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Associated with 5 Nobel Prize winners

[^]Times Higher Education and QS Ranking
^{*}QS Graduate Employability Ranking 2020

Developing leaders in law

Established in 1883, the Adelaide Law School is the pioneer in the teaching of law. With over 130+ years of experience, excellence and prestige, we continue to deliver a culture of progression and a history of ground-breaking firsts.

From our early beginnings, we set out to create a compelling vision for the future. We were the first university in Australia to admit women to academic courses. We were the first in educating the State's first female Governor Dame Roma Mitchell, the first female Attorney General Vicki Chapman, and the first Aboriginal law graduate, Professor Irene Watson.

We are firmly placed as the top law school in South Australia. Our graduates include high court judges and recognised faces in politics, such as the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Chris Kourakis, Senator Penny Wong, former Premier Jay Weatherill, and former Senators Nick Xenophon and Natasha Stott Despoja.

Our subject matter expertise



Shaping the world of tomorrow

If you think of any issues facing humanity today, there is a good chance the law has or will have an impact on it.

So much of the world we live in today has a legal dimension. From the environment, to the use of artificial intelligence, driverless cars, or missions to space, the Adelaide Law School is a world leader in shaping the future.

Research in action

With over 125 years of being a world leader in legal research, the Adelaide Law School continues to break barriers and contribute significantly to the economic and social benefit of society. From legal reform to the development of space law, environmental law and human rights law, our contribution and impact to society will help shape the future for generations to come.

Our subject matter expertise span across several interest areas, such as International Affairs, Society and Ethics, Government and Citizenship, Work Health and Environment, and Commerce, Innovation and Technology.

Our key achievements include effecting major changes in diverse areas, such as LGBTIQ discrimination, domestic violence, the abolition of the contentious provocation defence, abortion, surrogacy and various areas of succession law including powers of attorney, the common law forfeiture rule, intestacy and family inheritance.



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Society & Ethics

- Law and religion
- Medical law and ethics
- Criminal law and justice
- Property and environment
- Human rights and discrimination

International Affairs

- Space law
- International law
- Military law and ethics
- Protection and cultural property
- Privacy, surveillance and big data

Subject matter expertise

Commerce, Innovation & Technology

- Intellectual property law
- International trade law
- Corporate social responsibility
- Technology law and regulation
- Bankruptcy and insolvency law

Government & Citizenship

- Environmental law
- Migration and refugee issues
- Human rights and anti-discrimination law
- Australia's constitutional and political systems

Work, Health & Environment

- Work and employment regulations
- Medical law and ethics
- Intellectual property
- Sustainability and climate change
- Energy and natural resources

International affairs

Contemporary challenges associated with military law, national security, international law, military justice, international relations, and strategic policy and space law are just some of the areas we specialise in at the Adelaide Law School.

We aim to facilitate the emergence of creative inter-disciplinary communication associated with international affairs and consider its impact both internationally and locally. We also consider issues relating to privacy, surveillance and big data.

Military law and ethics

Military law and ethics are concerned with transnational and inter-jurisdictional practices within a global context. Key areas of interest include international law, the law of treaties, international maritime law, international humanitarian law, and international space law. Our area of expertise seeks to manage military priorities that concern humanitarian issues.

We aim to deconstruct the complex dimensions of strategy, politics and ethics associated with military law and warfare. We also consider the ethical and moral issues relating to the use of force and the complexities of national security.

Space law

Space has become an essential component to the functioning of societies in the areas of communications, transportation, commerce and health. Space law considers the heavy reliance upon space infrastructure for national security and the functioning of civil society. Space law aids in managing diplomatic efforts in preventing international conflict and allocation of potential resources.

One of our current projects, the Woomera Manual, aims to articulate and clarify existing international laws applicable to military space operations. It will become the definitive document on military and security laws as applied to space. The Adelaide Law School, together with dozens of legal and space operations experts from around the world, has worked collaboratively on this project.



Nicholas Garbas
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce (Corporate Finance)
Lawyer, Coors Chambers Westgarth

Nicholas has always loved space and rockets but knew a career in engineering wasn't for him. After deciding on a double degree in law and commerce, Nicholas found himself on a study tour to the United States of America to learn about space law. Taking classes at the College of Law in Nebraska, Nicholas learnt about cyber, intellectual property and communications law and went on day trips to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the Pentagon.

Now a lawyer at a commercial law firm, Nicolas works on commercial projects, which include transactions and the provision of advisory services for international corporations, governments, banks and financial sponsors.

“Going on day trips to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the Pentagon was impressive. At the NGA, we heard from senior policy advisors and learnt about cyber security. At the Pentagon, we met with JAG officers to discuss government objectives regarding national security and space operations.”

“The ability to delve into a particular niche area of interest with the continuous support of passionate faculty members is the Law School’s point of distinction. The University recognises that space law is an increasingly important and growing area of law and provides students like me with opportunities we never considered possible. During my studies I had the opportunity to work as a research assistant with the Research Unit on Military Law and Ethics, focusing on Military Space Systems for the Space Security Index 2017.”

Lisa Saloukvadze
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce



Society and ethics

With a focus on society and ethics, many areas of law respond to social movements through law reform. We at the Adelaide Law School continually examine an array of social issues that arise in every-day life. We investigate and pursue practical solutions for both contemporary social and legal problems.

Our broad areas of interest include medical law and ethics, criminal law and justice, property and environment, and human rights and discrimination. We also consider the relationship between law and theology, and the separation of church and state.

We investigate the effects of innovative medical treatment and medical decision-making in relation to ethics and the law. We consider the underpinning principles of criminal law and justice. We also examine the ethical basis of ownership, especially in relation to land and other natural resources.

The South Australian Law Reform Institute (SALRI)

The South Australian Law Reform Institute (SALRI) is an independent, non-partisan, law reform body based at the Adelaide Law School which was established in 2010 under an agreement between the Attorney-General of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and the Law Society of South Australia. Its objectives include modernisation of the law, the elimination of defects in the law, consolidation of any laws, the repeal of laws that are obsolete or unnecessary and uniformity between laws of other States and the Commonwealth.

SALRI conducts inquiries, also known as references, into areas of law which are selected by SALRI's expert Advisory Board and are often at the request of the State Attorney-General. SALRI considers how the applicable law and practice work in South Australia and other places (both in Australia and overseas), the research and commentary available and consults widely with the community, interested parties and experts.

SALRI adopts a multi-disciplinary approach and looks at relevant disciplines beyond law. Based on its extensive research and consultation throughout an inquiry, SALRI then makes recommendations to the State Government so that the Government and Parliament can make informed decisions about any changes to law and practice. SALRI's recommendations do not automatically become law, but they may be acted upon and accepted by the Government and Parliament. Any decision on accepting a SALRI recommendation is entirely for the Government and Parliament.

SALRI is linked to the Law Reform class at Adelaide University. The class plays an important role in SALRI's work and research and students have the opportunity to see their work directly contribute to major law reforms.



“I really enjoyed my final year course, Law Reform, where I contributed to the work of the South Australian Law Reform Institute. It gave me a great insight into the law reform process and I could see the real-world impact my work had. This experienced influenced my career choice in public policy. Also, in the later years of my degree, I participated in a number of programs focusing on career readiness and skills. I also did an internship through my law degree at the Crown Solicitor’s Office. This gave me a great insight into the legal profession and counted as a subject towards my degree.”

Elizabeth Alvaro
Bachelor of Laws (Honours),
Bachelor of Economics
Associate Director, Deloitte Access Economics

Government and citizenship

The Australian Constitution established a system of government for Australia that has remained largely unchanged since the beginning of the 20th century. Yet the identity of Australian society, the operation of its government, and the functioning of its legal system have experienced significant changes since that time.

At the Adelaide Law School, we examine issues that go to the very heart of Australian identity, including relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, large-scale permanent and temporary migration, and the humanitarian efforts in re-settling refugees.

Public law and the constitution

With a focus on government accountability, human rights institutions and protections, and the freedom of information, administrative law considers the statutory mechanisms for holding government to account, including the more overarching constraint of the rule of law.

We provide expertise on the foundations of public law in Australia and regularly contribute to government and parliamentary inquiries into contemporary issues in public law and policy. We consider Australia's constitutional and political systems and scrutinize government integrity and accountability. We also review human rights and anti-discrimination laws, environmental law, migration and refugee issues, and local government law.



Work, health and environment

There are countless significant and pressing legal questions arising from the changing nature of work, health and environment.

We at the Adelaide Law School respond to and investigate such matters across multiple interest areas including, the labour market, workplace relations, medical policy, and environmental protection.

Work and employment regulation

Our interests lie in the legal rules and various forms of regulations that govern eligibility to perform work, the conduct of individual and collective work relations, and the operation of the labour market. We respond to and investigate such matters as alternative forms of work in the gig economy, the rise of unpaid work and internships and the increasingly global movement of workers through the phenomenon of temporary labour migration.

Health, medical and biotech law

With major advances in medical technology and policy, healthcare is becoming increasingly complex and regulated. Health, medical and biotech law explores important bioethical and medical questions confronting humanity today, and considers issues such as including vulnerable populations in advanced care planning, and the regulatory challenges associated with medical technology.

Environmental law

Environmental protection and the development of renewable energy are at the heart of our research into the environment and natural resources. Environmental law considers the way we might re-conceive our relationship to the environment and what this means within a legal framework. We address global environmental and sustainability challenges by considering the broader scientific, policy and ethical debates that influence legal measures and solutions that impact climate change.

“Law is a great degree that provides you with the skill set you need to advocate for others and engage in our increasingly complex political system. Now working as an industrial officer, my responsibilities include improving workplace pay and conditions through negotiating Enterprise Bargaining Agreements, running collective legal or campaign actions, as well as representing union members in individual legal matters, like underpayments and unfair dismissals.”

Ali Amin
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
Industrial Officer



Commerce, innovation and technology

In a globalised business world, growing areas of case law and legislative regulation have occurred in the areas of commercial, innovation and technology.



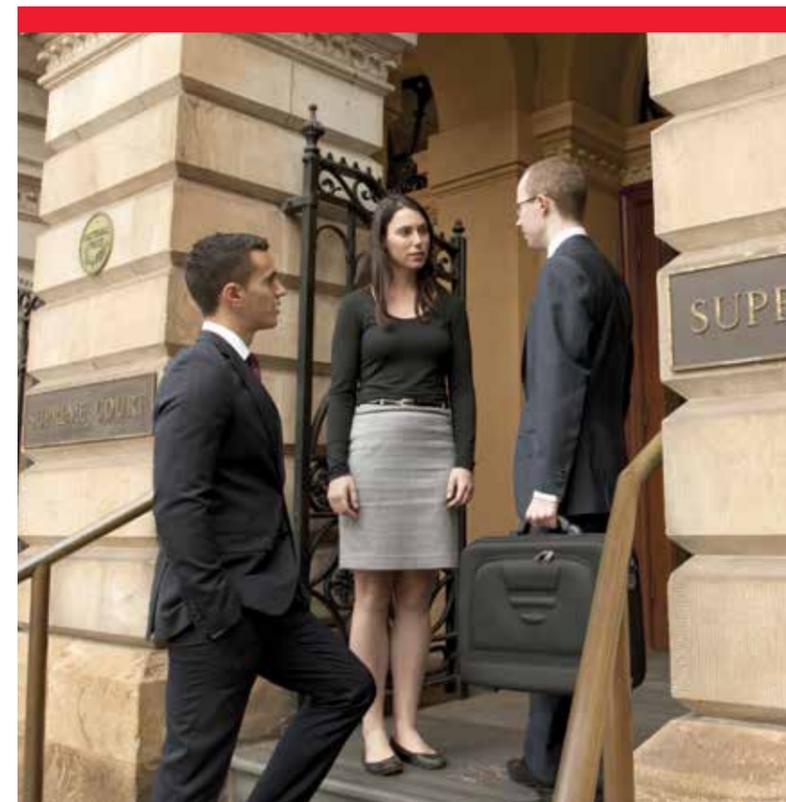
Business practices have changed dramatically in response to the global pandemic and there have been significant changes made to the many laws, rules and regulations which govern business operations.

Innovation, technology and economic growth pose several challenges to traditional models of corporate and commercial law, which highlight efficient use of existing resources.

Corporate, insolvency and taxation law

At the Adelaide Law School, we provide an independent and informed perspective on regulatory developments in taxation and tax policy, and modern insolvency law. We facilitate and host events on these areas of law and policy, and coordinate submissions to relevant government and parliamentary bodies on the issues of the day.

Some areas we focus on include intellectual property law, bankruptcy and insolvency law, corporate and commercial law and governance, technology law and regulation, corporate social responsibility, and international trade law.



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Where can a law degree take you?

Study in Adelaide, but go anywhere

Studying law with us could take you all over the world, from international law and human rights, to sports law and entertainment, to artificial intelligence or international policy and defence. Whatever your interest areas are, you can tailor your law degree to suit your career needs.

All of our law graduates work with the law, but in different ways. You may choose to work within the legal sector or in other industries where knowledge of the law is helpful. Or, you may wish to apply your legal knowledge and skills outside of traditional legal practice.

Roles for law graduates are expanding significantly. Our graduates are highly sort after by employers, and you may find yourself working across industry, government, commerce, community organisations or academic institutions. The Adelaide Law School will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge to manage the many challenges of a changing world.

Whichever career path you choose, our well-established networks across the legal profession and access to an impressive global network of international opportunities will provide you with a learning environment like no other.



Careers in law



A career in law is an opportunity to advocate, affect change and have an impact. Our graduates work across many different areas of law. You might guide innovating businesses as an in-house counsel or lead legal reform drafting new bills in government. Perhaps you'll prosecute criminals, or preside in a Supreme Court.

Potential careers:

Barrister, business lawyer, community legal services officer, corporate lawyer, patent attorney, juris doctor, judicial associate, lawyer, legal officer, legal aid or solicitor.

Barrister

Barristers are experts in the courtroom. They advocate on the behalf of their clients by making court appearances, presenting evidence, arguing points of law, and examining witnesses. They also draft advice and review court documents, and frequently work alongside a solicitor.

Judicial associate

Judicial associates provide personal and professional support to their assigned Judge. They handle legal research, managing files, in-court proceedings, and managing case outcomes.

Lawyer

Lawyers must be admitted to practice and registered with a State or Territory admitting authority and may then practice as a solicitor or as a barrister, by undertaking further training and gaining admission to The Bar. Lawyers may specialise in a particular area of law, including corporate law, contract law, criminal law, employment law or family law. Depending on the area of specialisation, lawyers are responsible for providing legal advice, preparing documents or drafting contracts, providing evidence or reviewing charges.

Legal officer

Legal officers manage organisational affairs across a variety of industries in relation to legal concerns. They are tasked with providing legal advice, drafting and reviewing documents, identifying risks, and staying up-to-date with current laws. Legal officers may also lead and manage other members within their legal team.

Patent attorney

Patent attorneys may be lawyers, engineers or scientists who specialise in intellectual property. They advise clients on laws related to patents and trademarks. They conduct audits, litigation, and prepare patent requirements. Patent attorneys also help manage their client's portfolios by advising on patent registrations.

“I studied at the University of Adelaide because it’s the leading law school in South Australia. There’s a great range of electives, which allowed me to develop the skills I needed to become a successful lawyer. I learnt about the various legal and social issues that I otherwise would not have turned my mind to.”

Deanna Gatto
Bachelor of Laws
Family Lawyer



Graduate stories

Thomas Haskell

Bachelor of Laws,
Bachelor of Arts (Politics and International Relations)

Why did you choose your degree and why did you choose to study at the University of Adelaide?

I was drawn to the idea of studying at one of the oldest law schools in Australia. Being able to work, study and socialise in the heart of the Adelaide CBD was a fantastic experience. I also liked the idea of becoming a lawyer to use my skills in problem-solving and advocacy to help those who may not have had all the advantages in life as I did.

What did you enjoy most about your degree and how has it helped you in your career?

I enjoyed being able to engage with the theoretical side of the law and to question why we have the laws we do. I have been able to use the skills I learnt in my law degree to work on some really interesting, challenging and rewarding matters. The University also provided an environment where I could engage in a multitude of extra-curricular activities. I was lucky enough to edit the student magazine, which has given me a plethora of skills to draw upon in my professional life.

You undertook a global learning experience whilst studying at the University. What was the best thing about this experience?

I undertook two study tours. I studied in Europe during the lead-up to the Brexit vote and also in Vietnam to focus on international development. Both experiences have been invaluable, not only to my academic development but also to my personal development. The opportunity to study abroad and talk to some of the leading academics in their respective areas was a fantastic experience. I met some really cool people and had some wonderful experiences which shaped my perspective on things more broadly.

What is your current role and what kind of work does that involve?

I'm currently undertaking the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) and working as a Law Clerk with Mark Gustavsson & Associates. My day involves assisting the firm's solicitors with their matters which can involve drafting pleadings, court documents or talking to clients to help them out with their matter.



Careers beyond law



Studying law doesn't mean that you need to become a lawyer. By combining your law degree with a degree in commerce, business, arts or health and medical sciences, you can open up your career prospects in any number of areas.

Potential careers:

Advertising strategist, business management, community development officer, communications advisor, diplomatic corps, financial analyst, foreign affairs officer, foreign aid worker, fund and portfolio manager, government or corporate policy adviser, intelligence officer, international trade or business analyst, journalist, market researcher, member of parliament, news presenter, NGO policy officer, policy developer, public servant, political advisor, politician, stockbroker, taxation officer, translator, or UN human rights officer.

Communications advisor

Communications advisors develop media and communication strategies and maintain key stakeholder relationships, both internally and externally. They respond to media inquiries, write reports, speeches, press releases and general copywriting. They deliver communications plans, report on strategy performance and may act as a media spokesperson.

Financial analyst

Financial analysts report on financial information. They review financial data, financial performance and identify market trends. They prepare reports and communicate their analysis to key stakeholders. Consulting with their management team, they develop financial plans and outline budgets that will help improve business management. Financial analysts also explore investment opportunities, develop financial models, forecasts and policies that may increase financial growth.

Foreign affairs

Foreign affairs representatives include those who work as a diplomat, consular officer, negotiator or advisor. They work to promote and protect their country's international interests and manage global issues, improve trade and investment relations, and support security operations. Foreign affairs representatives may work in an Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate.

Government or corporate policy advisor

Policy advisors work in both government or corporate sectors and advise relevant stakeholders on regulatory and policy issues. They prepare reports and respond to government communications. They identify potential issues, manage reforms and make recommendations on internal communications. Policy advisors also analyse and review information, report on policies and stay informed with legislation.

Intelligence officer

Intelligence officers gather and analyse information and assemble intelligence for government or corporate entities. They support operations by collecting and analysing data and assess potential risks. They also organise and circulate intelligence information, such as reports, briefs, maps and charts.

Political advisor

Political advisors consult and advise government officials and their key stakeholders on a range of issues. They collect and analyse data, identify potential issues, and maintain current knowledge on policy, economics and social trends. They write speeches, policy papers, internal communications, and draft legislative proposals.



Graduate stories

Emma Stone

Bachelor of Laws (Honours),
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

Why did you choose your degree and why did you choose to study at the University of Adelaide?

I wanted to study at the University of Adelaide because it is a Group of Eight university. I also wanted to keep my skill set as broad as possible so that I could flex to suit the opportunities that I was most interested in as they arose. I chose a double degree to challenge myself to think about business differently. It also forced me to take subjects that I never would have considered for myself, but they really expanded my thinking.

What did you enjoy most about your degree and how has it helped you in your career?

I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet different people and make lifelong friends—even though we all work in very different fields. I also enjoyed taking courses in Income Tax Law, Constitutional Law and Corporate Law because they gave me foundational knowledge that has helped me to understand the world in which some of them operate. The group work also helped me to develop the soft skills required for working at large corporations. As a young professional, you need to be able to interact with a diverse range of people and adapt your style to get the most out of different people.

You undertook a global learning experience whilst studying at the University. What was the best thing about this experience?

I studied at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands for six months and it was one of the best experiences I had at university. I spent every other weekend in a different European country and lived in a share house of students from all over the world. I cannot recommend this experience enough!

What is your current role and what kind of work does that involve?

I work at Deloitte Australia as an Organisational Transformation Consultant. My role involves working with large private and public sector clients and supporting them through any significant business transformation. My responsibilities include user experience analysis, stakeholder assessments, change impact assessments, leadership capability and any communications and training the client needs to support its stakeholders through the business transformation.



Our Bachelor of Laws degree and your options

Graduate with a world-class degree—or two—and become equipped with the necessary analytical and problem-solving skills that give you a competitive edge. Learn the art of reasoning, negotiation, advocacy, risk management, and communication.



We offer a broad range of electives, enabling you to shape your degree and your future with the knowledge and the skills relevant to different areas of law, as well as across a variety of industries.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

Balance the scales of justice

Studying law is about understanding our society and the power structures within it. Why do we have the laws we do? How have they evolved? How should we interpret them?

Whether you want to uphold, use or change the system—law can take you just about anywhere.

What will you do?

Our Bachelor of Laws can be completed as a single degree, or double degree program. You will:

- explore legal concepts, processes and methods within common law principles and legal methodology
- build ethical reasoning, policy-based analysis and oratory skills
- gain rigorous knowledge of the areas of law necessary to undertake legal practice
- go deeper by choosing from our broad list of electives
- be inspired by and learn from legal professionals, former judges and international academics
- benefit from our global partnerships including Mannheim University and Oxford University
- undertake internships in areas such as Public Law, Native Title Law and Human Rights Law
- form connections through the University's Lex Salus, Next Steps and Law Students' Society events.

Where could it take you?

Law can take you all over the world. You might advocate for asylum seekers or be a voice for the environment. You could guide innovating businesses as an in-house counsel or lead legal reform drafting new bills in government. Perhaps you'll go on to prosecute criminals, or preside in a Supreme Court.

Our Bachelor of Laws is accredited by the Legal Practitioners' Education and Admission Council in South Australia, and provides the academic foundation for admission to legal practice throughout Australia.

To be admitted to practice in Australia, however, you must complete further practical legal training. In South Australia, we—the University of Adelaide—together with the Law Society of South Australia, provide this additional training through our Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP).

“I was privileged enough to have undertaken a legal internship in Beijing China and a research internship with a think-tank based in the United States. Having the full support of the University to develop a practical awareness of some of Australia's most vital economic partners was profound for my career, leading me to take up a role in Singapore after I graduated.”

Samuel Romano
Bachelor of Laws (Honours),
Bachelor of Arts





“I undertook an internship with the Department for Trade and Investing within the Industry Capability Network. The internship was facilitated through the University and was an opportunity to develop career-specific technical skills, whilst contributing to the work of a passionate, hard-working team. I also undertook the Summer School for Sustainability programme at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, which was pretty exciting and counted towards my course credit.”

Chelsea Fernandez
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Economics (Advanced)

Why study law with us?

We are South Australia’s highest ranked Law School for exceptional performance and quality standards.* You will learn from industry leaders, such as legal professionals and former judges and award-winning academics. Our well-established local and international networks provide students with exceptional opportunities.

We offer a broad range of elective choices, allowing you to shape your degree and your future with knowledge relevant to the different areas of law and across industries. Why not diversify your studies and become a global citizen, by studying overseas? Whether it’s a short 2-week study tour in China or a whole year of exchange in France, you can choose an experience that suits you.

Our Practical legal training (GDLP) is offered as an optional extension to your degree, giving you a greater flexibility of choice.

*QS World Rankings by Subject 2020

The Priestley 11

The Priestley 11 refers to the number of core legal courses you must complete to be admitted as a legal practitioner in Australia. The Priestley 11 is named after The Honourable Justice Lancelot John Priestley, who in the 1990s was chairperson of the Law Admissions Consultative Committee in Australia, and set the minimum university study requirements for legal practice.

Subjects include:

- Administration Law
- Civil Procedure
- Company Law
- Contracts
- Torts
- Equity (including trusts)
- Evidence
- Property
- Professional Conduct
- Criminal and Law Procedure
- Federal and State Constitutional Law.

By completing the Priestley 11, you will be equipped with the necessary law skills to be eligible to become a practicing lawyer in the Commonwealth of Australia.

All students must pass these 11 courses to satisfy the minimum requirements of their law degree.

“I enjoyed every course I undertook at the University of Adelaide, but I will say that the Priestley 11 really prepared me well for my future profession. Corporate Law piqued my interest in commercial transactions, and Evidence was a complex course, but I found it very rewarding.”

Nicholas Burnet
Bachelor of Laws,
Bachelor of Economics, GDLP
Solicitor, Mark Gustavsson & Associates





Double degree options

Tailor your degree to suit your career needs. The Bachelor of Laws can be undertaken at the same time with a number of other degrees.

Graduates who complete a concurrent law degree are uniquely placed to pursue specialist career opportunities beyond the law.

Suggested study combinations include:

- Arts
- Business
- Commerce
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Economics
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Finance
- Health and Medical Sciences
- International Development
- International Relations
- Mathematical and Computer Sciences
- Media
- Science

Our most popular double degree options include:

Bachelor of Commerce

The Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws in one of our most popular double degree combinations. By studying law and commerce, you will graduate with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in both the legal and business worlds. This degree opens up a wide range of career possibilities across corporate, government and business sectors, as well as traditional modes of legal practice in firms and at the Bar.

Students in this degree can choose to undertake special electives in Secured Transactions Law, International Law, and Income Tax Law, which will enhance your legal understanding and knowledge in both international and domestic contexts. Why not take a legal internship interstate or overseas, or take up a placement as a legal advisor by volunteering with our Entrepreneur Venture Advice Clinic (EVAC).

The Bachelor of Commerce degree includes a wide range of study units such as accounting, corporate finance, commercial law, data analytics, income tax law, economics, and marketing strategy and analytics.

Bachelor of Business

The Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws degree is another essential degree that may open up a wide range of career possibilities across corporate, government and business sectors. By studying law and business, you will graduate with a competitive edge that will equip you with a foundation of broad commercial awareness and expertise.

The Bachelor of Business degree includes a wide variety of study units such as, international business, digital marketing and communications, consumer behaviour and engagement, content creation, data analytics, commercial law, organisational behaviour, operations management, strategic management and human resource management.

Graduates will have the necessary skills and knowledge to critically analyse diverse business issues, develop strategic evidence-based solutions, and promote ethical and sustainable business practices.



“My main priority when choosing a university was ensuring I would have the opportunity to be around like-minded students. What the University of Adelaide does very well is providing opportunities for student engagement and mentorship through its societies and clubs. This was where I developed most of my skills needed in practice, and where I built interpersonal skills that I rely on every day for work. Another thing that the University does very well is connecting students with industry, where you’re able to begin forming business relationships before you’ve left campus. For my chosen career path, this was very important.”

Stephanie Hoang
 Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce (International Business)
 Risk Analyst, Deloitte Australia

Bachelor of International Relations

The Bachelor of International Relations and the Bachelor of Laws is an exemplary fit if you're interested in specialising in areas of global governance, global justice, citizenship or human rights. By combining a degree in law and international relations, you will graduate with the skills and knowledge to examine the political and societal forces of international change.

By studying international relations, you can specialise in security, global governance, global justice citizenship and human rights. You will learn about key actors in global politics and the challenges they face. You will consider relationships that involve power, authority, influence, conflict, and cooperation.

You can also boost your employability and cross-cultural awareness by studying a language, or completing an overseas study tour or exchange program. Graduates emerge with the foundations to examine the political and societal forces of international change.

Bachelor of Arts

There's a reason the Bachelor of Laws and the Bachelor of Arts is a popular option in our law school. By combining law with an arts degree, you will broaden your horizons by delving into subject areas such as politics, history, economics, sociology and international law.

One of the Faculty of Law's most sought-after programs, this double degree combines the problem-solving and analytical skills taught in the law degree with the creative and communication skills taught in the arts degree.

You can tailor the double degree to suit your interests and career aspirations by choosing from more than 40 areas of study, including languages, linguistics, politics, history, psychology, criminology and international studies.

Depending on which study-area you major in, you might find yourself working as a policy advisor or an intelligence analyst in a government agency. You might be a public relations expert, or marketing consultant for an international business. Perhaps you'll write political news. Or you could work in foreign affairs, strengthening partnerships and providing aid to developing countries.

Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences

The Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences and the Bachelor of Laws is a degree like no other. By combining your interests in health and medical sciences, with a solid background in legal principles and practices, you can optimise your career opportunities to include tackling important health issues that from multiple perspectives.

Explore human biology and gain hands-on research experiences in world-class facilities. Enjoy cutting-edge virtual reality learning and work in small groups to solve problems relating to health and disease. Our graduates are equipped with foundational and professional skills required to succeed in a future career in both the legal and medical world.

Students in this double degree can choose to undertake special electives in medical law and ethics, law and the body, and the regulation of health care professionals and practice. Our Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences degree ranks first in South Australia for teaching quality, and third in Australia for overall education experience.*

*Good Universities Guide 2017



“After deciding that I wanted to pursue law, the Adelaide Law School was my only choice, given its reputation and location. Now as the Director of Football Regulation at FIFA, I am responsible for the operation of the football transfer system and managing a multinational and multidisciplinary team of 58 spread across 5 departments. After deciding to pursue a career in sports, I have developed expertise in international sports law, sports regulation and sports governance.”

James Kitching

Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)
Director of Football Regulation, FIFA



Equipping your future in law



Experience the real world

Practical learning is a core part of legal education here at the Adelaide Law School. Experience advocacy training with our tailored electives in our Clinical Legal Education Program (CLE), working with and under the supervision of practicing lawyers, and managing solicitors to draft advice for real business clients.

Practical Training and Admission

In order to qualify as a lawyer, law graduates must complete further studies in Practical Legal Training. The Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP) provides you with the qualifications you need to be admitted as a barrister or solicitor in South Australia.

The program is taught at postgraduate level and is designed to provide students with the practical skills needed to work as a lawyer. Students gain exposure to the profession through legal placement and will develop their legal knowledge through a range of compulsory and elective subjects, and further skills in areas such as legal drafting, file management and advocacy.

Career readiness and placement options

Graduate from the Adelaide Law School with a job-ready degree by tailoring your learning experience to your interests with our credit-bearing courses.

We offer many placement options for students, including:

- Clerkship at a law firm
- Local, national and international internships, in both the public and private sectors
- Parliamentary Internship Scheme
- Practical training in our student run Legal Advice Clinics
- In-depth research pathways with the Adelaide Law Review, Research Centres in IIT, economics, social sciences and more.

“Having the opportunity to complete the South Australian Parliamentary Internship halfway through my studies helped me to realise exactly what field I wanted to work in and what steps I needed to take to get there.”

May Harrington

Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts
(Politics and International Relations)



Clinical Legal Education Program (CLE)

Go beyond the theory of law and take advantage of our practical learning opportunities in our public-facing Legal Outreach Service.

The Clinical Legal Education Program (CLE) gives law students the chance to work in Law School clinics or community legal services.

The program aims to help students become better lawyers by involving them in the who process of providing legal advice to real clients. Students spend one day per week at a law school legal clinic or other legal service, and are supervised in their work by fully qualified solicitors.

CLE is a great way for students to gain insight into what it takes to be a lawyer and how a law firm or legal service runs. It is an invaluable experience that all students' interest in practicing law and making a real contribution to the community should take part.



“The CLE program places students into legal clinics run by the University. I was placed in the Adelaide Legal Outreach Service (ALOS), where we handled general legal cases. I really found the placement eye-opening and it was an excellent place to gain practical experience of working in a legal clinic such as learning how to maintain files, interview clients and conduct legal research.”

Felix Eldridge
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of International Studies



Adelaide Legal Outreach Services

Students offer advice and legal support to assist clients with managing their own cases in regards to child support, debt recovery, fines, property matters, contract issues and criminal law.

Magistrates Court Legal Advice Service

Operating out of the Adelaide Magistrates Court, the Magistrates Court Legal Advice Service is a free legal clinic that assists with minor civil disputes. Students assist clients with providing legal advice, drafting court documents, explaining court processes, and lodging claims.

Equal Opportunity Legal Commission Advice

Our students provide legal advice in areas such as discrimination, harassment and victimisation. Students also help draft legal documentation, and prepare for conciliation and Tribunal Hearings.

Entrepreneur and Venture Advice Clinic

Confidential advice is available to individuals and small to medium enterprises in relation to their business. Students offer legal advice on business structure, partnership, shareholder or security agreements, intellectual property, and labour issues.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

A community legal advice service, students assist clients who are going to attend a hearing at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) to get a government decision reviewed. Students will have the opportunity to interview clients, consider the facts of the case and advise on what can be argued or provided as evidence during the hearing.

Career resources and networking

Sir John Salmond Library

Explore the theory of law in our world-class Law Library. Boasting an extensive collection of books, publications, articles and periodicals, the Law Library contains some of the most significant body of legal materials in South Australia.

The Sir John Salmond Law Library is a research and reference library offering access to a wide range of Australian and international legal resources.

Our Law Library facilities include over 25 individual study carrels, 25 group study tables, 10 study rooms for group or individual study, over 50 computers and two specialised rooms for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

We also have a team of Liaison Librarians, who are experts at finding, evaluating, and managing information in your chosen discipline. They are here to support and guide you through your academic journey and to achieve your study goals.

Piper Alderman Moot Court

Embrace practical learning opportunities and experience what it feels like to present a case in our fully equipped Moot Court. Develop your skills in debating, advocacy and mediation through practical training competitions. You could get involved in local, national and international mooting competitions while training in our Piper Alderman Moot Court.

John Bray alumni network

All graduates of the Adelaide Law School are invited to keep their connection with the Law School through the John Bray alumni network. The alumni network encourages ongoing professional development and connection with other graduates, and to keep afloat of the challenges and changes in the legal profession.

Next Steps in Law

Our Next Steps program gives Adelaide Law students the opportunity to build connections with industry, government and the legal profession, to prepare for their law careers. Students can elect to participate in seminars, workshops, and a law-specific career readiness elective that can be tailored to the needs of recent law graduates.

Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS)

The Law Schools' active student society is responsible for a portfolio of activities, both social and educational, during your time at the Adelaide Law School.



Develop your skills in debating, advocacy and mediation through practical training competitions. You could get involved in local, national and international mooting competitions while training in our Piper Alderman Moot Court.



How to become a lawyer

All the steps you need to take to achieve your dream of practising law



FIND YOUR ENTRY PATHWAY

There are many ways you can gain admission into a law degree: entry after high school, applying for an internal transfer, sitting the Law School Admission Test or Special Tertiary Admissions Test



COMPLETE A LAW DEGREE

Apply for a Bachelor of Laws with the University of Adelaide, comprising of a 4 year undergraduate degree, or 3 year combined/graduate degree



COMPLETE AN ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

Undertake an admission to practice law program, known as a PLT or GDLP. This combines the knowledge from your degree with practical and professional skills needed to practice law



CHOOSE YOUR PATH

You can now practice law as a Solicitor or you may choose to further your study and become a Barrister, able to advocate and represent high profile cases in court



APPLY FOR A PRACTISING CERTIFICATE & INSURANCE

Once you are signed onto the Roll, you are a Lawyer (yay!) but in order to practice, you must apply for and receive a practising certificate and professional indemnity insurance



GAIN ADMISSION FROM THE SUPREME COURT

Apply to the Supreme Court for admission to the "Roll of Practitioners". Attend an official ceremony, be introduced to the court, take an oath and sign a declaration



FAST FACTS

92%

of UoA Law graduates are employed within 5 months of graduating

\$72,000

is the average salary of a Graduate Lawyer

1883

Adelaide Law School was established

60+

law-specific scholarships and prizes on offer for Adelaide Law students each year

FAQ

Does the law degree have any prerequisite subjects?

There are no prerequisites for doing our LLB*, but if your school offers a legal studies subject, it's a great way to find out if the law interests you and get a taste for what your study might be like.

What if I don't get a good enough ATAR for law?

If you don't get a high enough selection rank to receive an offer for a place in our LLB, you might like to consider applying for another degree then apply for an internal transfer at the end of your first year. Students usually need a credit average to transfer. You can choose to continue on to complete a double degree, concurrent degree (complete two degrees at the same time) or transfer to the single degree. Alternatively, you may wish to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) and use your STAT score in your application instead of your selection rank.

How long does the degree take?

The LLB takes 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent. Students undertaking a double degree in law takes 5 years.

What qualifications do I get out of the degree?

In conjunction with the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP), the LLB qualifies you to be admitted to practice law in Australia.

Are there any practical training opportunities or internships?

The law school offers a large variety of internship opportunities, and you can receive academic credit for internships that you undertake outside of the University.

Aside from being a lawyer, what other career options do I have?

A degree in law provides you with a solid foundation in critical thinking, research, analysis, advocacy and communication skills. Many of our graduates go on to work in business, public policy, parliament, defence or academia—both domestically and internationally.

**Unless you're applying for a double degree, in which case the prerequisites of the second degree or 'stream' must be met.*

Kaurna acknowledgement

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kaurna people, the original custodians of the Adelaide Plains and the land on which the University of Adelaide's campuses at North Terrace, Waite, and Roseworthy are built. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kaurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs. The University continues to develop respectful and reciprocal relationships with all Indigenous peoples in Australia, and with other Indigenous peoples throughout the world.

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