Dean’s welcome

Welcome to Sydney Law School. As one of the world’s premier law schools, we offer exemplary learning opportunities and preparation for your future career.

Established in 1855, Sydney Law School has made a significant contribution to Australia’s judiciary, politics and public life. Our alumni reflect our reputation for innovation and a pioneering spirit. We were the first Australian law school to admit women; three of the nation’s six female High Court judges graduated from Sydney Law School.

We continue to attract excellent students from Australia and overseas and have an internationally respected faculty of scholars. Our strong links to the practising profession sees barristers, judges and solicitors giving lectures in core legal subjects.

Our state-of-the-art building on the Camperdown Campus is just 10 minutes from the centre of the city. It offers superior teaching facilities and a dedicated moot court, along with mediation and library facilities among the best in the world.

Bricks and mortar alone do not make a law school. The special strengths of Sydney Law School are its high-calibre student community, internationally recognised academic staff, research, and the valuable contribution the legal profession makes to our teaching program.

As a student here, you will learn about the doctrine or jurisprudence of the law and its fundamental structures. Even more importantly, you will acquire the ability to think originally, creatively and logically so you will be able to advise your clients on resolving legal issues in ways that are ethical and principled.

Through your studies you will receive an education that prepares you to work in a global environment. It is no longer enough to understand just the legal system in your own country. Current challenges require international solutions: national trade measures must comply with the rules of the World Trade Organization and international trade agreements; intellectual property rights need protection both nationally and globally; the jurisdictional reach of criminal law extends to acts of the armed forces overseas and to the international activities of directors of Australian corporations.

Lawyers need international and comparative legal training to respond to these problems. Our task at Sydney Law School is to provide you with the best possible legal skills with which to respond to these issues.

Legal studies open up many opportunities. While you may choose to practise as a barrister or solicitor, our graduates also become corporate counsel, policy advisers to government, teachers, business executives, journalists, novelists and artists.

Many of our graduates work with international organisations, such as the United Nations or the World Bank, or with pro bono legal services.

I hope you find this guide helpful in deciding upon your education at Sydney Law School – an education that is both intellectually stimulating and rewarding.

Professor Joellen Riley
Dean, Sydney Law School
Why study here?

With more than 150 years of experience, the University of Sydney Law School is one of the world’s leading law schools, with a ranking of 11 in the latest QS World University Rankings for the discipline of law.

Legal leadership

A University of Sydney law degree is designed to challenge you. You will graduate ready to take on leadership roles in many areas, both within and outside the legal profession. Our Combined Law program builds on our tradition of academic strength to give you a competitive advantage in the legal world, both in Australia and overseas.

Alumni impact

Our degrees can take you anywhere. Law School alumni can be found in legal and non-legal roles around the world, and include prime ministers, a president of the World Bank, High Court judges, and Chief Justices of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

International engagement

Sydney Law School is part of a highly regarded group of law schools worldwide, including Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Peking and Tsinghua.

You will have an excellent opportunity to gain international experience and apply the skills and knowledge you learn at the University of Sydney into a global career. Our JD and LLB are the only two Australian law degrees that require students to complete two units of study in international law.

Our exchange program includes partnerships with law schools across North America, Europe and Asia, while our offshore program offers Australia’s most comprehensive collection of overseas intensive units of study in law.

Purpose-built facilities

Located three kilometres from the central business district and legal precinct of Australia’s most dynamic city, our flagship Sydney Law School building represents the next generation of teaching and research in law. Over seven levels, this building offers high-quality, purpose-built facilities and is internationally recognised for its sustainable, modern design.

Bachelor of Laws

The Sydney Bachelor of Laws is arguably Australia’s most sought-after law degree – a definitive legal tertiary qualification on a national and international level.

The Sydney Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is available through our Combined Law program, offering you the opportunity to study law in combination with the University’s most comprehensive degrees in arts, media and communications, commerce, design in architecture, economics, engineering, information technology, international and global studies, or science.

The LLB has a variety of admission options, from direct entry from high school, tertiary transfer including internal transfer, Future Leaders scheme, Cadigal, special admission, and elite performance.

The LLB comprises the core legal subjects required for professional accreditation, coupled with a wide range of electives that allow advanced learning in both specialist and generalist areas.

Designed to provide a legal education that is not only challenging and rewarding, the LLB will equip you for the demands of the 21st century. It will enhance your intellect and develop your skills through its demanding assessment regime and interactive teaching approach.

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Liliana Tai
Economics/Law student

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### Combined Law degrees

The Sydney Combined Law degree allows you to study the Bachelor of Laws alongside a partner degree such as arts, commerce, economics, engineering or science.

Our Combined Law degree has a unique structure. It is organised so you can study your partner degree first; however, you can also finish your first year of law during this time. This means you may finish two three-year degrees in five years.

As a student and graduate of both faculties, you can receive the award of each degree in respective ceremonies. Most students graduate with their first degree in the fourth year of their studies, then with their law degree after their final year.

The following combinations are available:
- Arts/Law
- Arts (Media and Communications)/Law
- Commerce/Law
- Design in Architecture/Law
- Economics/Law
- Engineering/Law
- Information Technology/Law
- International and Global Studies/Law
- Science/Law

Each combination is five years in duration, with the exception of Arts (Media and Communications)/Law; Information Technology/Law; and Engineering/Law.

There is no separate admission requirement for each combination – if you gain entry to Combined Law at the University of Sydney, you are free to select your preferred combination with law.

For a list of all LLB units of study, including electives, honours, Social Justice Clinic and offshore units, please visit: sydney.edu.au/law/llb-units-of-study

### Program structure

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<th>Year</th>
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| Year 1 | - Selected units of study from your non-law degree*  
- Foundations of Law  
- Legal Research I  
- Torts |
| Year 2 | - Selected units of study from your non-law degree*  
- Contracts  
- Civil and Criminal Procedure  
- Criminal Law |
| Year 3 | - Selected units of study from your non-law degree*  
- Public International Law  
- Legal Research II  
- Public Law  
- Torts and Contracts I |

* From Arts: Arts (Media and Communications); Commerce; Design in Architecture; Economics; Engineering; Information Technology; International and Global Studies; or Science.

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| - Administrative Law  
- Federal Constitutional Law  
- Introduction to Property and Commercial Law  
- The Legal Profession  
- Corporations Law  
- Equity  
- Evidence  
- Real Property |

** You may choose, instead, to do a maximum of two electives and take the remaining compulsory units of study in Year 5 or Year 6 for Arts (Media and Communications)/Law; Information Technology/Law; or Engineering/Law.

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| - Private International Law A  
- 7 elective units of study including a Jurisprudence unit |

### Exchange opportunities

Going on exchange allows you to complete one semester of study overseas in your final year and receive credit towards your LLB.

As a Sydney Law School student, you can join the University-wide exchange program, or the Sydney Law School exchange program. This enables you to participate in one of our exclusive agreements with 21 prestigious law schools across Europe, North America and Asia.

If you are proficient in another language, you may be able to go on exchange at other universities.

#### Sydney Law School exchange program

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| Canada | Queen’s University, Ontario  
University of Victoria, British Columbia |
| China | East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai Renmin University of China, Beijing |
| Denmark | University of Copenhagen |
| France | Université Paris 1 Panthéon, Sorbonne  
Sciences Po, Paris |
| Germany | Bucerius Law School, Hamburg  
Humboldt Law School, Berlin |
| Ireland | Trinity College, Dublin |
| Japan | Kobe University |
| Korea | Yonsei University |
| The Netherlands | Radboud University, Nijmegen  
Utrecht University  
Vrije University, Amsterdam |
| Singapore | National University of Singapore |
| United Kingdom | University of Nottingham |
| United States | Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
University of Texas, Austin  
Harvard University, Cambridge  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville |

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University of Toronto |
| Denmark | University of Aarhus |
| Finland | University of Helsinki |
| Israel | Tel Aviv University  
Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| Japan | Nagoya University  
Waseda University |
| Korea | Yonsei University |
| The Netherlands | Leiden University  
University of Groningen |
| New Zealand | University of Auckland |
| Norway | University of Bergen  
University of Oslo |
| Sweden | Lund University  
Uppsala University |
| United Kingdom | University of Glasgow  
University of Manchester  
University of Stirling |
Offshore opportunities

Broader your knowledge and experiences by studying overseas through one of our offshore programs.

Southeast Asia Field School
Taught with the cooperation of Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and industry partners in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this elective unit of study introduces you to the legal systems of Southeast Asia with a focus on Indonesia and Malaysia.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/southeastasia

Sydney Law School in Europe
The Sydney Law School in Europe offers you the opportunity to undertake a selected range of elective units of study in prestigious locations in Europe.

In previous years, locations have included Robinson College at the University of Cambridge, Humboldt University in Berlin, the Academy of Arts and Social Sciences in Amsterdam and Prato, near Florence.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/Europe

Shanghai Winter School
Jointly run by Sydney Law School and the East China University of Political Science and Law, this school is an elective unit of study comprising an intensive three-week introduction to Chinese laws and legal system while experiencing life in Shanghai.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/shanghai

Himalayan Field School
Conducted by the Sydney Centre for International Law and the Kathmandu School of Law, the Himalayan Field School is an elective unit of study conducted over two-and-a-half weeks in Nepal.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/himalayan_fieldschool

Kyoto and Tokyo seminars in Japanese Law
The Kyoto seminar introduces you to Japanese law in a global context. It covers the law's interaction with civil justice, criminal justice, business, politics, gender and the legal professions.

The Tokyo seminar introduces you to Japanese business law, looking at Japan’s trade and investment environment, insolvency and corporate governance, consumer regulation and lawyering.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/kyoto_tokyo

University of Oxford
Bachelor of Civil Law
This is one of the most highly esteemed master’s qualifications in the common-law world. You will be expected to analyse complex material critically and to consider it from different perspectives.

You will commence your last semester of study in the UK in late September. Upon completion, you will be awarded both a Sydney LLB or JD and the relevant degree from either Oxford or Cambridge.

Please note that participants in this program are required to cover all tuition, travel and living expenses involved, but are not required to pay final-semester tuition fees at Sydney.

More information
− sydney.edu.au/law/cambridge-oxford-pathways

University of Cambridge
Master of Laws
The one-year coursework program offers intellectually outstanding students an opportunity to pursue their legal studies at an advanced level in a challenging and supportive environment.

Master of Law and Finance
This program offers students with a prior background in law the chance to develop an advanced interdisciplinary understanding of relevant economic and financial contexts.

It combines a highly analytic academic core with tailor-made practical applications derived from continuing collaboration with professional and regulatory organisations.

Pathways to Oxford and Cambridge

Sydney Law School has developed a unique collaboration with the faculties of law at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the UK’s leading law schools.

“For me, the best part of my experience so far has been meeting people who share a desire to achieve, learn and share their unique talents and backgrounds.”

Ben John
Arts/Law student

“At Sydney Law School, we are encouraged to approach problems through a broad and critical lens. I particularly value the opportunity to analyse the law as it stands today, exploring the inconsistencies and contentious issues in our legal system.”

Elizabeth Sheahan
Commerce/Law student
The Sydney Law School Social Justice Clinic allows you to apply your classroom knowledge to real-world cases and develop your skills in researching, case writing and client interviewing.

You will gain experience through partnerships with community legal centres and other organisations offering legal advice and representation to special interest groups.

Experience the community impact of a pro bono legal service (provided without charge to disadvantaged clients).

Several community legal organisations and law firms have entered into partnerships with Sydney Law School, and they have an excellent track record in providing much-needed professional legal services to the community.

Learn more on our website.
− sydney.edu.au/law/social-justice-clinic

Our partners

The Social Justice Clinic can arrange placements for you with the following organisations.

− Public Interest Advocacy Centre
− Refugee Advice and Casework Service
− Justice Connect
− EDO NSW
− Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT

“By engaging with the Law Society’s volunteering activities and subcommittees, I’ve forged genuine friendships. I implore all students to embrace opportunities to improve their legal skills by participating in competitions, and building connections in every way possible.”

Eric Gonzales
Arts/Law student

Domestic applicants

Apply through the Universities Admissions Centre.
− www.uac.edu.au

To gain entry to the Combined Law (LLB) program, you need to reach a certain level in your Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking (ATAR), International Baccalaureate (IB), or an accepted equivalent secondary qualification. For details, visit:
− sydney.edu.au/study/entry-reqs

Entry is guaranteed with an ATAR of 99.5 or IB of 43.

International applicants

There are three possible ways to apply:
− Direct application to the University of Sydney
− Apply through a University representative/agent
− Apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)

To find out how you can apply, visit our website:
− sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply

To gain entry, you need to achieve a minimum of:
− ATAR: 94.5
− IB: 37
− University of Sydney Foundation Program: 8

We also accept equivalent secondary qualifications from overseas, such as the Chinese Gao Kao, Great Britain General Certificate of Education or Comparable Qualifications (UK GCE A Levels), Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE), Singapore and Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (Singaporean A Levels), United States of America Scholastic Aptitude Test (USA SAT). For more details, visit
− sydney.edu.au/study/secondary-qualifications

English language requirements

Unless you completed senior secondary studies in English, you need to meet a certain level of English language proficiency. This can be demonstrated with a test such as IELTS, TOEFL or PTE. For details, see
− sydney.edu.au/study/english-reqs

Transfer

If you do not reach the required ATAR for Combined Law, it may be possible to join the program later through a transfer, after completing a period of study at any university, including Sydney.

Domestic and international students will be assessed according to either their tertiary grades (if they have studied at that level for at least one year full time), or secondary qualifications, whichever is higher.

If you transfer after second year, it may be difficult to complete the Combined Law program in five years. You may wish to consider the Juris Doctor at the completion of your first degree.

Current University of Sydney students may apply directly to the University through their online portal. External students may apply through UAC. Refer to:
− sydney.edu.au/study/transfer-course
− sydney.edu.au/study/transfer-university
− sydney.edu.au/study/credit

“While exploring the precise and pervasive nature of the law, I’ve made friends and had the time of my life. My eyes have been opened to the huge amount of possibilities enabled by my growing knowledge of the law, and I look forward to the years ahead!”

Nicholas Lehm
Science/Law student
Your journey through university is as unique as you are. You can join us through an alternative entry pathway, customise your course, and get involved in extracurricular activities to personalise your uni experience.

This guide provides the key information you need to apply for a degree here, but the next step is up to you.

To learn more, come and see us on Open Day or get in touch with us.

Open Day: 27 August 2016