

# Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Laws / Diploma of Legal Practice Schedule

Schedule to the [Awards and Graduation Policy](#).

## Section 1 - Enrolment

- (1) A student may only undertake the program as part of a combined degree program unless the person is an approved graduate.
- (2) An approved graduate may undertake the program other than as part of a combined degree program.
- (3) A student undertaking a combined law degree program must enrol in courses totalling at least 60 units each year and complete their first degree within four years unless the Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Law, permits otherwise.
- (4) A student must first enrol for the degree under Option A but may be permitted to enrol for the degree and diploma under Option B pursuant to clause 3.
- (5) Students undertaking the Bachelor of Laws/Diploma of Legal Practice must enrol in the prescribed full-time program.

## Section 2 - Qualification for the Degree (Option A)

- (6) To qualify for admission to the degree pursuing Option A, a student must pass a program of study approved by the Academic Senate totalling not less than 240 units comprising:
  - a. the core program;
  - b. the courses totalling 80 units set out in Table 2 of the list of Approved Courses; and
  - c. courses totalling not less than 70 units selected from the courses set out in Table 4 of the list of Approved Courses; and must have completed the requirements for admission to the other degree, unless the student is an approved graduate.

## Section 3 - Enrolment as a Student for the Degree and the Diploma (Option B)

- (7) A student may be permitted to enrol for the degree and the diploma under Option B after:
  - a. passing the courses in the core program; and
  - b. completing the requirements for admission to the other degree, unless otherwise approved.
- (8) In exceptional circumstances the Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Law, may permit a student to enrol under Option B even though the student has not satisfied the conditions set out in clause 7.

(9) A student may apply to the Pro Vice-Chancellor for permission to enrol under Option B in a manner and by a date determined by the Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Law.

(10) In the event that the number of students who apply for permission to enrol under Option B exceeds the number of available places in the Faculty's Option B program, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Law, must determine which students will be permitted to enrol.

(11) A student who has unsuccessfully applied for permission to enrol under Option B must complete the program under Option A unless the Pro Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Head, School of Law, determines otherwise.

## **Section 4 - Qualification for the Degree and Diploma (Option B)**

(12) To qualify for admission to the degree and the award of the diploma pursuing Option B, a student shall pass a program of study approved by the Academic Senate totalling not less than 280 units comprising:

- a. the core program;
- b. the courses totalling 180 units set out in Table 3 of the list of Approved Courses; and
- c. courses totalling not less than 20 units selected from the courses set out in Table 4 of the list of Approved Courses.

## **Section 5 - Grading of the Degree**

(13) The degree shall be conferred as an ordinary degree except that, where the performance of a student has reached a standard determined by the Pro Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Head of School to be of sufficient merit, the degree shall be conferred 'With Distinction'.

## **Section 6 - Absence**

(14) The Pro Vice-Chancellor may grant a student leave of absence which may be subject to conditions.

(15) The Pro Vice-Chancellor may permit a student who has been absent without leave to re-enrol in the program subject to any conditions determined on the recommendation of the Head of School.

## **Section 7 - Time Requirements**

(16) If the program is taken as part of a combined degree program the program must be completed in not less than five years and not more than eight years of study.

(17) An approved graduate must complete the program in not less than three years and not more than six years of study.

(18) In exceptional circumstances the Pro Vice-Chancellor may vary these time requirements.

## Section 8 - Combined Degrees

(19) A student, who is not an approved graduate, must undertake one of the following combined degree programs:

- a. Bachelor of Aboriginal Studies/Bachelor of Laws [4]
- b. Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice/Bachelor of Laws [5]
- c. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws
- d. Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies)/Bachelor of Laws [1]
- e. Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws
- f. Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
- g. Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws
- h. Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Laws
- i. Bachelor of Finance/Bachelor of Laws
- j. Bachelor of Information Science/Bachelor of Laws [2]
- k. Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws
- l. Bachelor of Science (Forensic)/Bachelor of Laws [3]
- m. Bachelor of Social Science/Bachelor of Laws

Notes:

[1] There shall be no further intake into the Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies)/Bachelor of Laws program from 1 January 2003.

[2] There shall be no further intake into the Bachelor of Information Science/Bachelor of Laws program from Semester 1, 2006

[3] There shall be no further intake into the Bachelor of Science (Forensic)/Bachelor of Laws program from Semester 1, 2006

[4] There shall be no further intake into the Bachelor of Aboriginal Studies/Bachelor of Laws program from Semester 1, 2010 as it has been replaced by the Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice/Bachelor of Laws from Semester 1, 2011.

[5] Program approved and added to schedule by Academic Senate 20 October 2010 (AS10:118). Noted by Council on 26 November 2010 (C10:196).

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## Glossary Terms and Definitions

**"Academic Senate"** - The Academic Senate of the University as described in the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

**"Council"** - The governing authority of the University established under section 8A of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

**"Graduate"** - (Noun) Has the same meaning as in section 3(2) of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

**"Award"** - When referring to a University qualification, this term means an academic qualification approved by Academic Senate that is conferred when a student has met the relevant program requirements. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Course"** - When referring to a course offered by the University, a course is a set of learning activities or learning opportunities with defined, assessed and recorded learning outcomes. A course will be identified by an alphanumeric course code and course title. Course types include core courses, compulsory courses, directed courses, capstone courses and electives. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Student"** - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

**"Program"** - When referring to learning, a program is a sequence of approved learning, usually leading to an Award. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.