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What's the difference between the existing pathway of Bachelor of Communication /Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws and the pathway to the standalone UTS Bachelor of Laws?

How many credit points of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) do I get for a Bachelor of Laws from a UTS College Diploma of Communication or Diploma of Business?

What is Practical Legal Training (PLT)? Do I need to do it to practice law in Australia?

Do I need to know before I apply for a Diploma of Business or Communication whether I want to package with the standalone Bachelor of Laws or the double degree? Can I change my mind after I have started?

Do I need to know before I apply for a Diploma of Business or Communication whether I want to do Practical Legal Training as part of the Bachelor of Laws?

Answer

The standalone Bachelor of Laws at UTS is shorter. It will save you one year of study if you are looking to only study law and not qualify with a double degree. It has the same benefits for a law-related career as the double degree, for example, getting admission to practice from the Legal Profession Admission Board. To practice as a lawyer, you will also need to undertake the 18 credit point Practical Legal Training (PLT) component of the course. For more information see the UTS Bachelor of Laws.

On successfully completing either diploma, if you choose, you'll gain either 48 credit points (without PLT*) or 30 credit points (with PLT*) towards the UTS Bachelor of Laws. You will still be required to complete all core law subjects of the course.

*Practical Legal Training.

PLT is the most important and practical element of law training. If you want to apply for admission to practice from the Legal Profession Admission Board and practice in the legal profession, you'll need to do PLT. The PLT component is part of the Bachelor of Laws (18 credit points) or in addition to a Juris Doctor (JD).

Ideally, you should know whether you want to package your diploma with the standalone Bachelor of Laws or the double degree before you apply.

However, we understand that decision-making can be hard, and you may be able to change your UTS degree option through the proper processes. Please speak to the UTS College Student Centre for more information.

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Can I start this pathway now?

Yes, this pathway starts from the next UTS intake in Spring 2022. If you are currently studying a Diploma of Business or Diploma of Communication, you can elect to articulate to the Bachelor of Laws at UTS. Please check the details of your package offer with UTS College Student Centre.

I am already doing the Diploma of Business with a different articulation. Can I change my UTS package offer to articulate to the Bachelor of Laws?

Yes, you can. Please check with UTS College Student Centre for more information on how to change your UTS packaged offer.

I am a domestic student. What are the entry requirements for a Diploma of Business packaged with a Bachelor of Laws?

The entry requirements for the Diploma of Business are the same regardless of the articulation you choose. Please see our **Diploma of Business** webpage for details of domestic entry requirements.

I am a domestic student. What are the entry requirements for a Diploma of Communication packaged with a Bachelor of Laws?

The entry requirements for the Diploma of Communication are the same regardless of the articulation you choose. Please see our **Diploma of Communication** webpage for details of domestic entry requirements.

I am an international student. Are the entry requirements to a Diploma of Communication or Diploma of Business different if I want to articulate to the Bachelor of Laws?

No, the entry requirements are the same. Please see our **Diploma of Communication** and **Diploma of Business** webpage for details of international entry requirements.

What are the fees for the UTS Bachelor of Laws?

In 2023, the standalone UTS Bachelor of Laws tuition fee is \$48,020 annually. Domestic students may choose to defer payment of fees through FEE-HELP or HECS-HELP. Find out more about the **Bachelor of Laws** fees here.

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Are the articulation requirements for the Bachelor of Laws different to the articulation requirements for the Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Laws?

The articulation requirements are the same, but the recognition of prior learning (RPL) will be different, as it relates to different subjects within the UTS degree. For the Bachelor of Laws, you will receive either 48 credit points (without PLT*) or 30 credit points (with PLT*) of RPL towards the UTS Bachelor of Laws for the 'option' subjects. You will still be required to complete all core law subjects of the course.

*Practical Legal Training

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I am studying the Diploma of Business at a TNE. Can I choose to articulate to the Bachelor of Laws at UTS?

Yes, you can. There is no difference in articulation options to UTS between studying a Diploma of Business at UTS College in Sydney or studying the UTS College Diploma of Business at a recognised TNE provider.

I am studying the Diploma of Communication at a TNE. Can I choose to articulate to the Bachelor of Laws at UTS?

Yes, you can. There is no difference in articulation options to UTS between studying a Diploma of Communication at UTS College in Sydney or studying the UTS College Diploma of Communication at a recognised TNE provider.

Is UTS a good place to study law? What is its law ranking?

UTS Law is highly ranked 7th law school in Australia and in the top 100 in the world by the QS University Rankings by Subject 2021. The faculty is also 'Above World Standard' in research by the Commonwealth Government's Excellence in Research for Australia initiative assessment 2015. You can discover what previous students say about the **UTS law degree** here.

Where can I find out more information about the UTS Bachelor of Laws?

Please see to the **UTS Bachelor of Laws** website for more information.

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Is it better to do a Diploma of Business or a Diploma of Communication if I want to choose the Bachelor of Laws at UTS?

I am not very good at public speaking. Do I need to practice as a lawyer in court if I study law?

I am an international student. Why should I study law in Australia if I am not going to practice Australian law?

I am not good at remembering things. Do I need to have a very good memory to study law?

How likely am I to get a job when I graduate from a UTS Bachelor of Laws?

Answer

Both diplomas provide pathways into the law field. It is very important for you to make your own plans based on your interests and preferences.

No. A career in law accommodates different personality types and skill sets and includes paper-based legal practice as well as debating a case in court. A law degree can provide many career options within government, private enterprise and not-for-profit organisations, drafting policies, writing and reviewing contracts, and many other non-practicing, paper-based work. UTS will ask you if you want to practice as a lawyer in Australia when you apply for the Bachelor of Laws pathway. If you do, you will need to complete the Practical Legal Training component of the degree.

Australia uses the common law system, which is also used in other Commonwealth countries (Canada, NZ, UK, India) plus the USA and Hong Kong. In order to work internationally and for international companies, the stock exchange, and international law firms, a thorough understanding of the common law system will prepare you for success in many practices and businesses throughout the world. We live in a globalised world, with business being conducted internationally. Studying an overseas legal system is a good idea when you consider 80 percent of legal industry work comes from international businesses and with international commercial clients.

No, you don't need to have a good memory to study law. At UTS, our law degree provides skills-based training. The curriculum is designed to develop your skills in communication, critical analysis and cross-cultural understanding. Everything is researchable, and there are no formal exams, so there is nothing to 'memorise'.

92.1 per cent of UTS law students get jobs within four months of completing their course*. Employers select UTS law graduates for their problem solving, collaborative skills and lateral thinking ability. Studying at UTS will help you succeed from the outset of your career in a competitive industry.

*QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016-2018

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Will I get the opportunity to have industry experience in the UTS Bachelor of Laws degree?

Answer

Yes. The industry is increasingly placing emphasis on the professional adaptability of law graduates. To meet tomorrow's demands, UTS have introduced a range of ground-breaking initiatives, merging traditional legal education with new technological practical practices including the Allens Neota UTS Law 'Tech Challenge for Social Justice' and UTS-King and Wood Mallesons #breakinglaw Hackathon.

Students can also undertake local internships with Westpac, Health Justice Australia, Toyota Finance Australia Limited, Stockland and other large organisations.

The UTS Law Faculty is also well **connected with industry**, and is home to:

- **Australasian Legal Information Institute**
- **Anti-Slavery Australia**
- the newly established **Centre for Media Transition**.

At UTS, you will learn from law experts who are current practitioners and researchers in the field, and you'll have access to world-class facilities.

Does it take a long time to qualify as a lawyer? Do I need to take an exam in Australia?

No, with the Bachelor of Laws at UTS, there is no need to sit for a separate exam.

At UTS, the path to becoming a lawyer is very straightforward, there are only four steps:

1. gain legal qualifications via the 4-year Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or the 3-year postgraduate Juris Doctor (JD)
2. qualify to practice law by undertaking Practical Legal Training (PLT) as part of the LLB, or via the Graduate Certificate in Legal Practice (for a JD)
3. apply to the NSW Legal Profession Admissions Board
4. gain admission as a lawyer to the supreme court.



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