FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - FAQS

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) LLB(Hons)
PROGRAM
(DOMESTIC STUDENTS)

The term ‘domestic’ refers to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent humanitarian and non-humanitarian visas.

Prospective international students, including students who are currently undertaking their Year 12 in Australia, who require further information about the LLB(Hons) should contact UQ International, Level 2, JD Story building, St Lucia campus, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland 4072, email: study@uq.edu.au or visit uq.edu.au/international.

LLB(Hons)
Duration: 4 Years full-time (or part-time equivalent)
Commencement: Semester 1
Campus: St Lucia
Units (#): 64

1. WHAT ARE MY ENTRY OPTIONS INTO THE LLB(Hons) PROGRAM?
   Students can apply for a Commonwealth supported place in the LLB(Hons) program at UQ.
   Commons supported places are partially funded by the Government, which pays money directly to UQ. Students are required to pay a student contribution amount which varies depending on courses undertaken. Subject to meeting eligibility, students in Commonwealth supported places may opt to pay their student contribution amounts up front or defer this payment through HECS-HELP.

2. WHAT OVERALL POSITION (OP) DO I NEED TO GET INTO THE LLB(Hons)?
   OP 1 / Rank 99 / ATAR 99.00 (based on 2017 entry scores).

3. WHAT ARE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS?
   Queensland Year 12 or equivalent; a pass in English.

4. CAN I UNDERTAKE A DUAL DEGREE?
   Yes. Dual degrees are available to LLB(Hons) students in Arts, Business Management, Commerce, Economics, Journalism and Science.

5. WHAT IS THE COST?
   The student contribution amount for Commonwealth supported students is indexed each year. In 2017, the student contribution amount for law students is $10592 per annum (16 units of law courses). Students who are Australian citizens or holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa are eligible for HECS-HELP (a loan that enables eligible students in a Commonwealth supported place to defer payment of their student contribution amounts until their income reaches the repayment threshold). New Zealand citizens and all other Australian permanent residents are considered domestic students and can apply for a Commonwealth supported place, but they will not be eligible for HECS-HELP and must pay their student contributions up front.

   For further information on fees or higher education loans programs visit my.uq.edu.au/services/financial-matters and/or studyassist.gov.au.

6. WHAT OTHER COSTS ARE INVOLVED?
   • Textbooks and other learning materials
   • General costs – eg travel expenses, parking, accommodation and entertainment
7. CAN I GET A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE LLB(Hons)?

The Law School offers the ‘TC Beirne School of Law Scholarship’ to domestic students enrolled or enrolling in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (LLB(Hons)) program. This Scholarship provides financial assistance to help with living expenses. Details of the Scholarship are available from the Law School website – law.uq.edu.au/study/scholarships-and-prizes.

The School also offers the Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship to up to 15 eligible candidates each year - law.uq.edu.au/lead.

In addition, a number of prizes and minor scholarships are awarded annually to LLB(Hons) students, normally on the basis of the greatest proficiency in a particular course or courses.

8. HOW DO I APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO THE LLB(Hons)?

Applications are made directly to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) – qtac.edu.au. The QTAC program codes are:

- 718001 Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(LLB(Hons)) (#64)
- 707401 Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(BA/LLB (Hons) (#64))
- 711401 Bachelor of Business Management / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(BBusMan/ LLB(Hons) (#64))
- 711901 Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(BCom/LLB(Hons) (#64))
- 714201 Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(BEcon/LLB(Hons) (#64))
- 731401 Bachelor of Journalism / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(BJ/LLB(Hons)(#64))
- 737102 Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(BSci/LLB(Hons) (#64))

9. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IF I DON’T GET IN?

If you are not offered a place in your chosen program based on your current OP/Rank, then enrol in another program preference at university. After you have completed one year of tertiary study, you can reapply for the LLB(Hons) or an LLB(Hons) dual program through QTAC and be assessed on your Grade Point Average (GPA), rather than your OP/Rank. The entry GPA is set by QTAC and varies every year, depending on demand. Prospective LLB(Hons) students should aim to achieve a first year GPA of approximately 5.80 from a Group 1 institution or 6.50 from a Group 2 institution (based on 2017 entry scores) or higher to be eligible for a place in the LLB(Hons).

10. WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON COMPLETION OF THE LLB(Hons)?

UQ law graduates enjoy exceptional success in the employment market. Most law graduates practise as barristers or solicitors. Others work as in-house lawyers for large companies or in the areas of accounting, state and federal government, public administration, education, foreign affairs, industrial relations, legal aid, management, politics and taxation.

11. ADMISSION TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Students who wish to practise as barristers or solicitors must first be admitted to the legal profession in Queensland.

The LLB(Hons) program offered by The University of Queensland satisfies the ‘academic’ requirements for admission to the legal profession. Before students are able to apply for admission as a legal practitioner, they must also complete the ‘practical’ legal training requirements for admission.

The practical legal training requirements may be satisfied only after completion of the academic qualifications. Practical legal training can be completed by working as a supervised trainee for one year with a firm or by completing a practical legal training program.

For more information on the process of being admitted to the legal profession students should contact the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board – admissions@qls.com.au.

FURTHER INFORMATION

TC Beirne School of Law Website
The Law School’s website provides up-to-date information about programs, courses, the teaching faculty and general information about the Law School:
Visit: law.uq.edu.au

LLB(Hons) Program
If you would like to talk to someone about the LLB(Hons) program, please contact the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law:
Ph: (07) 3365 7111
Email: bel@uq.edu.au

QTAC
For further information about applying for the LLB(Hons), contact QTAC:
Visit: qtac.edu.au