Securing the ATAR you need to get into law can be a challenge. If you miss out the first time, don't let that discourage you.

“I wasn’t accepted straight into law school at UQ, so don’t be deterred if you’re not either; there are a number of alternative pathways that you can take to gain entry. The path I followed was first being accepted into a Bachelor of Arts after high school, and then once I was in, I reapplied for the Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (Honours) dual program.”

Ella North, Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (Honours) graduate.
Read more about Ella’s journey as a law student at: law.uq.edu.au/what-its-like-to-study-law
Requirements to study law at UQ

In 2024, if you’re applying to study a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) or dual program at UQ, and you don’t meet the ATAR requirements*, there are other options available to you.

Study a different program initially

**Did you know?**
Approximately one-third of UQ Law students enter law after doing one year of arts, commerce or another dual degree partner program.

a) **Double your skills and opportunities by combining law with a second degree**
Study a UQ program that partners with law as a dual program. After the first year, you can apply for a law dual program – you may receive credit towards the dual program for your first year of study.

b) **Study any other UQ program for one year**
After the first year, apply for the single Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program. You may receive credit towards general electives.

c) **Complete another program**
If you’ve completed an undergraduate program at another university, you may be eligible to apply for credit towards a UQ law program as a graduate.

The required entry score to transfer from one UQ program into law (or a law dual) will vary each year and depend on demand. As a guide, the required Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) across all tertiary UQ or non-UQ study (minimum of 16 units) for 2023 was as follows:

- after studying another UQ program: minimum GPA of 5.38
- if you study a non-UQ program: minimum GPA of 5.75.

Apply for the UQ Undergraduate Law Admission Scheme (ULAS)

**Pro-tip**
In 2024, there are up to 20 places for students applying through ULAS, so why not give it a go?

The UQ Undergraduate Law Admission Scheme, or ULAS, is an alternative entry pathway open to applicants from disadvantaged and/or culturally diverse backgrounds. It supports eligible Australian citizens and humanitarian visa holders who achieve a minimum unadjusted ATAR or selection rank of 90.00.

To be eligible, you need to be in Year 12 or have done no more than one year of tertiary education as well as meet at least one of the following criteria:

- come from a low-income family
- be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- be the first in your immediate family to attend university.

You must also apply for QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme (details below). Learn more about ULAS: study.uq.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate/review-admission-schemes/undergraduate-law-admission-scheme

QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS) awards ATAR adjustments under strict conditions for students who may be affected by any of the applicable categories below:

- home environment and responsibilities (e.g. caring for a seriously ill family member)
- financial hardship
- school environment (e.g. regional or remote schooling)
- personal illness or disability
- english language difficulty.

EAS is open to all QTAC applicants, not just current school leavers. This assessment is managed by QTAC and independent of UQ. Eligible applicants may receive ATAR adjustments to boost their score. Find out more at EAS: qtac.edu.au/educational-access-scheme

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*In Semester 1, 2023 a minimum ATAR of 97.5 was required. Meeting the entry score threshold doesn’t guarantee admission. Information is accurate as of May 2023. All information in this document is indicative only and may change without notice.