
Starting university and getting prepared for your classes in the upcoming semester can be daunting so the ANU Law Student's Society (LSS) has created a guide to help new students find the best places to look for the required textbooks for their law (and other) courses.

01 — Where to find what textbooks you need for class

The required textbooks for law courses can usually be found on the WATTLE page for each course. Course material gets posted to WATTLE two weeks before the start of classes on the 7th of February. It is important to check what edition of a textbook is required as this may vary between years.

Before the WATTLE pages are posted, [Programs and Courses](#) will have the previous years textbook (which may be the same or different) under the study tab, to give an idea of what textbook may be needed.

The [College of Law Course Search](#) also notes the required textbooks for the semester. The textbooks listed under the CoL course search are correct at the time it was published and attempts to pre-empt any textbook changes but it is strongly recommended to check the class summary uploaded to WATTLE for final confirmation of what book to buy.

Many law students also find it helpful to get a copy of the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (AGLC) which lays out the correct referencing in a legal context. The current edition of the AGLC is the fourth edition. This can be downloaded free [here](#). It can be purchased as a hardcopy for \$24.99 with \$5 postage [here](#).

02 — Where to find new textbooks

New textbooks for your courses can be found in-store at [Harry Hartog](#) in Kambri. There are also various online bookstores which may sell new textbooks, such as Zookal, Booktopia, Book Depository and Amazon. It is worth shopping around for the best deal! Some textbook retailers also have start-of-year sales, so look out for those on their websites.

03 — Where to find used/ second-hand textbooks

Law textbooks can be quite expensive so second-hand textbooks present a cheaper alternative than buying a new textbook. It is not necessary to get new textbooks for your courses. It is important when buying second-hand textbooks to check the condition of a textbook to make sure it fits what you are looking for. Usually it does not matter if a textbook has small markings like pencil markings or highlighting but it is up to personal preference. You should be paying a lower price the more marked up the books are.

The main textbook exchange site at ANU is ANU Textbook Exchange Facebook Group. Once you join the [ANU Schmidtposting Page](#) (with your uni email attached to your Facebook account), it should give you the option of joining other ANU pages including the Textbook Exchange. If you are a member of ANU Schmidtposting, you should be able to find the ANU Textbook Exchange group [here](#). Usually textbooks are listed as sale listings, so you can enquire whether the textbook is still available and then work out an arrangement for payment and collection. When buying from strangers online, it is always a good idea to meet them somewhere public, like Kambri or Civic.

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StudentVIP can also be a good website where second-hand textbooks can be found. The ANU textbooks page can be found [here](#).

If you know someone doing the same degree as you who is in the year above you they may be wanting to sell their textbooks from last year. Particularly if you live in a residential college it can be good to talk to older students who will either have textbooks they are wanting to sell or will know people who are trying to sell textbooks.

Other second-hand item websites like Facebook Marketplace or Gumtree can also be good places to look for second-hand textbooks.

04 — Where to get financial help with purchasing textbooks

If you are facing financial hardship, the ANU Law School has equity bursaries for textbooks which cover up to \$250 of textbook costs per semester. These scholarships are open to domestic or international students LLB or JD students facing financial hardship. Make sure to check out the [ANU College of Law Textbook Bursary](#). Semester 1 application process and apply before the closing date of **Thursday 21st of February 2022** at 11:55pm.

The [ANU Book Award](#) also supports eligible students with purchasing textbooks required for courses. This is also open to international and domestic students studying a full time course load who can demonstrate financial hardship. The form for this award can be found [here](#) and sent to sa.assistance@anu.edu.au.

There may be other scholarships/ grants worth looking into that provide financial support for purchasing textbooks. There may be government grants or grants from other organisations that provide this.

05 — Links

Programs and Courses: <https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au>

ANU College of Law Course Search: <https://law.anu.edu.au/current-students/course-search>

AGLC Fourth Ed PDF: <https://www.mulr.com.au/aglc/AGLC4-2021-v1.pdf>

AGLC Fourth Ed Hardcopy Orders: <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/mulr/aglc/orders>

Harry Hartog ANU Textbook Search: <https://www.harryhartog.com.au/textbooks>

ANU Schmidtposting: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ANUstalkerspace/>

ANU Textbook Exchange: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/168566139939351>

StudentVIP ANU Textbooks: <https://studentvip.com.au/anu/textbooks>

ANU College of Law Textbook Bursary: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/anu-college-of-law-textbook-bursary-0>

ANU Book Award: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/anu-book-award>

ANU Book Award Form: <https://www.anu.edu.au/files/financial-support-option/ANU%20Book%20Award%20Form.pdf>