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Welcome from the Dean

The Australian National University (ANU) is unique in Australia. Ranked 18th in the world for Law and Legal Studies by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2023) and based in the nation's capital city, the University attracts leading academics and outstanding students from Australia and around the world.



For more than 60 years, the ANU College of Law has been the educational home to some of the most remarkable people from across the world: visionaries, influential leaders, researchers, and individuals creating impact and social change nationally, regionally and globally.

This, coupled with our role as the national university, means we have a responsibility to be ambitious, bold and transformative in our approaches to teaching and learning. We are poised to provide the next generation of leaders and global citizens with the skills required for the challenges and careers of the future.

Our campus is located in the heart of the nation's capital, alongside foreign missions, the Australian Parliament, leading national institutions, research organisations and government departments. As Australia's national law school, our researchers have a unique relationship with the Commonwealth Government, providing expert advice to Australia's leaders and decision makers to ensure the advancement of the nation.

We are looking for people who find true joy in learning and following an idea to see where it will lead because it is exciting. We seek people with passion, who want to go beyond established boundaries and forge new paths to the future.

If you would like the opportunity to be extraordinary, then ANU will nurture you to achieve your potential.

I look forward to welcoming you to ANU in 2024.

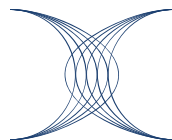
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony J. Connolly'.

Professor Anthony J. Connolly
Dean of ANU College of Law



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By the numbers

ANU is one of the world's leading centres for research and education. Our global reputation and rankings allow us to attract the best staff and students from around the world.



ANU is ranked 34th in the world
2024 QS World University Rankings



Five-star maximum rating for
student demand, teaching
quality, student-teacher ratio
and staff qualifications

Good Universities Guide 2023

Five-star maximum rating for
law and legal studies research

2022 Excellence in Research for Australia
(ERA) rankings



Ranked 18th in the world
for law

Times Higher Education Rankings 2023



23,000+ alumni spanning
100+ countries



15+ scholarships and 60+ prizes
to support your study costs



Within four months of
completing their courses,
87% of ANU Law graduates
are employed full-time

Good Universities Guide 2023

World-class experts

At ANU you will be guided by some of the world's brightest minds, have access to world-class learning facilities and enjoy opportunities that are unique to studying law in the nation's capital — the city where laws and policies are made.



Associate Professor Wayne Morgan

Associate Dean (Education)

"If you want to change the world, study law. If you want to learn at one of the world's leading law schools, join us at the ANU College of Law. Education with us gives you the knowledge, skills and ethical judgement to bring about change with creative solutions to the world's biggest policy and legal challenges. As teachers and researchers at the national law school, we bring together the inspiration and expertise to guide the leaders of tomorrow."

Wayne Morgan is an Associate Professor and the Associate Dean (Education) at the ANU College of Law. He is internationally recognised as a pioneer in the field of queer legal theory. He undertakes interdisciplinary research focused on social justice and law reform, which has contributed to a number of test cases before tribunals and courts at the national and international level, including cases before the High Court of Australia and the United Nations Human Rights Committee.



Professor Ron Levy

"ANU is one of Australia's—and the world's—leading research institutions. Students can expect to learn from global experts in areas such as constitutional law, international law, law and technology, environmental law and commercial law. Classes focus in equal measures on learning the outlines of legal doctrines and understanding the social significance of those doctrines. An exceptional range of subject matters and programs help to train the lawyers, policymakers and legal academics of tomorrow. Teaching occurs on the unique sprawling forested grounds of ANU, which are in close proximity to leading national and political institutions."

Professor Ron Levy's work adapts the political theory of deliberative democracy to understand how contentious legal problems might be settled more effectively. He is the winner of several research awards including grants from Australian and overseas funding bodies. His extensive research, media commentary and governmental/NGO advice approaches contentious areas such as armed conflict, deeply-divided societies, Indigenous-settler conflicts, human rights and the environment.



Associate Professor Heather Roberts SFHEA

“At the ANU College of Law, students are within walking distance of key institutions of government, including every level of the judiciary, and can see these institutions in operation. Our Visiting Judges Program also gives students the opportunity to interact with judges nation-wide, each with different backgrounds and experiences. Students can learn first-hand what judges do, their journeys through the profession, and the skills the next generation of legal professionals need to flourish in their careers.”

Heather Roberts is an Associate Professor at the ANU College of Law and the world's leading scholar on judicial swearing-in ceremonies. This research project is part of her larger research agenda in judicial studies, and is inspired by the question: how does who a judge is make a difference to how the law develops? Her work has been cited by judges and scholars in Australia and internationally, and she is the co-designer of the legal history wall at the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).



Associate Professor Anthony Hopkins

“Many of our students come to law school because they care about social justice and they see the study of law as a foundation for making a difference. At ANU, we recognise, celebrate and foster this motivation. Our clinical and internship courses give students the opportunity to put their legal learning into action, experience the positive potential of law and develop highly sought-after, real-world legal skills.”

Anthony Hopkins is an Associate Professor at the ANU College of Law, Acting Judge of the ACT Supreme Court and Special Magistrate of the ACT Magistrates Court. Dr Hopkins began his career as a criminal defence lawyer in Alice Springs at the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service. He was called to the Bar in 2010 and continues to practise as a barrister with a focus on sentencing and appellate criminal cases.

Global careers start here

When you graduate with a law degree from ANU, you become part of a highly connected global network of alumni that spans 100+ countries.

Our graduates are among the most employable in Australia and around the world, and go on to become leaders in their home countries and on the world stage. Our top international law alumni communities are located in the United Kingdom, the United States, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

Internships, clinical placements and study abroad opportunities are available in various locations throughout Australia, Asia and the Pacific, the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

Internships:	Eight international internships Seven domestic internships (credit and non-credit)
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International short courses:	Five (Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Switzerland, USA)
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Student competitions:	Eight international competitions Seven domestic competitions
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Clinical courses:	Nine domestic clinical courses Two international clinical courses
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What you can study

Whether you study law on its own or combine it with another discipline as part of an ANU flexible double degree, the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) will equip you with the legal knowledge and practical skills required for success in a diverse range of fields.

Single degree

Four years full-time or part-time equivalent

If you aspire to pursue a career in legal practice, then a single specialised qualification in law is your fast-track to becoming a lawyer.

Flexible double degree

Five years full-time or part-time equivalent

A flexible double degree will allow you to satisfy your curiosity and broaden your career options even further. This study option allows you to tailor your studies to qualify you for your dream job, or you can follow your head and your heart by combining a practical degree with another in a field of your passion.

Whatever approach you take, you'll graduate with two qualifications and a competitive edge in employability.

Benefits of a flexible double degree

- Study two Bachelor degrees at the same time and graduate with two qualifications
- Two qualifications provides a clear advantage when applying for jobs
- It takes less time than studying two undergraduate degrees separately
- You will have the same full-time workload as a student undertaking just one Bachelor degree

Combining your Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with one of 30 other ANU undergraduate degrees allows you to personalise your studies and broaden your career horizons.

Accounting	Design	Medical Science
Actuarial Studies	Economics	Music
Applied Data Analytics	Environment and Sustainability	Pacific Studies
Art History and Curatorship	Finance	Political Science
Arts	Genetics	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Asian Studies	Information Technology	Public Policy
Biotechnology	International Relations	Science
Business Administration	International Security Studies	Psychology
Commerce	Languages	Statistics
Criminology	Mathematical Science	Visual Arts



Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

The ANU Bachelor of Laws (Honours) is an internationally-recognised, world-class undergraduate law degree. As a student at Australia's national law school, you'll gain a unique perspective on how laws are made, applied and reformed.

Duration

Single degree:

Four years full-time or part-time equivalent

Flexible double degree:

Five years full-time or part-time equivalent

Entry requirements for 2024

Admission is based on meeting the minimum ATAR requirement of 97 (IB 39) or an equivalent rank derived from one of the following qualifications:

- An Australian Year 12 qualification or international equivalent
- A completed Associate Diploma, Associate Degree, AQF Diploma, Diploma, AQF Advanced Diploma, Graduate Certificate or international equivalent
- At least one standard full-time year (1.0 FTE) in a single program of degree-level study at an Australian higher education institution or international equivalent
- An approved tertiary preparation course unless subsequent study is undertaken.

In a flexible double degree, you must meet the requirements for each degree.

Admission to practice

Completing an ANU Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and the requisite practical legal training qualifies you to practise law anywhere in Australia and in some other jurisdictions, including New Zealand, India, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

What you'll study

Combining the theoretical and practical expertise of leading academics and legal practitioners, the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) provides students with an in-depth knowledge of the role and function of law, and an advanced understanding of how law influences and impacts almost every aspect of our world.

In addition to equipping you with a deep comprehension of law and the contexts in which it operates, the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) encourages you to exercise critical thinking and judgement. These newly acquired skills and understandings will allow you to generate solutions to complex legal and policy problems with growing intellectual independence.

Your learning will take place in a global environment with international programs that allow students to travel to Asia, Europe and the United States. You will be offered opportunities to gain practical experience during your degree through internships, clinical placements, and negotiation and mooted competitions.

The honours component of the program is embedded in the degree structure to improve your career prospects and provide you with a strong foundation for future postgraduate study.

Careers

The ANU Bachelor of Laws (Honours) has global recognition. Our graduates enter traditional legal roles, such as a solicitor or barrister, as well as roles in management, politics, the public service, business, commerce and technology, and communications.

Degree structure

You can study the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) on its own over four years or combined with another discipline as part of a flexible double degree over five years.

Specialisations:

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Law Reform, Environmental and Social Justice
- Public Law

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Sample study pattern single degree (full-time)

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Year	Semester				
1	1	Foundations of Australian Law	Torts	Non-Law first-year elective	Non-Law first-year elective
	2	Lawyers, Justice and Ethics	Contracts	Non-Law first-year elective	Non-Law first-year elective
2	1	Australian Public Law	Criminal Law and Procedure	Corporations Law	Non-Law later-year elective
	2	International Law	Commonwealth Constitutional Law	Legal Theory	Legal Research and Writing
3	1	Administrative Law	Property	Non-Law later-year elective	Law elective or non-Law later-year elective
	2	Equity and Trusts	Evidence	Law elective 1	Law elective or non-Law later-year elective
4	1	Litigation and Dispute Management	Law elective 2	Law elective 3	Law elective 4
	2	Law elective 5	Law elective 6	Law elective 7	Law elective 8

Sample study pattern flexible double degree (full-time)

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Asian Studies

Year	Semester				
1	1	Foundations of Australian Law	Torts	Asian Studies major	Asian Language minor
	2	Lawyers, Justice and Ethics	Contracts	Asian Studies major	Asian Language minor
2	1	Australian Public Law	Criminal Law and Procedure	Asian Studies major	Asian Language minor
	2	International Law	Legal Theory	Asian Studies major	Asian Language minor
3	1	Administrative Law	Corporations Law	Asian Studies major	Elective
	2	Commonwealth Constitutional Law	Legal Research and Writing	Asian Studies major	Elective
4	1	Property	Law elective 1	Asian Studies major	Elective
	2	Equity and Trusts	Evidence	Asian Studies major	Elective
5	1	Litigation and Dispute Management	Law elective 2	Law elective 3	Law elective 4
	2	Law elective 5	Law elective 6	Law elective 7	Law elective 8

**Amelie Bonney**

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/International Relations

I chose law at ANU because I wanted a combination of academic rigour in my coursework and the social aspect of living on campus. The University's proximity to the heart of Australian lawmaking, with the ACT Supreme Court and Federal Courts being right next to campus, makes it a pretty amazing place to study.

I was concerned about getting 'lost in the crowd' and 'falling through the cracks' at law school. However, the amount of support that ANU offers law students and students more broadly solidified my decision to go here. I've been really impressed by how ANU has supported my learning experience and personal development, particularly through programs like Peer-Assisted Learning (PAL) that have been amazing at demystifying law school and improving the overall learning experience.

**Marlow Meares**

Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Hons)

The ANU College of Law is the best place in Australia to study law. Academically, it is home to some of the best academics in Australia. The courses are broad and insightful, with electives being taught from Central Australia to Cambodia. The College also has unique connections to the courts and government, with many classes including guest lectures from the people who decided the cases we study.

More broadly, ANU is a fantastic place to go to university. There is a vibrant on-campus student community, hundreds of active clubs and societies, and academic and non-academic events regularly held across the University.

Alumni career outcomes

Your ANU Law degree will open doors to exciting career opportunities across Australia and around the world.



Annie Haggar

BA/LLB '06, GDLP '07

Annie Haggar's journey into the intersection of law and technology began at a dinner party with her parents, where she was introduced to friends who were starting technology law firms.

Joining as their first employee, Annie faced a steep learning curve, delving into government procurement, contract templates, and managing information technology services.

For nearly two decades, Annie has worked on various projects, embracing the constant change that keeps her excited for what lies ahead. She acknowledges that technology's rapid pace has complicated the intersection of emerging tech, such as artificial intelligence, robotics and the metaverse, with the law.

**Mabel Lim**

LLB '08, GDLP, MPA '09

Mabel Lim is a director at the boutique law firm Colquhoun Murphy and leads the firm's wills and estates practice. She holds qualifications in both accounting and law, and her experience spans all areas of a commercial legal practice. She has a current focus on all aspects of estates practice, which includes estate administration, estate disputes, and family and business succession plans that can involve complex issues of trust and property.

Mabel is currently a member of the Wills and Estates Committee of the ACT Law Society. She was recognised as a leading wills and estate litigation lawyer and a commercial litigation lawyer by the peer-reviewed Doyle's Guide in 2022. She has established a reputation among colleagues and the broader legal community as an excellent wills and estates lawyer and litigator.

**Kieran Pender**

BA (Hons) '16, LLB (Hons) '18, GDLP '19

Kieran is a senior lawyer at the Human Rights Law Centre. He works to uphold the democratic freedoms of all Australians, with a focus on protecting whistleblowers, defending free speech and ending mass surveillance.

Previously, Kieran was a senior legal advisor with the International Bar Association's (IBA) Legal Policy & Research Unit in London. There, he led the IBA's work on whistleblower protections and authored an international study exposing bullying and sexual harassment in the legal profession, embarking on a global campaign to advocate for positive change.

Kieran was awarded the Australian Association of Constitutional Law's 2019 Saunders Prize for Excellence in Scholarship, the Pro Bono/Community Lawyer of the Year at the 30 Under 30 Awards 2022, and the ACT Law Society's Young Lawyer of the Year 2021.

Kieran is also an accomplished journalist who writes regularly on human rights, free speech and sports. For *The Guardian*, he has covered the men and women's FIFA World Cup, Tour de France and 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Clinical courses



Clinical courses allow you to engage with real clients, real problems and real deadlines in a real-world environment. Clinical placements may be undertaken in a community agency, community legal centre or non-government organisation where you will get the opportunity to explore law reform and social justice issues relevant to that field of practice.

Law and Development Clinic

ANU College of Law students will have the opportunity to collaborate with students and supervising academic staff at a law school in a developing country. The choices of developing country and partner law school will be at the discretion of the ANU College of Law, and will align with partnerships with developing country law schools, the ANU international strategy, unit learning outcomes and assessments, and safety.

Legal Education for True Justice: Indigenous Perspectives and Deep Listening on Country

Based in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, this course presents principles and tools to support reappraisal and future leadership to better address legal and societal dimensions of justice, rights and empowerment for First Nations peoples.

Prison Legal Literacy Clinic

During this course, you will work with other students to deliver interactive legal literacy sessions to a cohort of detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, the only adult prison in the ACT. Topics are chosen by detainees and are as diverse as detainee interests, ranging from parole to family law. You will explore social justice and law reform issues in relation to detainee experiences.

Youth Law Clinic

During this course, you will undertake a clinical placement at the Youth Law Centre, a non-profit legal service for ACT youth aged 12–25. You will gain hands-on experience in a community legal practice environment, provide legal assistance to young people under the supervision of practising solicitors, and explore social justice and law reform issues in relation to youth legal needs in the ACT.

Environmental Law Clinic

During this course, you will undertake a clinical placement at the Environmental Defenders Office in the ACT under the supervision of practising solicitors. You will gain practical legal skills in environmental and planning law. You will also have the opportunity to explore law reform issues relating to environmental justice and consider the role of a lawyer in this field of practice.

International Law Clinic

During this course, you will undertake a work placement at a government agency or non-government organisation (NGO). You will gain practical legal experience applying international law to real-world issues in an agency or organisation that is active on international law issues.

Indigenous Community Legal Clinic

During this course, you will undertake a work placement at a community law practice that provides legal assistance to Indigenous people. You will gain practical legal skills that include interviewing, casework skills and advising Indigenous clients under the supervision of practising solicitors.

Community Law Clinic

During this course, you will undertake a clinical placement at Canberra Community Law, a community legal centre for low-income and disadvantaged people in the ACT. You will gain hands-on experience in a community legal practice environment, provide legal information and undertake casework under the supervision of practising solicitors.

Public Interest Law Clinic

During this course, you will undertake a work placement at an ACT community agency. You will gain practical legal skills in public interest law and critically consider legal practice approaches and the role of lawyers in relation to individual clients and client groups.

Undergraduate courses

Administrative Law	Financial Markets and Takeovers	Law Internship
Advanced Administrative Law	Foundations of Australian Law	Law, Markets and Justice
Advanced International Law	Income Tax	Law Research Capstone Project
AI and Law	Indigenous Community Legal Clinic	Lawyers, Justice and Ethics
Australian Public Law	Indigenous Peoples and Law	Legal Education for True Justice: Indigenous Perspectives and Deep Listening on Country
Chinese Law and Society	Information Technology Law	Legal Research and Writing
Climate Law	Intellectual Property	Legal Theory
Commercial Law	International Arbitration and Negotiation Moot Competition in Japan	Litigation and Dispute Management
Commonwealth Constitutional Law	International Dispute Resolution	Media Law
Community Law Clinic	International Investment Law	Prison Legal Literacy Clinic
Competition Law	International Law	Property
Consumer Protection	International Law Clinic	Restitution
Corporations, Law and Technology	International Law of the Sea	Sentencing
Conflict of Laws	International Trade Law	Succession
Contemporary Issues in Constitutional Law	Japanese Law and Society	Supervised Research Paper
Contracts	Jessup Moot	The Law of Money
Corporations Law	Judicial Reasoning	The Rule of Law and Constitutionalism in Greater China
Criminal Law and Procedure	Labour Law	Torts
Environmental Justice Practicum	Law and Development Clinic	Tort Liability and Public Authorities
Environmental Law	Law and the Humanities	Unravelling Complexity
Environmental Law Clinic	Law and Psychology	Youth Law Clinic
Equity and Trusts	Law and Social Movements	
Evidence	Law, Gender Identities and Sexualities	
Family Law		

Note: Entry requirements and pre-requisites apply to some courses. Courses are subject to change and the University reserves the right to not to offer all courses listed in this guide. Applicants are encouraged to check the program rules, requirements and available study options for their selected program at the time of application. Find out more at: programsandcourses.anu.edu.au



Rosie Heselev

BA/LLB (Hons) '19

"From a young age, I have been interested in justice and understanding how certain tragic events occur, and how we can respond."

Rosie's passion for education and community contribution was instilled by her grandmother, a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany. Determined to address social issues, Rosie became fascinated with law during her teenage years and eventually chose to study at the ANU College of Law.

Through the ANU Law Reform and Social Justice program, Rosie participated in the Prison Legal Literacy Clinic in which law students provide legal education to inmates in Canberra's prison. This experience guided her towards a career as a community lawyer.

Canberra—the capital advantage

At ANU, you'll be warmly welcomed into a safe, inclusive and collaborative environment that facilitates immersion and offers a strong sense of togetherness and community spirit.

Our proximity to the High Court of Australia, Parliament House, Commonwealth courts and federal agencies offers unparalleled access to legal practitioners, members of the judiciary and government policymakers, many of whom are ANU Law alumni.

Canberra offers a different cultural experience to other Australian cities and is incredibly easy to get around — the city has the shortest commute times of any major Australian city and a light-rail network.



Most liveable city

Canberra is one of the world's most liveable cities, ranking first for quality of life ahead of Sydney and Melbourne.

2023 Numbeo Quality of Life Index



Safest

Canberra is considered one of the safest cities in Australia with one of the lowest crime rates nationally.

police.act.gov.au



Global community

A city of just over 450,000 people with more than 29 per cent of our residents born overseas, Canberra is a multicultural city with a strong sense of community.

2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics



Applications and scholarships

How to apply

Domestic undergraduate applicants

Ready to begin your undergraduate studies at ANU? There are two ways to apply:

- 1 Apply direct to ANU if:**
 - You will complete your Year 12 studies in 2024 or an International Baccalaureate Diploma in November 2023; and Your Year 12 studies or International Baccalaureate Diploma will be completed in an Australian school; and
 - You'll be applying for an undergraduate program that starts in 2025.

Applications for 2025 open:
May 2024

2 Apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) if you are:

- Wishing to commence your studies in 2025
- Are an Australian or New Zealand citizen
- Are a permanent resident of Australia or the holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa.

Applications for 2025 open:
August 2024

Find out more at:
study.anu.edu.au/apply

International undergraduate applicants

International applicants

There are two student intakes each year:

- Semester 1 (February) — Applications are open and will close **15 December 2024**.
- Semester 2 (July) — Applications are open and will close **15 May 2024**.

In order to be considered for an offer, you must meet pre-requisite and cognate requirements for your preferred program, and English language requirements by the application deadline for the round.

Apply online at:
anu.edu.au/study/apply

International applicants completing Australian Year 12, NCEA and IB applicants

If you're an international student who is completing an Australian Year 12, a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3, or an International Baccalaureate (IB), you need to apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

Apply online at:
uac.edu.au

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to assist you with the cost of your studies. To find out more visit: anu.edu.au/scholarships



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