WHY STUDY LAW AT ACU?

GLOBAL FOCUS
Recognising the role lawyers can play in international commerce and diplomacy, ACU’s law programs have a distinctive international flavour. All students are required to undertake internationally focused subjects throughout their program to build their capacity to engage globally. ACU is well connected and has student exchange partnerships with more than 70 universities around the world. Through these arrangements our law students can study overseas for up to one year of their degree and gain credit upon their return to ACU.

ETHICAL AND PRACTICAL
An ACU law degree is about teaching students to think critically and ethically and be guided by social justice principles. It’s about acquiring the skills to influence positive change in communities and in society. Our law programs are based on creating ethical and practical legal practitioners who understand the challenges of law in modern society.

PRO BONO LEGAL WORK
All students are required to complete a minimum of 160 hours of pro bono legal professional experience throughout their law program. This allows students to give back to their communities and make a difference whilst gaining valuable practical legal experience.

ACU’s pro bono program introduces law students to the workings of the legal profession and provides them with the opportunity to meet, observe and work with organisations serving the public interest. ACU law students have undertaken pro bono work in prominent community-based support services including community legal centres and social services, law firms and government departments.

LAW INDUCTION PROGRAM
The ACU Law Induction Program is held on the Melbourne and Sydney campuses in February of each year. It offers commencing students a unique introduction to the study of law through introductory law lectures, mooting, court visits, legal profession events and social activities. It is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge essential to beginning their law studies.

PERSONALISED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
ACU prides itself on small class sizes and highly individualised personal attention for each of our students. In the Thomas More Academy of Law we limit our intake of students to ensure a high-quality learning environment where the dean, professors, pro bono coordinator, legal profession mentors and academic and professional staff are easily accessible.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION
This course has been specifically developed to meet the requirements for admission to practice law. The course has been approved for admission to practice law in Victoria and New South Wales.

CSP GRADUATE ENTRY LAW DEGREE
All places in ACU’s Graduate Entry Law Degree are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) for eligible Australian and New Zealand citizens.
BACHELOR OF LAW (GRADUATE ENTRY)

Campus: Melbourne, North Sydney
Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)
Prerequisites: Applicants must have successfully completed a recognised three-year Bachelor degree.
There is strong competition for places in the degree and successful applicants are likely to have a strong undergraduate bachelor degree with GPA of approximately 5.5 at a strong credit standard.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The Bachelor of Laws (Graduate entry) is designed to produce well-rounded graduates ready for legal practice and a range of professional careers in an increasingly global environment. Graduates can pursue a range of legal careers including: private legal practice as a solicitor or barrister; legal officer in the public sector (for example in federal or state government departments and publicly-funded organisations as diverse as national regulatory bodies, universities and public broadcasters); in-house counsel to a wide-range of organisations from corporations to trade unions; public interest and legal work in community legal centres; legal research; and a variety of jobs in which legal knowledge is either required or desirable.

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As a new law school developed for the 21st century, we offer you a highly personalised and supportive learning environment. At ACU Law we will provide you with a solid knowledge of the law as well as an understanding of the needs of our wider community, preparing you for a fulfilling career in an increasingly dynamic global environment. Throughout your law studies at ACU we will encourage you to pursue social justice, work for the common good, engage in ethical practice and respect human dignity – all in the context of rigorous academic standards. We will guide you in these endeavours and lead by example.