

2025 Programme Limitations – Faculty of Law

Pursuant to the Limitation of Entry Statute 1991, the relevant Dean proposes the following maximum number of students in the following programmes in 2025 because of an insufficiency of accommodation and/or staff to provide adequate teaching to all students expected to seek a place.

Programme	Category	Proposed 2025 limit
LLB Part I (including all conjoins)	Domestic	
	International	
	TOTAL	1200
LLB Part II (including all conjoins)	Domestic (includes UTAS numbers below)	440
	International	15
	TOTAL	455
	Discretionary hardship	3*
	Transferring	6**
	UTAS Total	
	Maori	
	Pacific	
	Students with disabilities	
	Students from refugee backgrounds	
	Students from low socio-economic backgrounds	
LLB Part III Transferring	Domestic	
	International	
	TOTAL	10
	Discretionary hardship	5^

Section 2: Selection criteria

The following criteria are proposed to be used by the Faculty of Law to select students into limited entry programmes in 2025.

LLB Part I- School Leavers

Criteria highlighted in grey should not be changed as it was set and published as part of the Guaranteed Entry Scores exercise.

Students must apply for a conjoint degree or concurrent degrees (LLB Part I and another degree programme) at LLB Part I.

Selection committee

n/a

LLB Part I- Other Applicants

Criteria highlighted in grey should not be changed as it was set and published as part of the Guaranteed Entry Scores exercise.

Graduates or students already enrolled in another University of Auckland bachelors degree programme will be admitted to LLB Part I.

Selection committee

n/a

LLB Part II- Other Applicants

Students admitted from Part I

Academic merit and legal aptitude: ranked by Law GPA (see Notes Part II below) or equivalent standard of achievement in the LSAT or other measure of legal aptitude. Minimum grade requirements apply (see Notes Part II below).

Transferring**

Academic merit ranked by Law GPA, which must meet the standard for general entry to Part II, and in their first year of transferred enrolment at the University of Auckland the student must successfully complete with the same minimum grade requirements needed for entry to Part II any outstanding Part I course/s required of those students admitted from the University of Auckland.

Discretionary hardship*

Academic merit ranked by Law GPA and appropriate evidence of exceptional unforeseen circumstances and resulting hardship (see Notes Part II below).

Selection committee

Associate Dean (Academic) as Chair, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), Associate Dean (Equity), President of the New Zealand Law Society (or nominee), Pro-Vice Chancellor Equity (or nominee), Tumuaki/Associate Dean (Māori) or Kaiārahi, Associate Dean (Moana Oceania)

LLB Part III- Other Applicants

Transferring***

Academic merit ranked by Law GPA, which must not be lower than 5.0 at the student's equivalent Part II stage (see Notes Part III below) and in their first year of transferred enrolment at the University of Auckland the student must successfully complete with the same minimum grade requirements needed for entry to Part II any outstanding Part I course/s required of those students admitted from the University of Auckland.

Discretionary hardship^

Academic merit ranked by Law GPA and appropriate evidence of exceptional unforeseen circumstances and resulting hardship (see Notes Part III below).

Selection committee

Associate Dean (Academic) as Chair, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), Associate Dean (Equity), President of the New Zealand Law Society (or nominee) Pro-Vice Chancellor Equity (or nominee), Tumuaki/Associate Dean (Māori) or Kaiārahi, Associate Dean (Moana Oceania).

Notes Part II

The Law GPA for the purpose of admission into LLB Part II is to be based on the grades for LAW 121/121G Law and Society, LAW 131 Legal Method and LAW 141 Legal Foundations, together with the best grades achieved in other degree courses of a university taken in the most recent year of study that constitute 75 points (or equivalent).

The grade for LAW 121/121G is to be single-weighted, but the grades for LAW 131 and LAW 141 are to be double-weighted for the purpose of calculating the Law GPA; that is, each of LAW 131 and LAW 141 is to be treated as if it were a 30-point course for Part II selection purposes.

Where a student has attempted LAW 121/121G, LAW 131 or LAW 141 multiple times, the highest grade achieved in each course is to be used for the purpose of calculating the Law GPA.

In cases where the most recent year comprised courses (other than LAW 121/121G, LAW 131 and LAW 141) totaling fewer than 75 points, the grades achieved in the most recent year are to be supplemented by grades achieved in degree courses of a university from the most recent preceding year(s), to a total of 75 points (or equivalent).

No applicant will be selected for General admission nor for Discretionary Hardship admission nor under the Targeted Admission Schemes for Māori, Pacific, Students with Disabilities, Students from Low Socioeconomic, or Refugee backgrounds unless they have:

- (i) a Law GPA of at least 3.000 (C+ average); and
- (ii) a grade of at least C+ in LAW 131 Legal Method (or in LAW 101 the Legal System before 2006) and in LAW 141 Legal Foundations, or equivalent standard of achievement in the LSAT or other measure of legal aptitude (under LLB regulation 9).

These are the minimum grade requirements.

Applicants with a Law GPA of 6.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission (under general admission). Applicants with lower Law GPAs may be admitted in the various UTAS categories, subject to meeting the minimum grade requirements specified above. In the event that not all available places are thereby filled, the Law GPA threshold for general admission may be set below 6.5.

In the case of Transferring Part II law applicants (being students who have been admitted to second-year law courses at another New Zealand law school but who have not yet satisfied all of this University's Part I and II requirements because of the different degree structures and who will have non-law credit for at least 5 courses at 15 points each) the Law GPA is to include the grades in any second-year law courses taken (up to 90 points). A Transferring Part II law applicant who has not yet passed the equivalent of LAW 141 will be required to successfully complete LAW 141 in their first year of transferred enrolment alongside LAW 201-298 and their continuation in the LLB programme will be conditional on successfully completing LAW 141. Students applying in this category may not be considered under any other scheme except the Discretionary Hardship admission scheme for Part II.

In the case of students who have completed LLB Part I (but have not yet been admitted to LLB Part II) at another NZ law school, have passed the equivalent of LAW 121/121G, have passed the equivalent of LAW 131 with a grade of at least C+, but (because of the different degree structures) have not yet passed the equivalent of LAW 141 nor 75 points in non-law degree courses of a university, admission to LLB Part II may be approved under general admission or discretionary hardship or any of the UTAS categories. Such students, if selected for admission to LLB Part II, must successfully complete LAW 141 in their first year of transferred enrolment, and the outstanding non-law university course/s alongside LAW 201-298. Continuation in the LLB programme will be conditional on their successful completion of these requirements. Applicants in this category with a Law GPA of 6.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission. In the event that the Law GPA required for general admission is lower than 6.5, that lower Law GPA will be applied to transferring applicants.

Where an applicant makes a good case which is accepted by the Dean (or the Dean's nominee) that the work done in the most recent year or years was not representative of their ability because of significant unforeseen circumstances beyond their control that impacted on their grades, grades achieved in degree courses of a university in an earlier year or years may be used to make up the 75 points of non-law.

Where an applicant has passed LAW 101 The Legal System prior to 2006, the grade for LAW 101 is to be substituted for LAW 121/121G and LAW 131, and weighted as though 45 points.

Where, under LLB regulation 9, a graduate applicant is to be considered for Part II admission without having taken LAW 101 or LAW 121/121G, LAW 131 and LAW 141, the Law GPA for selection purposes is to be computed on the basis of:

- (i) the best grades achieved in other degree courses of a university taken in the most recent year of full-time study (or most recent years, where the most recent year was not full-time, or was limited full-time) which constitute a normal full-time programme of 120 points (or equivalent); and
- (ii) the LSAT score or other measure of legal aptitude approved by the Dean under regulation 9.

In respect of the Targeted Admission Scheme for Māori, in the event that more than 32 applicants have achieved the minimum standard (Law GPA of at least 3.0, with at least C+ grades in LAW 131 and LAW 141) and have satisfied the interviewing panel as to their eligibility to be admitted under the scheme, additional places may be offered to enable more than 32 students to be admitted.

Discretionary Hardship Part II* admission scheme

Up to 3 places may be allocated to students whose Law GPA is below the standard required but who are able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee: (i) that their failure to meet that standard is attributable to exceptional, unforeseen circumstances beyond their control, independently verified by appropriate evidence; and (ii) that undue hardship would result if they were not admitted to LLB Part II at the University of Auckland.

Notes Part III

Students from other New Zealand law schools may be considered for admission to LLB Part III,

provided they have passed at least 5 non-law degree courses of a university totalling 75 points, the equivalent of LAW 121/121G, the equivalent of LAW 131 with a grade of at least C+, and the equivalents of any of LAW 201, LAW 211, LAW 231, and LAW 241.

The Law GPA for the purpose of admission into LLB Part III for such transferring students is to be based on the grades achieved in:

- (i) LAW 121/121G and LAW 131 (and LAW 141 if previously completed), or their equivalent/s, with LAW 121/121G to be single-weighted and each of LAW 131 and LAW 141 each being weighted as 30 points; and
- (ii) LAW 201, LAW 211, LAW 231 and LAW 241, or their equivalents, together weighted as 120 points.

In each case, the equivalent Part II course(s) offered at another New Zealand law school shall be substituted, and the grade weighted as though for the Auckland equivalent. Where a student has attempted any of these courses multiple times, the highest grade achieved in each course is to be used for the purpose of calculating the Law GPA.

Transferring students admitted to Part III must in their first year of transferred enrolment at the University of Auckland successfully complete LAW 141 if not already completed.

Discretionary Hardship Part III^ admission scheme

Of the 10 places reserved for Transferring Part III Law, up to 5 places may be allocated to students whose Law GPA is below the standard required for Part III entry but who are able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee: (i) that their failure to meet that standard is attributable to exceptional, unforeseen circumstances beyond their control, independently verified by appropriate evidence; and (ii) that undue hardship would result if they were not admitted to LLB Part III at the University of Auckland.

Publication of Rank Score information – N/A

Information published in Faculty marketing and recruitment plans must also be aligned with approved selection criteria.

Section 3: UTAS selection criteria

The following criteria are proposed to be used by the Faculty of Law to select UTAS students into limited entry programmes in 2025.

LLB Part II

Part II entry

Māori Admission Scheme

Ranked by academic merit (based on Law GPA); interview may be required to determine TAS eligibility.

Indigenous Pacific Islands Residents Scheme

Ranked by academic merit (based on Law GPA); interview may be required to determine TAS eligibility.

Disabled Applicants Admission Scheme

Satisfying University criteria for consideration as a Student with a Disability; ranked by academic merit (based on Law GPA) including impact of disability on grades.

Students from Low Socio-economic backgrounds

Satisfying University criteria as a student from a Low Socio-economic background and having completed not more than one full year of university study (or equivalent); ranked by academic merit (based on Law GPA).

Refugee background students

Satisfying University criteria as a student from a Refugee background; ranked by academic merit (based on Law GPA)

Selection committee

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