Law – 2027 Programme Limitations

Pursuant to the Limitation of Entry Statute 1991, the relevant Dean proposes the following maximum number of students in the following programmes in 2027 because of an insufficiency of accommodation and/or staff to provide adequate teaching to all students expected to seek a place.

Programme	Category	Approved 2027 limit
LLB Part I (including all conjoints)	Domestic	
	International	
	TOTAL	**1200**
LLB Part II (including all conjoints)	Domestic (includes UTAS numbers below)	440
	International	15
	TOTAL	**455**
	Discretionary hardship	3
	Transferring	6
	UTAS Total	84
	Maori	32+
	Pacific	37
	Students with disabilities	3
	Students from refugee backgrounds	3
	Students from low socio-economic backgrounds	9
LLB Part III Transferring	Domestic	
	International	
	TOTAL	**10**
	Discretionary hardship	5^

2027 Programme Limitations – Faculty of Law

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 2027.

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.

1. . Students will be admitted to LLB Part I if they have University Entrance and have been admitted unconditionally to another undergraduate programme.

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.

2. 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

3. Selection will be based on academic merit ranked by Law GPA (see Notes Part II, notes (a) to (d)) or equivalent standard of achievement in the LSAT or other measure of legal aptitude. Minimum grade requirements apply (see Notes Part II, note (e)).

Transferring

4. Selection will be based on 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 any outstanding Part I course/s required of those students admitted from the University of Auckland (see Notes Part II, notes (e), (g) to (j)).

Discretionary hardship

5. Selection will be based on academic merit ranked by Law GPA and appropriate evidence of exceptional unforeseen circumstances and resulting hardship (see Notes Part II, note (o)).

Selection committee

6. 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

7. Selection will be based on 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 any outstanding Part I course/s required of those students admitted from the University of Auckland (see Notes Part III, notes (a) to (d)).

Discretionary hardship

8. Selection will be based on academic merit ranked by Law GPA and appropriate evidence of exceptional unforeseen circumstances and resulting hardship (see Notes Part III, note (e)).

Selection committee

9. 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

Law GPA

(a) The Law GPA for the purpose of admission into LLB Part II is to be based on the grades for LAW 121G Law and Society, LAW 131 Legal Method and LAW 141 Legal Foundations, together with the best grades achieved in non-law university degree courses (excluding pass/fail courses, Waipapa Taumata Rau and other courses listed on the General Education schedule) taken in the most recent year of study that constitute 60 points (or equivalent).

(b) The grade for LAW 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.

(c) Where a student has attempted LAW 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.

(d) In cases where the most recent year comprised courses (other than LAW 121G, LAW 131, LAW 141 and Waipapa Taumata Rau courses) total fewer than 60 points, the grades achieved in the most recent year are to be supplemented by grades achieved in university degree courses (excluding pass/fail courses, Waipapa Taumata Rau and other courses listed on the General Education schedule) from the most recent preceding year(s), to a total of 60 points (or equivalent).

Minimum grade requirements

(e) 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) completed 75 points in university degree non-law courses;

(ii) a Law GPA of at least 3.000 (C+ average); and

(iii) a grade of at least C+ in LAW 131 Legal Method and in LAW 141 Legal Foundations, or equivalent standard of achievement in the LSAT or other measure of legal aptitude (under LLB regulation 1).

Guaranteed admission

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

Transferring Part II applicants

(g) Applicants to LLB Part II who have completed LLB Part I at another New Zealand law school but have not yet attempted any LLB Part II courses, and who have passed the equivalent of LAW 121G, and have passed the equivalent of LAW 131 with a grade of at least C+, but who (because of the different degree structures) have not yet passed the equivalent of LAW 141 nor 75 points of non-law courses are eligible for consideration for admission to Part II. Their Law GPA is to include the best grades achieved in non-law university degree courses (excluding pass/fail courses) taken in the most recent year of study that constitute 60 points. Applicants covered by this note with a Law GPA of 6.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission. In the event that the Law GPA required for general

admission under note (f) is lower than 6.5, that lower Law GPA will be applied to transferring applicants. Applicants covered by this note may be approved under general admission or discretionary hardship or any of the UTAS categories.

(h) A Transferring Part II law applicant covered by note (g) who has not yet passed the equivalent of LAW141 or 75 non-law courses due to different degree structures must, if selected for admission to LLB Part II at this University, successfully complete LAW 141 and any outstanding non-law university course/s in their first year of transferred enrolment, alongside LAW 201-297. Continuation in the LLB programme will be conditional on their successful completion of these requirements.

(i) For applicants to LLB Part II law who have attempted at least one second-year law course 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 have non-law credit for at least 5 courses at 15 points each the Law GPA is to include the best grades achieved in non-law university degree courses (excluding pass/fail courses) taken in the most recent year of study that constitute 60 points and the grades in any second-year law courses taken (up to 90 points). Applicants covered by this note may not be considered under any other scheme except the Discretionary Hardship admission scheme for Part II.

(j) A Transferring Part II law applicant covered by note (g) who has not yet passed the equivalent of LAW141 must, if selected for admission to LLB Part II, successfully complete LAW 141 in their first year of transferred enrolment alongside LAW 201-297. Continuation in the LLB programme will be conditional on their successful completion of these requirements.

Exclusion of non-representative courses

(k) 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 60 points of non-law used to calculate the Law GPA.

Graduate applicants

(l) Where, under LLB regulation 1, a graduate applicant is to be considered for Part II admission without having attempted LAW 121G, LAW 131 or LAW 141 or equivalent thereof at another New Zealand university, 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 7, weighted as 30 points.

(m) The calculation in the previous note (l) cannot be used if a graduate applicant attempted an LLB Part I course at any New Zealand University.

Targeted Admission Scheme for Māori

(n) In respect of the Targeted Admission Scheme for Māori, in the event that more than 32 applicants have achieved the minimum grade requirements listed in note (e) above and have satisfied the interviewing panel as to their eligibility to be admitted under the Targeted Admission Scheme for Māori, additional places may be offered to enable more than 32 Māori applicants to be admitted.

Discretionary Hardship Part II admission scheme

(o) Up to 3 places may be allocated to students whose Law GPA is below the standard required for general admission under note (f) above 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.

Reallocation to another category

(p) Any places not allocated in a specific Targeted Admission Scheme may be reallocated to another Targeted Admission Scheme if there are suitable applicants.

Notes Part III

(a) 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 121G, the equivalent of LAW 131 with a grade of at least C+, and the equivalents of all of LAW 201, LAW 211, LAW 231, and LAW 241.

(b) 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 121G and LAW 131 (and LAW 141 if previously completed), or their equivalent/s, with LAW 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.

(c) In each case, the equivalent Part II courses 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.

(d) Transferring students admitted to Part III must in their first year of transferred enrolment at the University of Auckland successfully complete LAW141 if not already completed and LAW297 if an equivalent was not completed during their enrolment at another New Zealand law school.

Discretionary Hardship Part III admission scheme

(e) 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 with a LawGPA of at least 3.0 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.

(f)

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 2027.

LLB Part II

Part II entry
Māori Admission Scheme

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

Pacific Islands Admission Scheme

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

Disabled Applicants Admission Scheme

3. 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

4. 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

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

Selection committee

6. 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).

Publication of Rank Score information

Faculties are reminded that only the rank score selection criteria approved as part of the Programme Limits/Guaranteed Entry Score processes can be reproduced in publications for prospective applicants.

Faculties are responsible for ensuring information published in prospectuses, handbooks, on websites or in any other publications reflect the approved rank scores.

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