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# Auckland Law School

## Postgraduate Prospectus 2019



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# Welcome from the Dean

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**Auckland Law School offers the largest range of postgraduate Law programmes in New Zealand and is ranked among the best law schools in the world\*.**



A postgraduate law degree from New Zealand's world-ranked university is an important step in your career, whether in the field of Corporate and Commercial Law, Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, International Law, Litigation and Dispute Resolution or Public Law.

Our postgraduate programmes are taught by our own academic staff, members of the Department of Commercial Law in the Business School, leading members of the profession and distinguished academic visitors from abroad. Our team also provides PhD supervision in a wide range of areas, with scholarship funding available. If you are considering a PhD, we have an exciting new Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship available. You'll find more information on pg 15.

The Master of Laws is for those pursuing a legal career in New Zealand or internationally. The Master of Legal Studies allows professionals and graduates in areas such as planning, education, human rights, criminal justice, engineering, medicine, commerce and international relations to take law courses of relevance to their profession or passion.

We also offer the Master of Taxation Studies for law or commerce graduates who intend to make tax consulting or tax advocacy their career.

The Davis Law Library is an outstanding international research facility. Its collection of online and print resources is unequalled within New Zealand. You can access its many databases wherever and whenever you want to research. The depth and breadth of the collection provides an excellent foundation for your study.

For our LLM, MLS and MTaxS candidates there are postgraduate scholarships on offer annually.

We encourage you to join us in the postgraduate programme. You will find it challenging and rewarding. For those proposing to come from overseas, Auckland is a great place to live, study and make life-long friends. The rest of New Zealand is an added attraction for you to explore during breaks in your programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to postgraduate study at Auckland.

PROFESSOR ANDREW STOCKLEY  
Dean, Faculty of Law

\*QS World University Subject Rankings in Law, 2018 (ranked 29th worldwide).





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## Why study with us?

The Auckland Law School leads the development of quality postgraduate legal education in New Zealand. Our postgraduate degrees are internationally recognised, with graduates who are valued and sought after throughout New Zealand and the world.

### Postgraduate study in Law

The Auckland Law School offers a wide range of courses taught by our own experts, as well as eminent scholars from the world's premier law schools. We offer six specialisations: Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; and Public Law.

These specialisations enable you to focus on a particular area of study, while allowing you the opportunity to pursue other areas of interest.

Postgraduate programmes offered by the Law School include the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Laws (LLM), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PGCertLaw).

Study programmes are designed with great flexibility to cater to a diverse range of people, from legal practitioners to full-time students.

The Law School offers a number of courses (intensive, part-semester and whole-semester) that are globally relevant to both domestic and international students.

If you want to study for an internationally recognised degree in a stimulating academic environment with a strong international focus, explore our study options and get your career off to the best possible start.

### The benefits of advanced legal study

Postgraduate study in law is increasingly important in a globalised world, as careers now demand more focused, sophisticated and advanced legal expertise. The Law School's postgraduate programmes allow you to specialise in areas that are important to employers, but also suit your academic interests. The programmes attract a diverse mix of new graduates, experienced practitioners, partners and industry professionals, as well as international students from various jurisdictions, all of whom bring their differing perspectives and talents to the postgraduate seminars.

Investing in postgraduate study at the University of Auckland will broaden your academic, research and employment horizons, while adding value with specialist skills and knowledge.

Whether you plan to join the next generation of leading lawyers in New Zealand or strive to become a leader internationally, a postgraduate law qualification from the Auckland Law School will help you to stand out among your peers on the competitive international stage.

### Auckland Law School ranked 29th in the world\*

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's highest-ranked university.

The Auckland Law School is ranked 29th in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018. The University as a whole is also ranked among the world's top 200 universities by the Times Higher Education World Rankings of Universities, and is the highest ranked New Zealand university in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities.

The University of Auckland has a strong international focus. It is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21 and is a member of the Worldwide Universities Network and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. The University of Auckland is home to more than 42,000 students. More than 7,000 international students from over 120 countries choose to study here.

\*[www.worldranked.ac.nz](http://www.worldranked.ac.nz)

\*QS World University Rankings in Law, 2018 (ranked 29th worldwide)



## Flexible learning

Our postgraduate programmes are structured to allow you maximum flexibility. We understand that personal, family and work commitments are important factors when deciding whether to study, so we offer options that fit with your lifestyle. There are four options to choose from: full-semester courses taught in the early evening; half-semester courses; intensively-taught courses over three to five days; and independent research programmes. We encourage you to meet with one of our advisers to discuss your best fit.

## Specialisation

Specialisation is optional, but you can elect to have your LLM or MLS degree awarded in Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; or Public Law. To specialise you must complete a minimum of three-quarters of your degree points in one of these areas.

## Research centres

The Auckland Law School is home to a number of renowned research centres, including the Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law; New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law; the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice; New Zealand Centre for ICT Law; and the New Zealand Centre for Law and Business. Our highly experienced team, many of whom are international leaders in their field, are available to supervise LLM or PhD dissertations or theses in their area of expertise. They also teach on the LLM, MLS and MTaxS programmes throughout the year.

## Work and study facilities

We offer a number of facilities to support your postgraduate studies, including workspaces with dedicated computers in the Law School and wireless network access for your laptops and devices. Whenever possible, PhD students are allocated offices in the Law School.

The Davis Law Library provides computers for the exclusive use of postgraduate students and has rooms set aside for postgraduate study and discussion.

PhD students are welcome to attend the staff seminar series run throughout the year, with Auckland Law School staff and visiting academics presenting research papers and work in progress.

## The Davis Law Library

The renowned Davis Law Library is 1 of 14 University of Auckland libraries, and the largest law library in New Zealand. It boasts a collection of 130,000 printed volumes, 87,000 e-journals and 343,000 electronic books available to students. The focus of the collection is on the five principal Common Law jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), with materials from other jurisdictions also available.

Electronic services feature strongly in the Davis Law Library and access is provided to 800 bibliographic databases networked to members of the University both on and off campus, plus other specialist legal databases accessible only within the library system.

The Davis Law Library is open seven days a week during semester. Further information on opening hours, contact details and services are available at [www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/law](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/law)

A subject librarian service is available, and research consultations and assistance are provided by the library's knowledgeable staff. Students enrolled at the University of Auckland have access to the following range of services:

- Print and audio-visual collections
- Major legal databases including LexisNexis, Westlaw.com, Brookers Online and HeinOnline
- Training in current legal research methodologies
- Library web pages and electronic resources (in libraries, at other campus locations and off campus via the authorised log-in facilities)
- Borrowing facilities
- Information services
- Intercampus Library Delivery Service (ICLDS)
- Interlibrary loan and document delivery services
- Study and group discussion facilities
- Photocopying and computer printing facilities

Davis Law Library staff offer an extensive range of year-round courses for students wishing to improve their electronic research skills. Group tutorials are provided for generic law databases, with individual tuition available for the more specialist databases. Cross-disciplinary database training is also available.

## Bell Gully computer laboratory

The Bell Gully computer laboratory is a training facility within the Davis Law Library, comprising 15 computers, a data projector and audio-visual equipment.

This facility ensures all law students are able to acquire the requisite skills for effective legal research. As a postgraduate student you are welcome to use the laboratory for research whenever it is not required for training.



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*“From day one I felt welcome at the school and found everyone to be warm and friendly. As an international student this made settling in a positive experience.”*

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*“I choose the Auckland Law School as it is well ranked, with a high-quality doctoral programme. Its extensive areas of specialisation and the prospect of supervision by renowned academics was attractive. The facilities are excellent, with the law and general libraries having a wide selection of international sources.*

*“The primary objective of my thesis is to use case studies of the Philippines and Sri Lanka to assess the adequacy of the domestic legal frameworks that govern the protection of female migrant domestic workers against rights violations and abuse overseas.*

*“The Law School provided funding for me to conduct fieldwork in the Philippines and Sri Lanka. It also supports conference attendance, enabling networking and circulation of my work, which puts me in a strong position to achieve my goal of becoming an academic on completion of my PhD.*

*“I was awarded a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, which is open to international students. It covers my tuition fees and provides an annual allowance, giving me financial support to study in Auckland. In addition to the scholarship I was awarded the Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship. The fellowship allows me to perform academic tasks in the school, which is preparing me for life in academia.”*

**Sophie Henderson** is from England and is studying for her PhD in Law. She is a recipient of a University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship and the Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship.

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“The school hosts world renowned lecturers, and the proximity of the Law School to Auckland’s central business district meant I could get from my office to class with ease, making juggling my commitments more manageable.”

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*"I have a strong interest in international trade and investment law and decided to pursue postgraduate study to further my employment prospects in this niche area of law. I was fortunate to be awarded the Marsden Grant Research Scholarship Learning's from Tobacco Control Strategies in Trade and Investment Agreements. The scholarship included the payment of tuition fees, a research stipend and supervision by a leading scholar in the area of trade and investment agreements. The scholarship was huge motivation for me to push myself and create my best pieces of academic work.*

*"I chose the Auckland Law School's Master of Laws because it allowed me to combine taught and research masters components in one degree. This option meant I undertook a taught masters course in International Trade Law and developed a thesis in the same area.*

*"I enjoyed the intellectual rigour of research. A highlight was receiving an excellent grade from a professor who is the author of a foremost publication on international trade law; it gave me immense satisfaction to achieve in a field I am passionate about. I count the support offered by the postgraduate advisers and librarians as invaluable to my success.*

*"The most valuable aspect of my degree was developing an awareness of the processes, policy and politics that shape international law and a states' sovereign rule-making authority. I understand the broader impact that trade and investment rules can have on the regulatory autonomy of states, the influence corporations have in policy making, and how trade and investment rules impact upon efforts to lift people out of poverty. I am confident my masters will support my long-term career aspiration to represent New Zealand's interests on the global stage, and have a say in world affairs."*

**Rohan Chauhan** has completed his Master of Laws in International Law part-time and is a Senior Tax Consultant at KPMG New Zealand. Rohan is the recipient of the Marsden Grant Research Scholarship Learning's from Tobacco Control Strategies in Trade and Investment Agreements.



# What can you study?

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD is a thesis-only research degree programme, usually requiring full-time study for three to four years or part-time study for six to eight years. The degree is undertaken under supervision and candidates must complete a sustained course of advanced legal research resulting in the production of a substantial original thesis.

If you have New Zealand postgraduate qualifications, you will need to have completed an LLB(Hons), a postgraduate bachelors (honours) degree in law or a Master of Laws with first class or second class (division 1) honours.

If you have international qualifications, you will need to have completed a masters-level qualification in a field related to your doctoral studies. You must have a GPE of at least 5.5.

You must be able to demonstrate an ability to carry out independent research and study in law.

## Master of Laws (LLM)

The LLM can be undertaken full or part-time by coursework, research or a combination of both. The programme is designed to provide an advanced level of study for both full-time students and those who are legal practitioners or engaged in other full or part-time employment. The LLM is a one-year programme full-time. Students must complete 120 points. You can concentrate your study in particular areas of specialisation or study a broad range of legal subjects.

The LLM by research allows you to conduct in-depth study in an area of personal interest to enhance employment opportunities either professionally or academically.

The LLM by coursework allows you to study areas in greater depth and complexity than at undergraduate level. The programme offers courses that provide detailed analyses of particular areas of law as well as courses that are more policy oriented.

Each course contains a significant research component, usually in the form of a 12,500-word research essay. The LLM also permits cross-disciplinary study in the form of one or two masters courses (up to 30 points) from another faculty at the University of Auckland.

All of our postgraduate courses fulfil the New Zealand Law Society's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

## Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

The MLS is for graduates who do not have an undergraduate law degree but whose work involves legal issues and dealing with legislation. The programme has a similar structure to the LLM and offers six specialisations: Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; and Public Law. The MLS may be either a one-year (120 points) or a one and a half-year (180 points) programme full-time, depending on a student's entry qualification.

The MLS suits professionals from non-legal backgrounds who require some knowledge of legal matters, but do not necessarily want to practise law. Professionals who will particularly benefit include: accountants and auditors; architects and town planners; business development managers; compliance managers; engineers; IT professionals; police; and public sector staff. Completion of this degree will not satisfy the entry requirements for admission as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand and is not a substitute for an LLB degree.

The MLS allows cross-disciplinary study of postgraduate courses from other University of Auckland faculties, enabling you to advance your professional skills while acquiring knowledge of the law.

Your programme must be approved by the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate).

## Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS)

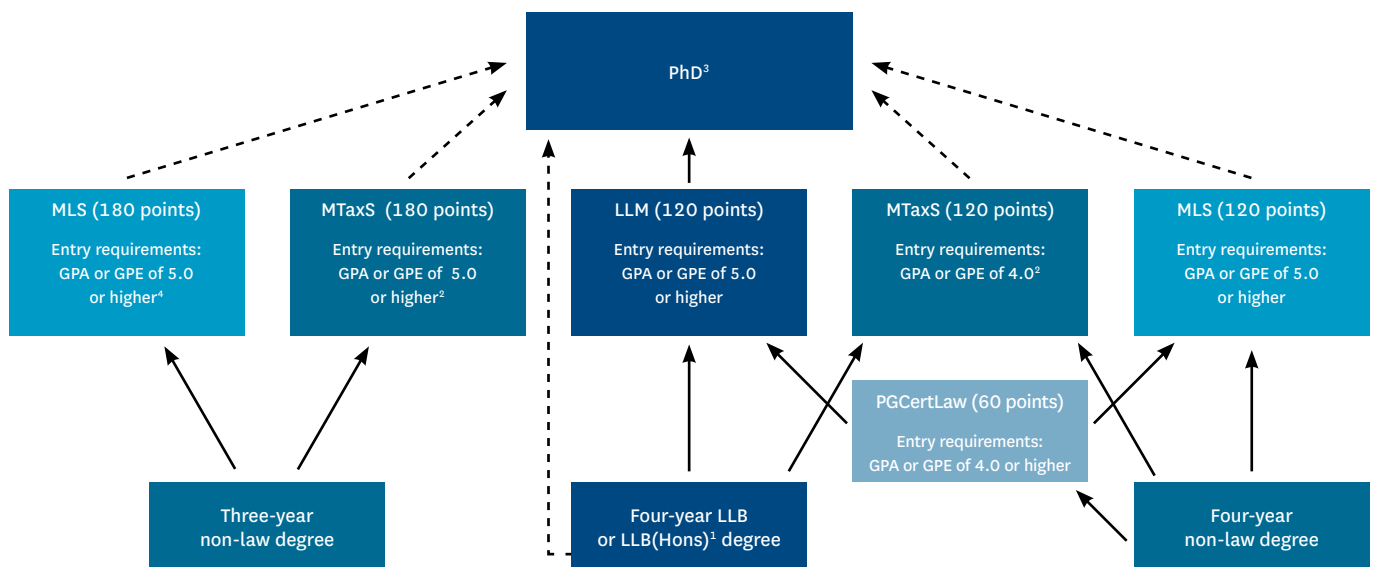
The MTaxS\* is for graduates in either law or commerce who wish to develop their tax skills, or for practitioners wanting to update their tax knowledge. The MTaxS may be either a one-year (120 points) or a one and a half-year (180 points) programme full-time, depending on a student's entry qualification. The MTaxS is suitable for graduates seeking careers in private legal practice specialising in tax law; tax accountants or consultants in commerce or industry; or those interested in a career with Inland Revenue. The programme offers courses on the New Zealand Income Tax Base; International Tax; Corporate Tax; GST; Property Taxation; Tax Disputes and Administration; and Tax Avoidance. Students enrolled in the MTaxS programme may take up to 30 points from the LLM schedule.

\*The MTaxS was ranked the 18th best specialist taxation masters in the world by EDUUNIVERSAL BEST MASTERS.





## Law postgraduate pathways



<sup>1</sup>Direct entry into the PhD may be possible for candidate with an outstanding LLB(Hons) degree.

<sup>2</sup>For the MTaxS you will require evidence of ability to undertake advanced study in taxation based on a major in accountancy, business law or taxation or relevant professional experience.

<sup>3</sup>Admission into the PhD *inter alia* requires an independent research component in the form of a dissertation or a thesis.

<sup>4</sup>For the MLS you will require evidence of ability to undertake the courses for this degree.

The University Calendar contains further details on the assessment of the GPA.

## Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PGCertLaw)

The PGCertLaw is effectively half of an LLM or MLS degree. If you have limited time or wish to study only a few courses, this programme is ideal.

For some students, the PGCertLaw may also act as a pathway to the LLM or MLS degrees. You must achieve a GPA or GPE of 5.0 or higher in your PGCertLaw courses to transfer to the LLM or MLS degree – if you meet all other entry requirements.

## Certificate of Proficiency (COP)

The COP is perfect for members of the legal profession, and others, who wish to further their legal education by enrolling in a single course.

COP courses (to a maximum of 30 points) can be credited towards an LLM or MLS degree. Students can also use the COP option to enrol into a single course that can be credited to an academic programme at another university.

## Calculating your GPA/GPE

Grades or marks achieved at the University of Auckland are given a grade point average (GPA).

Grades or marks achieved at other institutions are given a grade point equivalent (GPE). Use our GPE calculator for an indication of your GPE:

[gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz](http://gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz)



# Programme structure at a glance

Programmes	Courses	Duration in semesters full-time/ part-time
PGCertLaw	LAW 700* 60 points of taught courses	Full-time: 1 semester Part-time: 4 semesters
LLM by coursework	LAW 700* 120 points of taught courses	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
LLM by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* 30 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
LLM by 120-point thesis	LAW 700* 120-point Major thesis (40,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MLS 120 by coursework	LAW 700* 120 points of taught courses	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MLS 120 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* 30 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MLS 180 by coursework	LAW 700* LAW 701** (30 points) 150 points of taught courses	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
MLS 180 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* LAW 701** (30 points) 60 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
MTaxS 120 by coursework	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 90 points of taught courses	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MTaxS 120 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MTaxS 180 by coursework	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 105 points of taught courses 45-point dissertation	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
MTaxS 180 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 60 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
PhD	PhD thesis (up to 100,000 words)	Full-time: 3-4 years Part-time: 6-8 years

■ Programme  
 ■ Compulsory course  
 ■ Taught course  
 ■ Research  
 ■ Programme duration

\*Some students may be eligible for an exemption from LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology. Details of eligibility for an exemption will be provided in the course outline. Students eligible for an exemption must contact a student adviser at the Auckland Law School Student Centre to apply for the exemption to be recorded.

\*\* Requirement can be waived.

The University requires all students admitted into a programme to complete the Academic Integrity Course in their first semester: [www.auckland.ac.nz/academicintegritycourse](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/academicintegritycourse)

Taught courses can include a 30-point dissertation or a 15-point direct study.

## Research programmes

If you are interested in including a research component in your programme, you should contact a potential supervisor in the first instance to discuss your thesis or dissertation topic. The thesis or dissertation topic will need to be approved by the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate).

### PhD thesis

The PhD is an advanced degree awarded for an original contribution to research and academic debate in a student's chosen legal specialisation, with the findings published in a substantial thesis.

Stimulating and rewarding, embarking on a PhD requires a high level of self-motivation and discipline, providing an exciting opportunity to engage in independent, cutting-edge research. Your PhD research will be guided by an appointed supervisor (usually a senior academic from the Auckland Law School) and co-supervisor. Your thesis can be completed within three to four years of full-time study or on a part-time basis.

Your PhD is an ideal qualification if you wish to pursue an academic or research career. For information about applying for doctoral studies, including tips on completing an Application for Admission (AfA), see:

[www.auckland.ac.nz/applying-for-a-doctorate](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/applying-for-a-doctorate)

For further advice contact Associate Professor Caroline Foster, Director of Doctoral Studies in the Auckland Law School.



### Research programmes contact

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Associate Dean  
(International and Postgraduate)

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## LLM by major thesis

The LLM degree by major thesis requires completion of a supervised 120-point research thesis of approximately 40,000 words on a topic approved by the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate). In addition to completion of the 120-point thesis, you must complete LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology in the first semester of enrolment unless you are exempted from the course. Approval to undertake the degree by major thesis usually requires a GPA of 6.0 or higher in the LLB degree, or an LLB(Hons) degree. This is higher than the requirement for a taught LLM.

## LLM, MLS or MTaxS by minor thesis

You can also complete a supervised 90-point thesis to be credited towards the LLM/MLS/MTaxS. As with the major thesis, the topic must be approved by the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate). The remaining points of your degree can be completed by enrolling in taught courses (which are either 30-points or 15-points) and/or completing a dissertation.

In addition, LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology must be completed in the first semester of enrolment unless you are exempted from the course.

## Dissertation

You may also include a supervised 30-point dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on a topic approved by the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate) in lieu of one of your 30-point taught masters courses.

## Taught programmes

If you wish to undertake your programme by taught courses we give you the flexibility to structure your studies to suit work and personal commitments. We offer a range of courses that are worth 15 or 30 points.

## Intensive courses

These courses are held throughout the calendar year and are taught predominantly by visiting guest lecturers from New Zealand and overseas. Our 30-point taught courses are generally held over five days, usually Wednesday to Friday and the following Monday and Tuesday to allow a break over the weekend. Our 15-point courses are generally held over three days from Wednesday to Friday. Intensive courses run from 9am–4.30pm.

## Full-semester courses

Our 30-point full-semester courses are held weekly over the 12-week semester and usually involve one three-hour seminar per week, from 5–8pm. These courses are usually taught by staff from the Auckland Law School and the Department of Commercial Law.

## Half-semester courses

Our 30-point half-semester courses are held weekly over the first or second six weeks of semester and usually involve two three-hour seminars per week, from 5–8pm. Our 15-point half-semester courses are held over the first or second six weeks of semester and usually involve one three-hour seminar per week. These courses are generally taught by staff from the Auckland Law School and the Department of Commercial Law.

## Flexible options

There are many options to choose from to make studying compatible with your busy life. For example, you can enrol in a mixture of intensive, full and half-semester courses in the same semester as long as there are no timetable clashes.

Perhaps you'd prefer to enrol in a combination of 30-point and 15-point courses to make up 120 points of the LLM/MLS/MTaxS programmes, which could include a dissertation or directed study. You can enrol in a combination of 15-point and 30-point courses to complete the 60 points required for the PGCertLaw.

You can complete up to 30 points at masters level in another faculty of the University of Auckland. Prior permission must be granted by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) to have the course counted towards your law degree. Please note that the course fees may differ from those of your law courses.

## Specialisations

The LLM, MLS, MTaxS and PGCertLaw courses for 2019 will be finalised later in 2018. For full details of the 2019 courses and a course timetable, visit:

[www.law.auckland.ac.nz/pgcourses](http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz/pgcourses)

Every year a number of invited teachers are added to the Auckland Law School's group of teachers and researchers, which extends our range of subjects offered.

## Corporate and Commercial Law

We have a large group of teachers and researchers in the area of Corporate and Commercial Law, covering subject areas such as Company Law; Intellectual Property; Shipping Law; Private International Law; Personal Property Security; Privacy Law; Taxation; and the traditional private law subjects (Contract, Tort, Equity and Restitution).

The range of courses includes International Commercial Contracts; Insolvency Law; International and Comparative Copyright Law; Corporate Governance; Law of Insurance Contracts; Competition Law and Policy; and Corporate Finance.

## Environmental Law

Environmental Law has long been an area of strength in teaching and research for the Auckland Law School. Areas of study include Planning and Environmental Law; Resource Management; Mining and Energy Resources Law; and International Environmental Law. The range of courses has included Environmental Rights; Climate Change Law; Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law; and Global Environmental Law.

## Human Rights Law

The Auckland Law School is proud to be a national leader in the field of Human Rights Law, both from a domestic perspective and internationally.

Recent courses have included Torture and Disappearances in International Human Rights Law; Comparative Human Rights Law; Counterterrorism and Constitutionalism; Comparative Indigenous Peoples and the Law; and Human Rights Litigation.

## International Law

International Law is an area of growing reach and importance. Recent courses taught in this field include International Trade Law; Law of the Sea and Antarctica; International Dispute Resolution; International Economic Regulation; International Peace and Security; and Selected Topics in International Law.

## Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Process-oriented teaching and research is a developing area of expertise for the Law School and we have recently added a Litigation and Dispute Resolution specialisation to our LLM. A number of our staff include the study of dispute resolution mechanisms in their teaching and research.

Recent courses have included International Arbitration; WTO Dispute Resolution; Cross Border Commercial Litigation; and Mediation.

## Public Law

Public law research and teaching covers a wide range of areas at the Law School. We have a core group of public lawyers whose work covers both traditional constitutional and administrative law as well as more specialised work on the Bill of Rights and the Treaty of Waitangi. Recent courses include Local Government and Resource Management; Health and Mental Health Law; Immigration and Refugee Law; Constitutions and Customs in the South Pacific; Prosecuting in the 21st Century; Waitangi Tribunal: Past, Present and Future; and a number of courses found in the Human Rights Law specialisation above.

If you are interested in completing a course outside the Auckland Law School, contact a student adviser at the Law School Student Centre in the first instance.

Email: [postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz)





## Life on campus

### Study in the heart of Auckland

Auckland is a diverse, inspirational city and our Law School is right in the heart of it. You'll be studying in the hub of the business and legal district in a city that was ranked third of 450 cities for quality of living in the Mercer Quality of Living Survey 2018.

While we offer the best that city life has to give, you're never too far from the great outdoors. Our campuses and accommodation are close to cafés, restaurants, cinemas and parks, and within 30 minutes of some of the world's most stunning beaches and pristine forests. A seaside city with a mild climate, known as the "City of Sails", Auckland provides opportunities to pursue many sports and outdoor activities as well as explore the harbour and many islands of the Hauraki Gulf.

Auckland is also a thriving centre for arts, culture and entertainment. From major sporting highlights and cultural celebrations, to international fashion and stage shows, there's something for everyone.

For more information about what's on in Auckland, see: [www.heartofthecity.co.nz](http://www.heartofthecity.co.nz), [www.facebook.com/heartofakcity](https://www.facebook.com/heartofakcity) or [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) under Events.

### A place to call home

The University of Auckland has a variety of accommodation options that offer you an independent lifestyle, while still remaining in a university community during your postgraduate studies.

Our self-catered flats and apartments are comfortably furnished with your water, power, internet, and membership to the University Recreation Centre included in the residential fees. If living on campus doesn't appeal, our Accommodation Solutions team can help you find accommodation more to your liking. More information about our wide range of accommodation options at the University of Auckland can be found at: [www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz) or email [accom@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:accom@auckland.ac.nz)

### Employment during study

Advanced postgraduate students are sometimes employed as paid tutors or teaching assistants for undergraduate courses. Tutoring is a great way to gain valuable professional and teaching experience during your masters or PhD study.

Other opportunities include part-time research assistantships, administrative duties or library work. There may be limits on allowable work hours (particularly for scholarship or international students), so you need to check any conditions that may apply. If you are working outside of the University to finance your study, it is important that you discuss your work commitments with a student adviser or your supervisor to ensure you can balance your workload realistically.

**"I chose the Auckland Law School for its reputation and the ability to specialise in the area of law that both interests me and supports my career aspirations."**

*"After obtaining my LLB I worked at an accounting firm before moving to a legal practice, where I have been engaged in commercial legal work for the last two years. I had always been interested in furthering my knowledge of Corporate and Commercial law and felt the time was right in my career to pursue a Master of Laws."*

*"Studying at postgraduate level has increased my confidence in my practice and has helped me apply common sense to my legal work. The support offered by staff at the school has been invaluable, as I balance the demands of part-time study and full-time work."*

**Oliver Sweeney** is studying for a Master of Laws in Corporate and Commercial Law part-time and is a Solicitor at Rice Craig.



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*“The Master of Legal Studies has given me a different lens to apply to the work I do in my field. I view the political world in a different light and am better able to see the workings behind, what had previously been, opaque legal procedures.”*

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*“I am a criminologist by profession and work for a Non-Governmental Organisation. Although the law is related to criminology, my previous university study had not exposed me to law in an academic capacity. I chose to do the Master of Legal Studies specialising in International Law to expand my knowledge and understanding of this field. I aspire to be involved in the investigation and prosecution of war crimes, so the opportunity to specialise was pivotal to my decision.*

*“Postgraduate study let me explore my own thinking about major issues. The collegial feel and small class sizes supported a deeper consideration and debate of my own and other’s ideas. Both staff and fellow students have contributed to my understanding and consideration of legal issues, and the multitude of factors, both covert and overt, that are involved. I believe I have made lifelong personal and professional connections as a result of studying at the Law School.*

*“I was able to apply my criminology background to my research, incorporating this lens into my consideration of legal questions. I enjoyed exploring how society and cultural norms impact upon the construction and implementation of law, offering an interesting approach to a field that can at times be constructed as objective in nature.*

*“A highlight was the number of international students in the programme. The diversity of the student body offered an amazing enrichment to discussions about the history of international law.*

*“Living in Auckland allows me to indulge my love for books and art through attending arts, film and comedy festivals. I’m a fan of the wallet-friendly outdoor movie nights and eateries at the city’s waterfront park.”*

**Jenn Garnett** is studying for a Master of Legal Studies and works for the Non-Governmental Organisation, Youth Horizons Trust (Kia Puāwai).





# Apply now and join us

We're pleased you are interested in studying with us and look forward to welcoming you as a postgraduate student. As a first step, we recommend you contact a student adviser at the Auckland Law School Student Centre to discuss your proposed programme of study prior to making a formal application to the University of Auckland. This will help you ascertain whether your previous study qualifies you for entry and familiarise you with the specific requirements and regulations for that programme.  
[postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz)

Specific admission requirements can be found in the current University Calendar at:  
[www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar)

## English language requirements

A high level of English language proficiency is needed to successfully study postgraduate law at the University of Auckland.

All international students are required to provide evidence of their English language competency. For some students, evidence of previous tertiary study in English will be sufficient.

The required standards for entry to postgraduate study in law are:

- IELTS (Academic): Overall score of 7.0 and all bands 6.5 or better
- Internet-based TOEFL (iBT): Overall score of 100 plus a written score of 24
- Paper-based TOEFL: Overall score of 600 plus Essay (TWE) of 5.0
- CAE and CPE: Overall score of 185 and all bands 176 or better
- PTE Academic: Overall score of 65 and no PTE communicative skills score below 58
- MELAB 90
- Vitnemal English level 4 pass for Norwegian students (subject to DELNA assessment)
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For general assistance on the postgraduate application process, please contact the Applications and Admissions Office:

Phone: 0800 61 62 65 or +64 9 923 1535 (outside New Zealand)

Email: [postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz)

Web: [www.postgraduate.ac.nz](http://www.postgraduate.ac.nz)

## Application process

If you have not previously enrolled at the University of Auckland you will need to apply for admission online. You can do this using the online application form:

[www.apply.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.apply.auckland.ac.nz)

You will receive an acknowledgement email listing the supporting documents we require, and a Student ID number for logging on to your Application for Admission. You can check your application status online and see what supporting documents you will need to provide.

Your application will be assessed once we receive sufficient information (such as uploaded transcripts, other academic results, references or a portfolio) or you have attended an interview.

We will assess your application and inform you of the outcome via email. The status will show on the 'Your applications' section of the Application for Admission.

If you are returning to the University of Auckland and:

- You were enrolled in the semester prior to beginning your postgraduate programme, you can make an Add/Change Programme in your online Application for Admission.
- A supplementary application may also be required.

Applications for the LLM, MLS, PGCertLaw and MTaxS are accepted throughout the year.

## International student applications

We welcome applications from international students and we recommend you start the application process as early as possible so you have sufficient time to apply for your visa. The University has a number of official agents and representatives overseas who can assist you with the application process in person.

To find a list of people who can help, visit [www.auckland.ac.nz/overseasrep](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/overseasrep)

The International Office is available to assist with international student applications. For help at any stage contact the International Office:

**Phone:** +64 9 373 7513

**Email:** [int-questions@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:int-questions@auckland.ac.nz)

**Web:** [www.auckland.ac.nz/is-pg-entry-requirements](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-pg-entry-requirements)



# Fees and money matters

## Fees

Fees for 2019 will be set towards the end of 2018. As a general indication, the 2018 annual tuition fees for a Law postgraduate programme were approximately \$8,249-\$9,909 for a 120-point LLM or MLS for domestic students and \$34,012 for international students. The 120-point MTaxS was \$17,893 for domestic students and \$33,688 for international students. These amounts are based on a standard full-time enrolment.

The 2018 annual tuition fees for a PhD were \$6,970. New international PhD students will be accorded domestic status for the purposes of tuition fees, subject to supervisory and residency requirements.

For information on fees for international students for all of our postgraduate programmes, including the domestic status for international PhD students visit:

**[www.international.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.international.auckland.ac.nz)**

If you are not enrolled full-time you will pay proportionately lower fees.

All students also pay a student services fee. As an indication, the 2018 fee was \$813.60 for students undertaking a full-time load of 120 points. Students taking fewer than 120 points pay proportionately lower fees.

For more information on fees and money matters visit: **[www.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/fees)**

## Student loans

Student loans may be available to students who are New Zealand citizens and permanent residents to support their costs.

You may apply for a loan to cover tuition fees, course-related costs (ie, books, stationery and travel) and living costs. Contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 or for more information visit: **[www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)**

## Doctoral Funding – PReSS accounts

If you are a doctoral student undertaking supervised research, you are automatically entitled to research support funding through a University PReSS (Postgraduate Research Student Support) account for up to four years. You can use the money for expenses such as attending conferences, research-related travel and accommodation, and research consumables.

**[www.auckland.ac.nz/press-accounts](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/press-accounts)**

## Scholarships

The University of Auckland is committed to ensuring the very best students are able to study with us. We are offering guaranteed scholarships to high-achieving domestic research postgraduate students and international PhD applicants who meet GPA thresholds in their qualifying programme from a New Zealand university.

The University also has some of the most generous postgraduate scholarships in New Zealand. For more information visit **[www.auckland.ac.nz/makethegrade](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/makethegrade)**

Scholarships on offer include:

- Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship
- University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships
- Masters/Honours/Postgraduate Diploma Scholarships
- Auckland Law School LLM Scholarship
- Māori and Pacific Graduate Scholarships (Masters/Honours/Postgraduate Diplomas)
- Universitas 21 Doctoral Mobility Scholarships
- Universitas 21 Joint PhD Programme Scholarships
- Various subject-specific scholarships

Scholarships are generally awarded on academic merit. However, many scholarships also make provisions for additional criteria (such as ancestry, gender or financial hardship).



In addition to administering the University of Auckland's scholarships, our Scholarships Office provides access to a comprehensive database of external scholarships.

For detailed information, including criteria, closing dates, online applications and application forms, visit:

[www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

### Summer Research Scholarships

\$2 million is granted each year in Summer Research Scholarships, which provide financial support to high-achieving international and domestic students to work on research projects with leading academics over the summer months.

The scholarships provide a \$6,000 stipend and are a great way to get some research experience and help you think about pursuing postgraduate study.

For more details visit: [www.summer.ac.nz](http://www.summer.ac.nz)

### Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship, and University Doctoral Scholarship

The Auckland Law School is offering a Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship for 2019, open to candidates embarking on full-time enrolment into the University of Auckland's Doctoral Programme in Law. The Fellowship entitles the holder to work in the Law School as a Graduate Teaching Assistant on a part-time contract for 12 months.

[www.lawfellowship.ac.nz](http://www.lawfellowship.ac.nz)

All applicants for Law's doctoral programme will also be considered for the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, providing \$27,600, plus fees per year for three years.

## Information for international students

### The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice

The University of Auckland has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice.

[www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code)

### Immigration

To complete enrolment international students must have a current student visa. Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at:

[www.immigration.govt.nz/study](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/study)

### Eligibility for health services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment. Details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health and can be viewed on its website: [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)

### Medical and travel insurance

All international students are legally required to have appropriate medical and travel insurance, and your enrolment will not be completed until you have provided proof of suitable coverage.

The University of Auckland offers a scheme that meets these requirements and can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Details will be provided with your offer of admission into the University. For more information visit:

[www.auckland.ac.nz/is-insurance](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-insurance)

### Costs

All costs are shown in New Zealand dollars and are expressed inclusive of New Zealand Goods and Services Tax if applicable.

### Privacy

The University of Auckland undertakes to collect, store, use and disclose your information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993. Further details of how the University handles your information are set out in a brochure available from the ClockTower Call Centre or by phoning 0800 61 62 63.

### Disclaimer

Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide for students and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the University of Auckland must consult its official document, the current Calendar of the University of Auckland, to ensure that they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies.

## Useful web addresses

### University of Auckland homepage

[www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

### The Law School homepage

[www.law.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz)

### Academic dates

[www.auckland.ac.nz/dates](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/dates)

### Career Development and Employment Services

[www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz)

### Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education

[www.clear.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.clear.auckland.ac.nz)

### Disability Services

[www.disability.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.disability.auckland.ac.nz)

### Finances, scholarships and fees

[www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/fees)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances)

### GPE calculator

[www.gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz)

### Health Services

[www.auckland.ac.nz/healthservices](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/healthservices)

### Information for international students

[www.international.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.international.auckland.ac.nz)

### Information for postgraduate students

[www.postgraduate.ac.nz](http://www.postgraduate.ac.nz)

### Library

[www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/law](http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/law)

### Māori student support

[www.auckland.ac.nz/maoristudents](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/maoristudents)

### Pacific student support

[www.auckland.ac.nz/pacificstudents](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/pacificstudents)

### Parenting support

[www.auckland.ac.nz/childcare](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/childcare)

### Postgraduate English Language Requirements

[www.auckland.ac.nz/pg-english-reqs](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/pg-english-reqs)

### School of Graduate Studies

[www.auckland.ac.nz/school-of-graduate-studies](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/school-of-graduate-studies)

### University of Auckland Calendar

[www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar)



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Auckland 1010  
New Zealand

Phone: +64 9 923 1535  
0800 61 62 65

Email: [postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz)  
Web: [www.law.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.law.auckland.ac.nz)  
[www.facebook.com/akllawschool](http://www.facebook.com/akllawschool)  
AskAuckland: [www.askauckland.ac.nz](http://www.askauckland.ac.nz)

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Auckland 1142, New Zealand

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24 Princes Street, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 923 1969  
Email: [int-questions@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:int-questions@auckland.ac.nz)  
Web: [www.international.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.international.auckland.ac.nz)