

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice Admissions

Students will be automatically moved into the B Laws (Hons)/Diploma of Legal Practice Program following completion of your other (non-law) degree and the core law courses of Legal System and Method, Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law and Procedure. Should you wish to remain in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(combined)and not undertake the Practice Program you will need to notify your program advisor at programadvice@newcastle.edu.au

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice (the LLB (Practice) Program) integrates the study of law together with intensive clinical training. Students who complete this program will receive both a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Diploma of Legal Practice. Graduates of this Program will not have to attend the College of Law or undertake any further practical legal training or work experience before being eligible to seek to practise as a lawyer.

The Diploma of Legal Practice has a strong focus on supervised professional legal experience, including intensive clinical placement at the University of Newcastle Legal Centre (UNLC). Students gain practical legal experience by working with real clients and dealing with their actual legal problems. Students have the opportunity during their professional placement to work on high profile public interest and human rights cases at the UNLC. Students will also undertake professional placement at external law firms and government departments and agencies. Students are assisted in securing such placements through the Placement Officer at the UNLC.

If your completion of your other (non-law) degree is delayed (e.g. Summer School courses, Cross Institutional or Exchange Credit, Incomplete or Special grades) contact your program advisor for further advice on Programadvice@newcastle.edu.au

GENERAL INFORMATION AND FAQ'S

General Information

Semester Dates

The semester dates and can be found on the web at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/study-essentials/key-dates>. *NOTE: LLB (Practice) Program students may need to be available for clinical placements outside University semesters.*

Law on the Beach and the summer placement program takes place between January and February. Students may submit an expression of interest if they wish to undertake the summer semester and Law on the Beach. There is a quota on the number of students who can undertake the summer semester. The University of Newcastle Legal Centre will send an email to students providing further information about the summer program in early October and invite expressions of interest to undertake the summer program.

Courses for the LLB Programs

Please see below the link to the Program Handbook for 2019 which sets out the courses to be taken by LLB Practice Program students in the final two years of study, along with eligibility, credit and course information. Also please see link to the program plan for 2018.

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-laws-honours-diploma-of-legal-practice>

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Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice (the LLB (Practice) Program) Eligibility

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for admission into the LLB (Practice) Program in 2018 a student must have:

- (a) Passed the courses in the core LAWS program of the combined degree program (Legal System and Method, Torts, Criminal Law and Procedure and Contracts); and
- (b) completed the requirements for the award of the other (non-Law) degree, unless the student is an approved graduate.

All students who meet these criteria will be automatically moved into the LLB (Practice) Program.

Students are required to complete the Practice Program within two consecutive years. Students can opt to reduce their LLB workload during these two years of the Practice Program and undertake the balance of their LLB following completion of the Practice Program.

Calendar of Events

Date	Events
Tuesday 16 October 2018	Email forwarded to students requesting whether they seek to undertake Summer Placement in 2019 at University of Newcastle Legal Centre (UNLC)
Friday 26 October 2018	Closing date for students to advise the UNLC of their request (expression of interest) for a place in the summer placement period in 2019
Wednesday 31 October 2018	Advice to applicants concerning outcome of their application to participate in the Summer Placement period in 2019. If the number of applicants for the Summer Placement exceeds the places available then a ballot will be conducted to determine entry to the program
Monday 21 January 2019	Summer Placement begins with compulsory Induction Day.
Friday 22 February 2019	Summer Placement ends
Monday 25 February 2019	Semester 1 commences for LLB (Practice) Program students. LLB (Practice) Program students who did not undertake the Summer Placement are required to attend this compulsory Induction Day.

For matters of an enrolment and/or administrative nature please contact Melissa Ryan, Program Advisor (4921 6069) or email programadvice@newcastle.edu.au or, for enquiries concerning LLB (Practice) Program contact Mr Shaun McCarthy, Director, University of Newcastle Legal Centre (4921 8666) or Shaun.McCarthy@newcastle.edu.au . The Legal Centre can be emailed at LegalCentre@newcastle.edu.au