

STUDY AREA

LAW



ALISSA DRIVES INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Diploma of Legal Practice alumnus Alissa is committed to the idea of values. Driving value for the international law firm she recently joined, but also living her own personal values. Alissa made the most of the possibilities the University of Newcastle offers to pursue purposeful work. From her horizon-expanding studies in China on the Ma & Morley Immersion Scholarship, to her legal internship at a community development organisation in Cambodia, to her volunteer work at Aboriginal Legal Service, Alissa created a path that will enable her to practice law in a challenging corporate environment while making a positive, sustainable impact on the world. She's looking forward to commercial law, where ever-changing economic and political conditions mean ever-increasing opportunities to make a difference.

Alissa

Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
Diploma of Legal Practice, 2018



LAW

If you're passionate about justice and want to understand more about creating real change through legislation and policy - law is the career for you. You'll learn about the principles underlying the Australian legal system while also advocating for legal rights on local, national and global issues. As Australia's leading clinical law school, the Newcastle Law School's Legal Centre provides you with the practical legal training and supervised clinical legal experience needed to practise as an Australian lawyer without any further study.



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STUDY AT NUSPACE

A \$95 million state-of-the-art education precinct located in the heart of Newcastle, and only one block from the NSW Court House complex. Students can observe cases in tribunals, local courts, district courts and the Supreme Court on a daily basis.

88.6%

of Law and Paralegal Studies graduates found employment within four months.¹

5 YEARS

At the Newcastle Law School, Australia's leading clinical law school, you can become a fully qualified lawyer in 5 years of full-time study.

DEGREE OPTIONS

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined

ALSO CONSIDER

Bachelor of Social Science

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

LIFESTYLE

Our coastline is world famous. Enjoying downtime at one of Newcastle's pristine beaches and three coastal baths is made easy with long stretches of uncrowded sand, accessible public transport, and plenty of free parking. A creative hub, Newcastle is home to the bright ideas of countless innovators and entrepreneurs. Enjoy all that Newcastle has to offer – a dynamic art and music scene, chilled-out cafes, eclectic markets, microbreweries and small bars. The people are friendly, the beaches are picture perfect and the coffee culture is taken seriously.

CAMPUS LIFE

On campus, you have access to a wide range of cafes, food outlets and bars. The University is also home to over 150 clubs, societies and social groups – giving you the chance to regularly participate in fun activities.

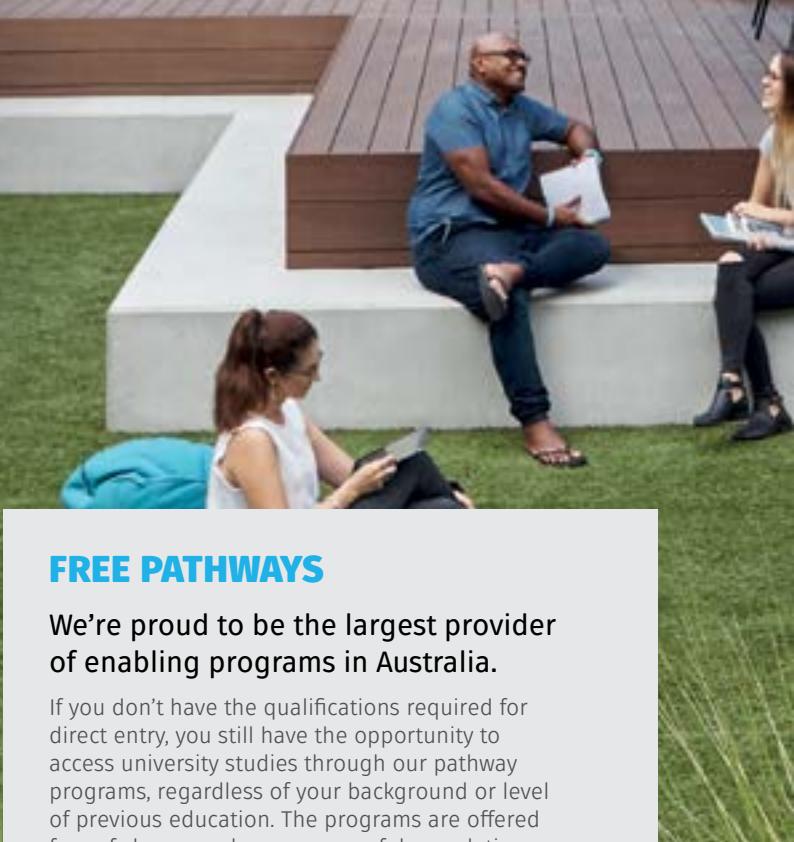
Great health and fitness facilities await you at The Forum University (Callaghan) and Harbourside (Newcastle City). You'll find a 50m indoor heated swimming pool, fitness classes, state-of-the-art equipment, indoor courts and casual or structured social sport competitions all year. No matter which campus you study at, there's always something happening during the semester. There are plenty of events from Orientation Party to festivals and local gigs. You could attend study workshops, guest lectures or kick back and enjoy watching a movie by moonlight.

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ACCOMMODATION

While the thought of moving away from your home town to study might seem daunting, we're here to make this transition as easy as possible. We offer students secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation while studying.

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FREE PATHWAYS

We're proud to be the largest provider of enabling programs in Australia.

If you don't have the qualifications required for direct entry, you still have the opportunity to access university studies through our pathway programs, regardless of your background or level of previous education. The programs are offered free of charge and upon successful completion, you're guaranteed entry to over 40 undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

- **Newstep**

If you didn't complete Year 12, or missed the chance to get the marks needed for university entry, our Newstep program offers the perfect pathway between secondary schooling and university. Study on campus at Newcastle or the Central Coast.

- **Open Foundation**

If you've never studied at university before and you're considering a degree qualification after time in the workforce or caring for family, or just looking to further your interests, our Open Foundation program can help make this happen.

- **Yapug - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students**

Yapug is a pathway program providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with skills for entry into undergraduate degrees, including a pathway into Medicine. Start your university experience in a culturally appropriate learning environment, supported by Indigenous peers and staff.

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YEAR 12 SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

We believe that your ATAR doesn't define who you are – it is your unique passions, abilities and ambitions that matter. Our Year 12 Subject Spotlight program rewards you with an early offer for your hard work and strong results in individual subjects related to your degree. So, you can take some of the stress out of your final school exams, knowing your ATAR isn't all that matters.

There is no separate application for the program – simply apply through UAC to qualify. You can find more information on subjects aligned to specific degrees online.

newcastle.edu.au/subject-spotlight

STUDY ABROAD

Are you keen to take your studies around the world?

When you study here, you'll have the chance to travel and get credit for your degree at the same time. There are opportunities for international experiences across every area of study, whether it's an overseas exchange program, study tour or work placement. Discover new cultures, try new food and make friends from all over the world. With more than 100 partner universities across all major continents, it really is the chance of a lifetime.

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CAREER-READY GRADUATES

Sometimes it's best to dive straight in. That's why exciting industry experience and Work Integrated Learning is at the core of all our degrees. Our strong partnerships with local and global organisations ensure everything you study is shaped by the real world and you graduate ready for a career in your field. Our Career Services Team are also on hand to help you out with everything from resumes and employment workshops to advice on your career goals.

THE MA & MORLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Tully is finding ways to connect innovation, sustainable development and access to justice on a global scale. As a global citizen, she believes in making meaningful connections and finding technology-driven solutions. She's challenged herself throughout her degree, pitching innovative ideas to tackle complex issues – from sustainable infrastructure in Jakarta to artificial intelligence-driven solutions in aged care. As a New Colombo Plan scholar, Tully completed a legal externship in the Cook Islands in 2018 working for the Ministry of Justice. She helped create policy and programs to make vital legal and aid services more accessible for local people. Now in her final year of a Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice, she continues to give back through volunteering and private tutoring.

Tully

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice
Ma & Morley Scholar



SCHOLARSHIPS

You might be bursting with new ideas, passion and potential. But without support, attending university can sometimes seem impossible.

The University of Newcastle's scholarship programs have been designed to provide this support and give you the opportunity to develop your talent and explore your potential.

We have over 1,000 individual scholarships on offer including:

- scholarships for academic achievement
- support for individuals facing financial hardship and educational disadvantage
- support for Indigenous students
- opportunities to travel, perform, play sport, relocate, or gain global experience.

Visit the website to find a scholarship that fits for you
newcastle.edu.au/scholarships

SHAPING FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Shaping Futures Scholarship Fund provides support for students who are most in need – helping them to overcome disadvantage to pursue and maintain their achievements.

Scholarships are offered to academically gifted students facing educational disadvantage such as financial hardship, relocation from a regional or remote area, a long term or recurrent medical condition or illness, carer or sole parenting responsibilities, an asylum seeker recently completing a University of Newcastle enabling program, or a combination of these factors.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships were established through contributions from the University, industry donors, community organisations and the annual Reconciliation Scholarship Dinner Dance. These scholarships provide Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students financial support to assist with completing their studies.

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BACHELOR OF

LAWS (HONOURS) COMBINED

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Our Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined degree is your entry to a career as a lawyer, or a range of other professions where a passion for justice and attention to detail are key.

This degree is offered as a combined program, which means you will undertake your degree in conjunction with another degree, and receive two qualifications in only five years of study. Newcastle Law School runs a unique Practice Program that integrates the academic study of law with hands-on clinical experience and practical training. Students work with real clients under the supervision of legal practitioners at the University of Newcastle Legal Centre.

2020 SELECTION RANK

92.00 | Median 97.80

CAREER EXAMPLES

- Barrister
- Corporate Lawyer
- Judge's Associate/Tipstaff
- Law Clerk/Paralegal
- Legal Aid Lawyer
- Policy Advisor
- Solicitor

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Students who choose to complete the Diploma of Legal Practice while studying their combined law degree are able to apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board to practise law in NSW without additional further study.



INDIGENOUS EARLY ENTRY

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander you are able to apply for early entry into our law degree. The University is proudly committed to equity and social justice and this initiative is an important step to increase the representation of Indigenous people in the Australian legal profession and allied fields. Successful applicants for the program will be offered a place in our Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined for 2020, and have access to a range of additional resources and support throughout their studies.

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COMBINE THIS DEGREE WITH

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Broaden your understanding of legal issues by seeing them within a wider context. This combination will complement your legal knowledge with an awareness of the social context of the law.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS

Combine specialist legal knowledge with a strong understanding of business affairs. Your ability to tackle complex challenges with strong business sense will be valuable for a career such as an in-house lawyer or a business role where legal knowledge will give you an extra edge.

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Be in demand for a highly sought-after career in corporate law through your knowledge of the law as it relates to economics, finance and accounting.

BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION

Some of the most powerful and influential forces within our society are the media and communication technology. Combine this degree with law and be at the forefront of constantly developing laws and regulations that impact the communication and media industries.

BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Development studies focuses on global issues in a local, national or international context. Advocate for change and make a real difference in issues like development, poverty and inequality. Work to make a difference in an international organisation or in your own community – the choice is yours.

BACHELOR OF GLOBAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Develop an understanding of the social, political and justice issues impacting Indigenous communities in Australia and around the world, and how to advocate for law and political reform for a better future.

BACHELOR OF INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This combination is for people who are interested in turning big ideas into new ventures, with the added understanding of the surrounding legal environment.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Translate complex science in a range of legal contexts including medical, industry, agriculture, environmental sustainability and changing technology. Possible careers include working as a patent attorney, or any other legal sphere where technical scientific knowledge is required.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

This combination is ideal if you are interested in improving social justice, anti-discrimination and human rights.

DIPLOMA OF LEGAL PRACTICE

The Diploma of Legal Practice is an optional program that students can complete along with their law degree. You can do this as part of the last two years of study and complete the degree and diploma in five years.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Through the Newcastle Law School you'll have the chance to experience the following:



NEWCASTLE LEGAL CENTRE

Newcastle Law School runs its own Legal Centre and provides students with their required practical legal training and much of their required supervised clinical legal experience.

You will work on real cases under the supervision of the Law Schools' solicitors and take part in public interest clinics in social justice, environmental law through the Legal Centre and the Older Persons Legal Clinic for people aged 60 years and over, their families and carers.

LAW ON THE BEACH

Each summer our law students work with social work students at the annual Law on the Beach clinics.

Supervised by a lawyer from the Newcastle Legal Centre, students work on real cases and provide legal advice to community members at the drop-in clinic at Newcastle Beach.

THE NEWCASTLE LAW SCHOOL IS AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CLINICAL LAW SCHOOL

Our law students are part of a strong community of practitioners who help and learn from each other. With a strong focus on experiential learning, you'll have the opportunity to work with real clients and cases during your studies.

Our School offers an innovative legal education incorporating experiential learning that is interdisciplinary and internationally focused. Through first class, research-led legal education, we integrate the study and practice of law

NUMBER 1 IN AUSTRALIA

for Quality of Overall Education
Experience, Learning Resources, Skills
development and Teaching Quality
Skills for Law and Paralegal Studies*

*QILT Student Experience Survey 2019





SHAUN'S STORY

Two overseas study tours to China, a year-long exchange to Leeds and an externship to Brazil have been just some of the experiences that Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) student Shaun has enjoyed as part of his studies.

Knowing he wanted to pursue further study after high school, he studied a double degree, which allowed him the flexibility to major in Politics and International Relations and minor in French and Chinese. This flexibility and being able to participate in international travel opportunities was a highlight of the degree.

"The overseas study trips were life-changing – they were really unique learning experiences and great fun," said Shaun.

During his externship to Brazil, he was placed in the office of a High Court judge researching deforestation litigation. He also got to visit the Attorney General's office and the Ministry of Environment as well as cultural outings such as a trip to Iguazu Falls.

These overseas experiences and the variety of courses helped him discover his newfound passion in environmental law, which he now hopes to pursue as a career in the future.

Shaun

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

ADVOCATING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Associate Professor Amy Maguire advocates for the human rights of marginalised groups. Her research promotes government accountability to international human rights standards.

Associate Professor Maguire is collaborating with colleagues around Australia to study how countries – especially Australia and its neighbours in the Asia-Pacific – operate as members of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Their study will be a world-first examination of how countries influence each other's human rights performance and how together they shape international human rights law.

An advocate for humanity in controversial public debates, Associate Professor Maguire has become a popular public commentator in international law and human rights. On The Conversation and in the media, Associate Professor Maguire contributes to public and policy understandings of pressing global issues, including human rights and climate change, forced human displacement, the rights of Indigenous peoples and global advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty.

Associate Professor Amy Maguire

Newcastle Law School





INTERNATIONAL STUDY EXPERIENCES

Newcastle Law School gives students opportunities to build cross-cultural skills and gain an understanding of international legal systems.

You can take your learning overseas and join an international immersion tour, international externship, or undertake a professional placement in countries such as Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Brazil and Kenya.

These trips form part of the coursework for the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in areas such as international criminal justice systems, environmental regulation, and international family and children's law.

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice alumnus, Carly believes her overseas study experience to Jakarta was a great opportunity to develop skill sets that don't immediately come to mind when thinking about the legal profession.

"Doing an environmental legal placement in Jakarta, Indonesia allowed me to develop my cross-cultural communication skills which are required in our profession, as we deal with clients from a range of backgrounds."

Carly

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice, 2017

RELATED DEGREES

You may also be interested in one of the following degrees that touch on the Law study area.

BACHELOR OF **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Are you interested in society and what makes humanity tick? Social science is the study of social relationships, structures and issues. Make your mark by crafting strategies and solutions to various social challenges, develop cultural sensitivity, ethical awareness, and a solid understanding of the constructs that shape our world.



For further information on this program refer to the **Community Services** brochure



or visit newcastle.edu.au/study/community-services

JURIS DOCTOR/ GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL PRACTICE

Offered at postgraduate level, our three-year Juris Doctor/Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (JD/GDLP) includes all of the academic study, practical legal training and supervised clinical legal experience required to apply to practise as an Australian lawyer.

The JD/GDLP is offered full-time and delivered face-to-face in our world-class purpose built facility, NUSpace.



For further information about this program visit newcastle.edu.au/jd-gdlp

CONNECT WITH OUR **GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK**

#UONalumni

Spanning 144 countries, the University of Newcastle's global alumni network is making a positive difference to the world.

This diverse group of global professionals provides invaluable support for our students by sharing their time and expertise. Whether it's through a mentoring program, industry experience or attending a networking event, you'll be inspired and empowered by those who have blazed the trail before you. And, when you graduate, you'll be in good company. You will join this outstanding group of over 148,000 alumni around the world. Because wherever you are, whatever you're doing, you are always part of our global alumni community.

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**IF YOU'RE READY TO CHASE YOUR DREAMS AND THRIVE,
NOW IS THE TIME.**

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