

## **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 their other (non-law) degree and the core law courses of Legal System and Method, Torts, Contracts and Criminal Law and Procedure.

Should a student wish to remain in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours)(combined)and **not** undertake the Practice Program they will need to notify their program advisor ([programadvice@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:programadvice@newcastle.edu.au)).

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Diploma of Legal Practice (the Practice Program) integrates the study of law with intensive clinical training. Students who complete this program 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 before being eligible to seek admission as a lawyer in NSW. The Diploma of Legal Practice has a strong focus on supervised professional legal experience, including clinical placement at the University of Newcastle Legal Centre (UNLC). Students gain practical experience by working with the Legal Centre solicitors who are assisting real clients with their legal problems. Students will usually undertake placement at external law firms, government departments or agencies during the second year of the program. Students are assisted in securing such placements by the Placement Officer at the UNLC. If the completion of the 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 [Programadvice@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Programadvice@newcastle.edu.au)

### **Semester Dates**

The semester dates and can be found at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/studyessentials/key-dates>.

NOTE: LLB (Practice) Program students may need to be available for clinical placements outside University semesters. The Law on the Beach summer placement program takes place in January and February each year. Students may submit an expression of interest if they wish to undertake Law on the Beach. There is a quota on the number of students who can undertake Law on the Beach.

The University of Newcastle Legal Centre provides an information session and sends an email to students about Law on the Beach in early October each year. The Law on the Beach program takes place during the five weeks **preceding** the commencement of Semester one each year. Those students who do not undertake Law on the Beach complete their placement hours on select Mondays and Wednesdays during Semesters one and two.

### **Courses for the LLB Programs**

To be eligible to apply for admission into the LLB (Practice) Program 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.

For matters of an enrolment or administrative nature please contact your Program - [programadvice@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:programadvice@newcastle.edu.au).