

# Law 2017



**The University of Tasmania is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world.\***  
In addition, in the last two years we have received **more teaching awards than any other Australian university.**<sup>^</sup>

With programs embedded within local and national industries, and additional campuses in Sydney and China, our students gain practical learning and research opportunities recognised around the globe.

from your university

## We help you become who you want to be



The University of Tasmania has been teaching law since 1893 and has built an enviable reputation for academic achievement and excellence in legal teaching.

Many of our graduates have become significant figures not only in the legal profession but also at the highest levels in state and federal politics and in many other areas of public life. We have a close alumni network that includes Rhodes Scholars and University medallists, eminent legal professionals, Australian State and Federal politicians, international legal officers and Professors of Law.

A special feature of law at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) is that being the only university in the State, we are privileged to have tremendous support from the legal profession, judiciary and magistracy for practical skills training, for our moot program, and assisting in judging competitions and selecting teams for participation in national competitions.

It also means that when our students become involved with the presentation of legal arguments in their moots, they have the privilege of using the Supreme Court facilities.

A further difference for students choosing law with us is how we are able to offer students high levels of personal contact with staff. This includes one-on-one mentoring and support, which helps students reach their full potential. You can study a single Bachelor of Laws degree or, increasingly, law as part of a combined degree with Arts, Psychological Science, Business, Economics, information and Communication Technology or Science.

We offer a contemporary undergraduate law curriculum with a global perspective, and encourage student commitment to social justice and community service. For example, many students are involved with community legal centres or other community organisations.

We provide a supportive, vibrant, and collegiate environment, rich in diversity, promoting a high performance culture for students and staff. Your experience with us will be enriching and memorable. We want you to graduate as a well-rounded individual with keen written and interpersonal communication skills.

### Core studies

The wide range of core areas of law studied include the laws that regulate commercial matters such as contracts and corporations, laws that deal with civil wrongs (torts), legal rights in relation to property, criminal law, administrative law, international law and environmental law. Legal philosophy is also an important area of study. Just a few of the specialist elective areas range from environmental law, family law, sports law and media law to intellectual property law and consumer protection.

### Research leaders

Our University has a very active research program, as well as two dedicated research centres in the Centre for Law and Genetics and the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute. UTAS Law is one of the highest ranked faculties in the country in terms of research publications per staff. This is reflected in the number of scholarly books and referred journal articles produced by Law staff. The Master of Laws (LLM) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) are offered as research higher degrees.

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\* Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2016. Available at: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>  
QS World University Rankings, 2016. Available at <http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2016>  
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<sup>^</sup> The Office of Learning and Teaching, Australian Government, 2014, 2015. Available at <http://www.olt.gov.au/awards>

# Studying Law

## Who studies Law?

Independent thinkers and high-achieving students. Law is more than a study of rules and principles, during your degree you'll develop high-level intellectual qualities. This includes the ability to think independently and critically, to research thoroughly, to reason logically and systematically and to communicate ideas clearly.

This ability to critically assess and evaluate information, theories and doctrines is ideal preparation for a variety of interesting and challenging careers.

The Bachelor of Laws course is the basic academic preparation for anyone wanting to enter the legal profession and other careers involving legal work. You'll develop an understanding of the role of law in society and appreciate how the law operates in many commercial, industrial and societal contexts.

While you may have fewer contact hours than a degree like Medicine, to be successful, you should commit to active learning. The more you put into your study, the more you get out of your university experience.

## Career opportunities with law

A law degree is one of the most versatile university qualifications available.

Graduates can seek careers as a solicitor, barrister, industry legal officer or ministerial adviser. Other options include putting your legal training to use in:

- Legal aid
- Community legal centres
- The Attorney-General's department
- Law reform commissions
- Consumer affairs
- Environment
- Foreign affairs
- Police
- Legal drafting
- Politics
- Banking
- Finance
- Journalism
- Publishing
- Teaching

Many of our graduates have also gone on to successful careers outside law. This includes fields such as; policy writing, speech writing, media or communications, editing, public relations, politics and advocacy.

By taking law as a double degree, graduates can widen their career opportunities even further, in different sectors, industries or areas of specialist interest.

## Professional recognition

Our law degree meets the requirements of the accrediting body, the Tasmanian Board of Legal Education. After graduating from the University, any law student wishing to practise in Tasmania is required to undertake a six-month Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice course.

After gaining admission and obtaining a practising certificate in Tasmania, lawyers can practise in another state of Australia without having to obtain a practising certificate in the latter jurisdiction.

## Your study opportunities

Different students have different goals.

If you simply want to give yourself the best start for a better chance at a great career, a degree course is an excellent option.

If you want to pursue a passion or want more specialist knowledge and expertise in a chosen field, a double degree or a degree with honours can give you fascinating career opportunities. Many of our courses also let you add units from different study areas.

## Degrees: Major and Minor (specialist) studies

Studying a particular area of interest can focus your learning, research and communication skills.

A single degree usually takes four years to finish and requires the successful completion of 32 units. Graduate entry students are able to complete within three years.

Depending on your chosen course, you may be able to combine learning on and off campus, or study part-time or online. Flexible study options can make it easy to fit study around your work and life commitments.

## Double or Combined degrees

Double degrees are pretty much exactly how they sound. A double degree merges the core requirements of two different degrees. This lets you graduate with the equivalent of two degrees faster than it would take to do two separate degrees.

Double degrees can give you greater depth of knowledge in more than one area. This gives you more career options.

If you're academically capable and want to challenge yourself, a double degree is an ideal way to get the most from your time at university.

A law degree can be combined with bachelor degrees in Arts, Psychological Science, Business, Economics, ICT or Science.

## Pathways

Entry to the University's law program is highly competitive, and places are limited. The University does provide several opportunities for high-achieving and highly motivated students to study law or combine law with other studies.

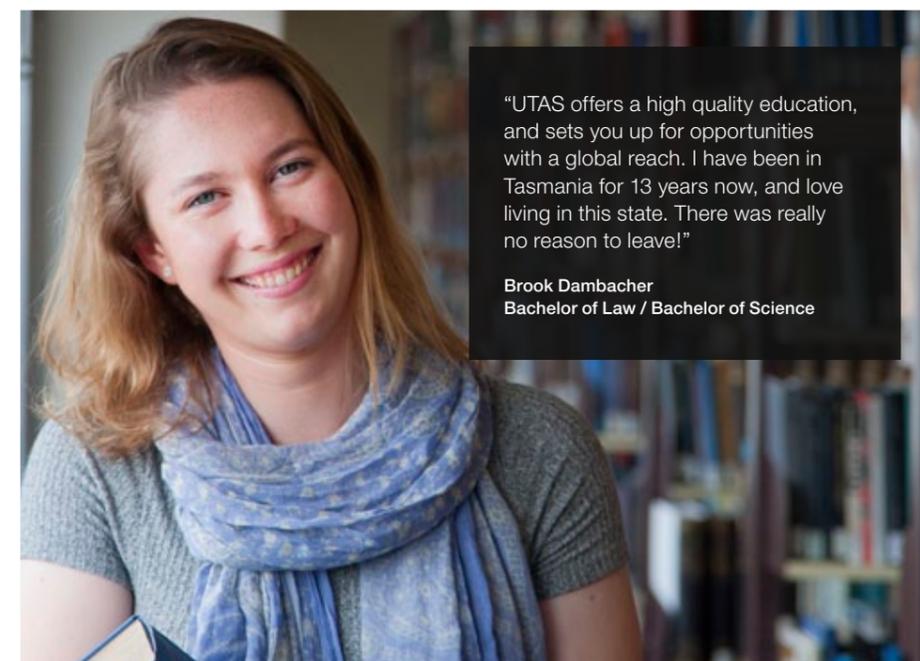
### High Achiever Year 12 Entry

This pathway guarantees a place in the second year of the course (subject to standard requirements for academic progress).

Entry is based on academic results for Year 12. Students who expect to achieve a minimum ATAR of 90+ for Australian Year 12 or its international equivalent, may apply for the Bachelor of Laws (Direct Entry) (63P1), or combined degrees with Law.

### Standard Year 12 Entry

Year 12 applicants who do not expect to achieve an ATAR of at least 90 may apply for the Bachelor of Laws (Standard Entry) (63P2) or Law combined degrees.



"UTAS offers a high quality education, and sets you up for opportunities with a global reach. I have been in Tasmania for 13 years now, and love living in this state. There was really no reason to leave!"

Brook Dambacher  
Bachelor of Law / Bachelor of Science

Progression into Year 2 of the Law course is not automatic. There is a quota of 200 places for all second year Law students.

Students are ranked based on academic performance in their first year of study.

### Transfer entry for motivated students

Students who have completed first year in another faculty which includes the units LAW121 Introduction to Law and LAW122 Legal Systems may apply for transfer into the Bachelor of Laws (6311), or related combined degree with Law. Entry is based on merit.

### Graduate entry

Students who have completed a bachelor degree can apply for graduate entry to the Bachelor of Laws (6311). This is based on academic merit.

## Credit Transfer and articulation from other institutions

Students who have completed units of similar weight and standing at another tertiary institution may be given credit in units of the course. The units should be the same as those making up a Bachelor of Laws degree, and entry will depend on limits prescribed by the Faculty and the University.

## Law Relocation Scholarship for interstate students

The Faculty of Law offers a Relocation Scholarship to all eligible high-achieving interstate students coming to study Law at the University of Tasmania.

The scholarship, worth \$10,000 (\$2,500 in three instalments for the first three semesters plus \$2,500 for travel), is designed to assist with the cost of moving to Tasmania. See: [utas.edu.au/law/scholarships/relocation-scholarship](https://utas.edu.au/law/scholarships/relocation-scholarship)

▼ Many students are involved with community legal centres or other community organisations.



University of Tasmania:

**TOP 300** in the World

Source: World University Rankings, 2016

# Your study experience

The learning experience at our University goes beyond lectures and tutorials.

Guest lecturers give you a chance to learn from working professionals who will share their experience, for example, of the Australian legal system, immigration law, human rights, judges and juries or legal problem-solving.

Our Summer and Winter School program attracts prominent scholars as visiting lecturers.

We will encourage you to be involved in the community. This experience adds context to your course work. This can include time with community legal centres, with the Student Legal Service, and by undertaking the Mental Health Tribunal Advocacy Training.

The University enjoys tremendous support from the Tasmanian legal profession, judiciary and magistracy for practical skills training, especially for our mooting program. Students are required to enrol, attend and participate in one moot and satisfactory performance in the moot is a prerequisite to obtaining the degree. The Law School also has a moot court. This gives you the chance to develop advocacy skills in a real world environment. Faculty Moots are usually conducted in the Tasmanian Supreme Court.

## Study Abroad

Our international exchange program lets you take a semester of study at universities around the world, including partner institutions in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Canada, the Netherlands, UK, China and the United States.

### Study Abroad Scholarships

The University actively encourages our students to extend their learning opportunities by undertaking international study exchange. To facilitate this, we offer a range of scholarships and financial assistance.

## The Tasmania University Law Society (TULS)

TULS is the representative society for law students and caters for both academic and social aspects of the student experience. The legal profession communicates with students through TULS.

TULS organises various events, competitions and activities throughout the year. This includes an Annual Law Ball and cocktail party, inter-faculty sporting matches and the production of an annual magazine. First-year students are also invited to an Introduction to Law Camp. TULS facilitates participation in national student competitions in client interview, witness examination, negotiation and mooting. TULS also hold a Careers Fair for graduates. This will match employers and opportunities to your interests and skills.

## Learning resources

The Law Library keeps texts and journals on all aspects of local, national and international law. This makes research more straightforward. The latest technology connects you to legal databases through fast Wi-Fi and computer labs.

## Scholarships

Each year, the University offers more than 900 awards, across all academic areas.

The awards are based on merit and equity and reward excellence and improve access for new or continuing students. Application details and selection criteria for each award are clearly noted for each award on our website and within the online application.

See: [utas.edu.au/scholarships-bursaries](http://utas.edu.au/scholarships-bursaries)

# Course information

A law degree is one of the most versatile university qualifications available.

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## ▼ Bachelor of Laws

<b>Duration</b>	Four years full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Hobart
<b>Course code</b>	63P1
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	90

The Bachelor of Laws at the University of Tasmania gives you a strong foundation in the principles of the law and provides the basic academic preparation for anyone who wishes to enter the legal profession or other careers involving legal work.

The first years comprise the study of core areas of law. You then choose specialist electives in later years. The course will give you an understanding of the role of law in society. It will also help you understand the many contexts the law operates within.

Your study will give you problem-solving and research expertise as well as helping you develop keen written and interpersonal communication skills.

At our University, law students also receive one-on-one mentoring and support, can take international exchange and benefit from outstanding connections to the legal profession and institutions.

## Legal Studies

You can take Legal Studies as a major within a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Business. Please see our Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences or Business and Economics brochure for more information or visit [utas.edu.au/courses](http://utas.edu.au/courses)



"Throughout your degree you will have so many chances to get involved in activities and programs that enrich your studies, career path and life. At the end of your degree you will graduate from a university with an excellent reputation. This will set you in good stead for excelling in your chosen career path."

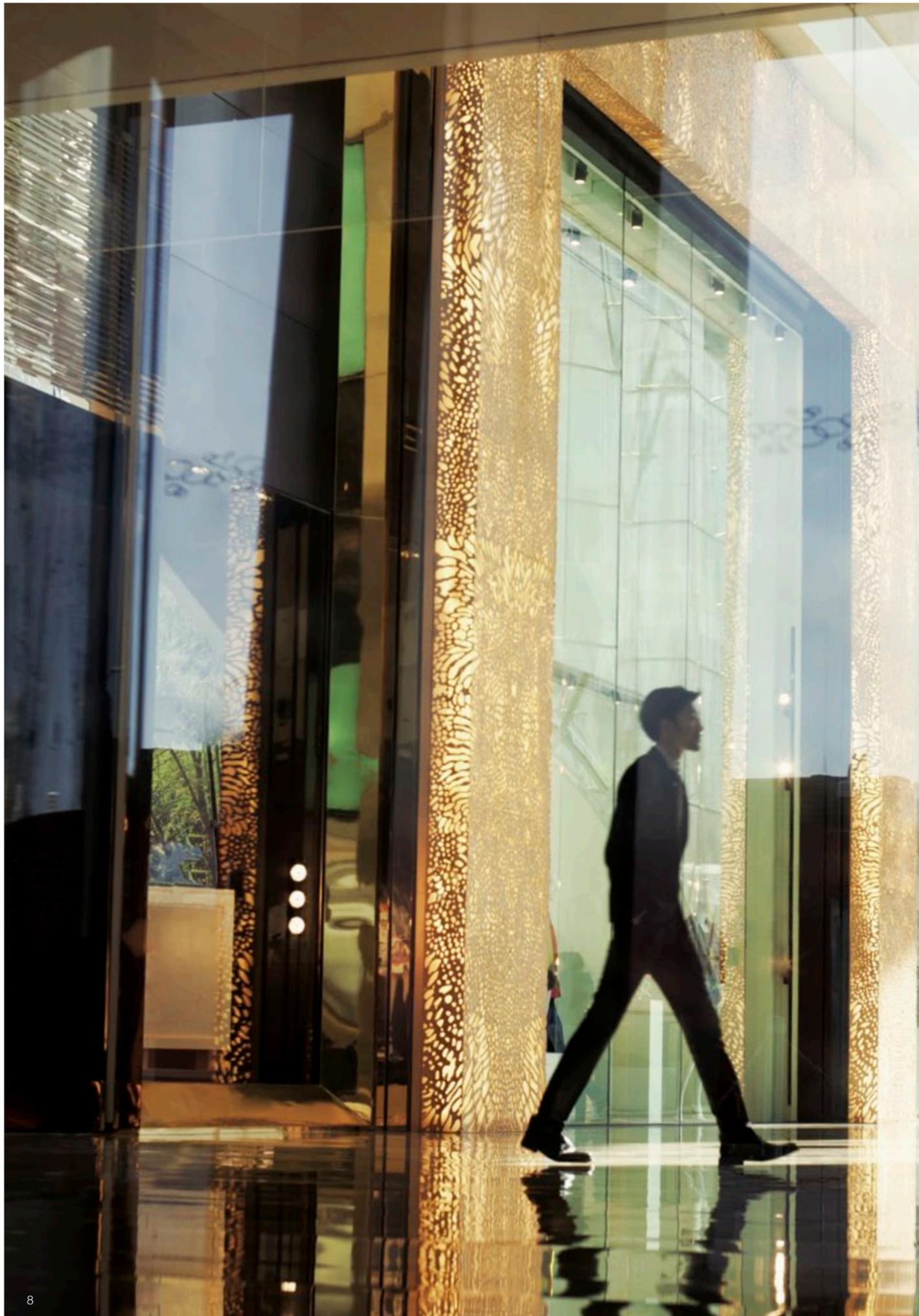
**Emily Forsyth**  
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws combined degree

New Colombo Plan Scholar 2015 Vanuatu



Vice-Chancellor's National University **Scholarships** valued at \$18,000 per year, for up to five years of study in any course

\*General Entry Requirements are briefly outlined in the 'How to apply' section. Visit [utas.edu.au/admissions](http://utas.edu.au/admissions) for further details.



# Financial matters

When you commence study with the University of Tasmania in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP), you must contribute towards the cost of your tuition. The amount you pay depends on which units you study and the payment method you choose.

### Student contribution amounts and rules

To be eligible for a CSP you must be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or hold a permanent visa.

The student contribution is calculated based on the units of study that you enrol in. Each unit is assigned to a 'band' according to the subject area it comes from. The band tells us how much to charge for one equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL), equivalent to 100 credit points, or 100% load.

Most units at the University of Tasmania are 12.5 credit points (0.125 EFTSL), so to calculate the cost of a unit we multiply the contribution amount for that designated band by 0.125. For example, the student contribution amount for a 12.5 credit point Nursing unit of study would be  $\$6256 \times 0.125 = \$782$ . A typical three-year degree is made up of 24 units.

### HECS-HELP

The majority of university students across Australia choose to defer their student contribution until after they have commenced in the workforce. You can do this by taking out a HECS-HELP loan. HECS-HELP is available to eligible students enrolled in a CSP. This loan can cover all or part of the student contribution amount. You are eligible for HECS-HELP if you are an Australian citizen or the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa. Under this option, the Commonwealth Government pays the loan amount directly to the University of Tasmania. Then, when your salary reaches the minimum repayment threshold, you will make compulsory repayments through the tax system. To learn more, visit [studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au)

### 2016 student contribution by band

BAND 1	BAND 2	BAND 3
\$6,256* per full-time year (100% load)	\$8,917* per full-time year (100% load)	\$10,440* per full-time year (100% load)
Nursing*	Mathematics*	Law
Education*	Statistics*	Accounting
Humanities	Science*	Administration
Social Studies	Computing	Economics
Psychological Science <sup>^</sup>	Built Environment	Business/Commerce
Clinical Psychology	Other Health	Dentistry
Foreign Languages	Allied Health	Medicine
Visual & Performing Arts	Engineering	Veterinary Science
	Surveying	
	Agriculture	
	AMC	

\*The student contribution amounts for mathematics, statistics and science are subject to passage of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measure Bill 2012).  
 1. Education and nursing students who began their course as a Commonwealth supported student before 1 January 2010 may be charged less than the 2016 maximum amount listed above for units in education and nursing.  
 2. If you are a mathematics, science, education, nursing or midwifery graduate you may be eligible for a HECS-HELP Benefit.

### Other costs

Students are required to pay a student services and amenities fee (SSAF). In 2016, the fee is around \$290 for a full-time undergraduate student. Part-time students are charged on a pro-rata of study load undertaken. Students who are unable to pay the fee up-front can defer all or part of the fee through an element of the Higher Education Loan Program, known as SA-HELP. The fee contributes to funding student services such as legal and health services, counselling, and sport and recreation activities.

You will also need to cover costs such as textbooks, materials, art supplies or software for your course. These costs can vary from course to course.

Accommodation and general living expenses will also vary depending on your chosen living arrangements. To learn more about accommodation options, visit [utas.edu.au/accommodation](http://utas.edu.au/accommodation)

# How to apply

Applications should be made directly to the University of Tasmania, depending on your course and when you want to commence.

## Year 12 applicants

For Year 12 students, applications for Semester 1 should be submitted electronically via the University's online application process.

The 'timely' application period opens in August and closes in the last week of September. Late applications will be accepted by the University, but some programs that have special requirements will not accept late applications.

## Changing your preference

You can change your original 'timely' application course preferences during the Change of Preference period in December. This allows you to modify your course selection depending on your results from your final examinations.

Learn more by visiting [utas.edu.au/apply](https://utas.edu.au/apply)

## Non-school leaver (mature aged) applicants

If you are not a Year 12 student, you apply directly to the University via the online application process. As a non-year 12 student your application will be considered on a broad range of factors, including previous studies, work experience and any extra requirements specified for the course.

To meet the General Entry Requirements (GER) into an undergraduate degree, at least one of the following must be completed:

- Year 12
- Certificate IV, diploma or advanced diploma and/or
- Successful completion of a University enabling program
- Personal competency statement demonstrating how work experience or background meets the University's General Entry Requirements

Particular degrees may also require you to sit a Special Tertiary Admissions Test.

Visit [utas.edu.au/courses](https://utas.edu.au/courses) or [utas.edu.au/apply](https://utas.edu.au/apply) for further details.

# Quick reference guide

## Degrees

COURSES	DURATION	Clearly-in ATAR	LOCATION
Bachelor of Laws	4 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	H
Transfer Entry for Motivated Students*	3 yrs FT or equivalent PT	-	H

\*This alternative entry point is explained on page 5.

## Double Degrees

COURSES	DURATION	Clearly-in ATAR	LOCATION
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws	5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	CC, H, L*
Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Laws	5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	CC*, H, L*
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws	5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	CC*, H, L*
Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Laws	5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	CC*, H, L*
Bachelor of ICT/Bachelor of Laws	5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	CC*, H, L*
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws	5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	90	CC*, H, L*

## Pathways

COURSES	DURATION
Bachelor of General Studies	1 yr FT or equivalent PT
University Preparation Program (UPP)	1 yr FT or equivalent PT

## Key to main campuses:

CC – Cradle Coast

H – Hobart

NB as some courses may be split between campuses, please refer to course details above.

Availability at each campus may depend on demand.

\* First year only.

▼ To find more information about all University of Tasmania courses, visit [utas.edu.au/courses](https://utas.edu.au/courses)



## KEY DATES

### **1 August 2016**

Applications open

### **30 September 2016**

On-time applications close, 5.00pm

### **Year-round availability**

One-on-one course advisor appointments

## OPEN DAYS

### **7 August 2016**

University of Tasmania Open Day  
Hobart, Launceston, Burnie (TAS)

### **27 August 2016**

University of Tasmania Open Day  
Darlinghurst (NSW)

### **28 August 2016**

University of Tasmania Open Day  
Rozelle (NSW)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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