



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – FAQs

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Program (Domestic Students)

The term 'domestic' refers to Australian citizens and residents, New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent humanitarian and non-humanitarian visas. Prospective international students, including international students who are currently undertaking their Year 12 in Australia, who require further information about the LLB should contact UQ International, Level 2, JD Story building, St Lucia campus, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland 4072, email: study@uq.edu.au or visit: www.uq.edu.au/international.

DURATION:	4 YEARS FULL-TIME (or part-time equivalent)
COMMENCEMENT:	SEMESTER 1
CAMPUS:	ST LUCIA
UNITS (#):	64

1 WHAT ARE MY ENTRY OPTIONS INTO THE LLB PROGRAM?

Students can apply for a Commonwealth supported place in the LLB program at UQ.

Commonwealth supported places are partially funded by the Government, which pays money directly to UQ. Students are required to pay a *student contribution amount* which varies depending on courses undertaken. Depending on eligibility, students in Commonwealth supported places may opt to pay their *student contribution amount* up front, or defer this payment.

2 WHAT OVERALL POSITION (OP) DO I NEED TO GET INTO THE LLB?

OP 3 / Rank 96 (based on 2008 entry scores)

3 WHAT ARE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS?

Queensland Year 12 or equivalent; a pass in English

4 CAN I UNDERTAKE A DUAL DEGREE?

Yes. Dual degrees are available to LLB students in Arts, Business, Business Management, Commerce, Economics, Science, Journalism, IT and Environmental Management.

5 WHAT IS THE COST?

The *student contribution amount* for Commonwealth supported students is indexed each year. In 2008, the student contribution amount for law students equated to \$8,499 per annum (for 16 units of law courses). Students who are Australian citizens or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa are eligible for HECS-HELP (a loan that enables eligible students in a Commonwealth supported place to defer payment of their student contribution amounts until they have completed their studies), and will be entitled to a 20% discount if they choose to pay their student contribution amounts up front. Students who are New Zealand citizens or holders of a permanent non-humanitarian visa are considered domestic students and can apply for a Commonwealth supported place, but they will not be eligible for HECS-HELP and must pay their student contribution amounts up front.

For further information about fees or higher education loans programs visit www.uq.edu.au/study.

6 WHAT OTHER COSTS ARE INVOLVED?

- Textbooks
- General costs – eg travel expenses, parking, accommodation and entertainment

7 CAN I GET A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE LLB?

The Law School offers the 'TC Beirne School of Law Scholarship' to domestic students enrolled or enrolling in the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) program. This scholarship provides financial assistance to help with living expenses for 12 months. Details of the scholarship application process are available from the Law School website – www.law.uq.edu.au/scholarships-and-prizes.

In addition, a number of prizes and minor scholarships are awarded annually to LLB students, normally on the basis of the greatest proficiency in a particular course or courses.



Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Laws student Tom Gole



8 HOW DO I APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO THE LLB?

Applications are made directly to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) – www.qtac.edu.au. The QTAC program code is 718001.

9 HOW DO I APPLY FOR A DUAL DEGREE?

You must first apply for a place in the LLB program through QTAC. Upon being offered a place, you must apply internally for the dual component of the degree through the 'Program Request Change Panel' on mySI-net, the University's student information system. You will be given access to mySI-net once you have been offered a place in the LLB program.

10 WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IF I DON'T GET IN?

If you are not offered a place in the LLB program based on your current OP/Ranking, then enrol in another program preference at university. After you have completed one year of tertiary study, you can then reapply for the LLB program through QTAC and be assessed on your Grade Point Average (GPA), rather than your OP/Ranking. The entry GPA is set by QTAC and varies every year, depending on demand. Prospective LLB students should aim to achieve a first year GPA of approximately 5.25 or higher to be eligible for a place in the LLB.

11 WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON COMPLETION OF THE LLB?

UQ law graduates enjoy exceptional success in the employment market. Most law graduates practise as barristers or solicitors. Others work as corporate lawyers for large firms or in the areas of accounting, state and federal government, public administration, education, foreign affairs, industrial relations, legal aid, management, politics and taxation.

12 ADMISSION TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Students who wish to practise as barristers or solicitors must first be admitted to the legal profession in Queensland.

The LLB program offered by The University of Queensland satisfies the 'academic' legal training requirements for admission to the legal profession. Before students are able to apply for admission as a legal practitioner, they must also complete the 'practical' legal training requirements for admission.

The practical legal training requirements may be satisfied only after completion of the academic qualifications. Practical legal training can be completed by working as a supervised trainee for one year with a firm or by attending a practical legal training program.

For more information on the process of being admitted to the legal profession, students should contact the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board (admissions@qls.com.au).

13 HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

TC Beirne School of Law website

The Law School's website provides up-to-date information about programs, courses, the teaching faculty and general information about the Law School:

Visit: www.law.uq.edu.au

LLB Program

If you would like to talk to someone about the LLB program, please contact the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law:

Ph: (07) 3365 7111

Email: facbel@bel.uq.edu.au

QTAC

For further information about applying for the LLB, contact QTAC:

Visit: www.qtac.edu.au

