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Welcome from the Dean

Thank you for considering postgraduate study with New Zealand's highest ranked law school and university.

Auckland Law School offers the largest range of postgraduate law programmes in New Zealand and is ranked among the best law schools in the world*. We are committed to improving access to justice through excellence in teaching, research, service and engagement.



Whether you are interested in Corporate and Commercial Law, Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, International Law, Litigation and Dispute Resolution or Public Law, Auckland Law School will provide you with the ideal environment and support to assist you along your career path.

A postgraduate qualification from Auckland Law School will form an important step in your career. Our programmes are taught by a range of leading experts including our own academic staff, members of the Department of Commercial Law in the Business School, preeminent members of the profession and distinguished academic visitors from abroad.

Auckland Law School is located in the heart of Auckland, a city ranked third out of 231 world cities for quality of living**. For those proposing to come from overseas, the rest of New Zealand is an added attraction for you to explore during

breaks in your programme. The School is also home to the Davis Law Library, New Zealand's most extensive collection of legal resources, providing an excellent foundation for your study.

I encourage you to explore our postgraduate prospectus to find out more about our programmes. Annual postgraduate scholarships are on offer for the Master of Laws, Master of Legal Studies and Master of Taxation Studies, or if you're considering a PhD we have an exciting Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship available.

We look forward to welcoming you to postgraduate study at Auckland Law School.

PROFESSOR PENELOPE MATHEW
Dean of Law

*QS World University Rankings by subject, 2020.

**Mercer Quality of Living Survey, 2019.



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***QS World Rankings Academic and Employer Reputation,
number one in NZ 2019*

****QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019*

Why study with us?

Auckland Law School leads the development of quality postgraduate legal education in New Zealand. Our postgraduate degrees are internationally recognised, with graduates who are valued and sought after throughout New Zealand and the world.

Postgraduate study in Law

Auckland Law School offers a wide range of courses taught by our own experts, as well as eminent scholars from the world's premier law schools. We offer six specialisations: Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; and Public Law.

These specialisations enable you to focus on a particular area of study, while allowing you the opportunity to pursue other areas of interest.

Postgraduate programmes offered by the Law School include the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Laws (LLM), Master of Legal Studies (MLS), Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PGCertLaw).

Study programmes are designed with great flexibility to cater to a diverse range of people, from legal practitioners to full-time students.

The Law School offers a number of courses (intensive, part-semester and whole-semester) that are globally relevant to both domestic and international students.

If you want to study for an internationally recognised degree in a stimulating academic environment with a strong international focus, explore our study options and get your career off to the best possible start.

The benefits of advanced legal study

Postgraduate study in law is increasingly important in a globalised world, as careers now demand more focused, sophisticated and advanced legal expertise. The Law School's postgraduate programmes allow you to specialise in areas that are important to employers, but also suit your academic interests. The programmes attract a diverse mix of new graduates, experienced practitioners, partners and industry professionals, as well as international students from various jurisdictions, all of whom bring their differing perspectives and talents to the postgraduate seminars.

Investing in postgraduate study at the University of Auckland will broaden your academic, research and employment horizons, while adding value with specialist skills and knowledge.

Whether you plan to join the next generation of leading lawyers in New Zealand or strive to become a leader internationally, a postgraduate law qualification from Auckland Law School will help you to stand out among your peers on the competitive international stage.



We're NZ's leading faculty of Law*



The Davis Law Library is the largest law library in New Zealand



Situated in the heart of the Legal Precinct, next to the High Court and leading law firms



Clubs and associations

RANKED NUMBER 1
IN NEW ZEALAND FOR EMPLOYABILITY*

*QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's highest-ranked university.

Auckland Law School is ranked 50th in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020. The University as a whole is also ranked among the world's top 250 universities by the Times Higher Education World Rankings of Universities, and is the highest ranked university in New Zealand for Graduate Employability.

The University of Auckland has a strong international focus. It is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21 and is a member of the Worldwide Universities Network and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. The University of Auckland is home to more than 42,000 students.

8,500

International students

bring perspective from over 120 countries to our campuses.



*QS World University Rankings 2020.

Flexible learning

Our postgraduate programmes are structured to allow you maximum flexibility. We understand that personal, family and work commitments are important factors when deciding whether to study, so we offer options that fit with your lifestyle. There are four options to choose from: full-semester courses taught in the early evening; half-semester courses; intensively-taught courses over three to five days; and independent research programmes. We encourage you to meet with one of our advisers to discuss your best fit.

Specialisation

Specialisation is optional, but you can elect to have your LLM or MLS degree awarded in Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; or Public Law. To specialise you must complete a minimum of three-quarters of your degree points in one of these areas.

Research centres

Auckland Law School is home to a number of renowned research centres, including the Aotearoa New Zealand Centre for Indigenous Peoples and the Law; New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law; the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law Policy and Practice; New Zealand Centre for ICT Law; New Zealand Centre for Legal Theory; and the New Zealand Centre for Law and Business. Our highly experienced team, many of whom are international leaders in their field, are available to supervise LLM or PhD dissertations or theses in their area of expertise. They also teach on the LLM, MLS and MTaxS programmes throughout the year.

Work and study facilities

We offer a number of facilities to support your postgraduate studies, including workspaces with dedicated computers in the Law School and wireless network access for your laptops and devices. Whenever possible, PhD students are allocated offices in the Law School.

The Davis Law Library provides computers for the exclusive use of postgraduate students and has rooms set aside for postgraduate study and discussion.

PhD students are welcome to attend the staff seminar series run throughout the year, with Auckland Law School staff and visiting academics presenting research papers and work in progress.

The Davis Law Library

The Davis Law Library is part of the University of Auckland library system, and is the largest law library in New Zealand.

Study tables, carrels and discussion rooms provide seating for about 300 students.

The Davis Law Library contains a print collection of over 125,000 volumes of legal texts, statutes and commentaries.

In addition students can remotely access an extensive collection of databases as well as e-journals and e-books via the Library network.

The major legal databases Lexis Advance, Westlaw International, Westlaw NZ and HeinOnline are also available online.

The focus of the collection is on the five principal Common Law jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), with materials from other jurisdictions also available.

The Davis Law Library is open seven days a week during semester. Introductory tours of the Library and workshops are run during semesters.

Further information on opening hours, contact details and services are available at

www.library.auckland.ac.nz/about-us/libraries/davis-law

and on the Libraries and Learning Services | Te Tumu Herenga website

www.library.auckland.ac.nz/services

Bell Gully computer laboratory

The Bell Gully computer laboratory is a training facility within the Davis Law Library, comprising 15 computers, a data projector and audio-visual equipment.

This facility ensures all law students are able to acquire the requisite skills for effective legal research. As a postgraduate student you are welcome to use the laboratory for research whenever it is not required for training.



“I like the fact that you are given a lot of freedom to do your research and for the writing process, while at the same time the academic staff are friendly and always available for guidance and talks.”

“I had heard positive things about Auckland Law School from other Norwegian students who previously studied here. Auckland seemed like the perfect place in New Zealand to enjoy vibrant city life and, at the same time, have access to amazing beaches and nature close by. It’s a short drive to Piha, Raglan and other good surf spots. Coming from freezing cold Norwegian winters, the climate and mild temperature is also appreciated.

“Commercial and corporate law is a broad field of law that encompasses many thought-provoking questions. Last semester I took a fascinating course in intellectual property, led by Rob Batty, who provided interesting insight into New Zealand’s IP laws. Through my research essay I was also given the opportunity to dig down into an area of interest. As an international student you may also write a comparative analysis – this furthered my knowledge of Norwegian laws.”

Bendik Pedersen, graduate, Master of Laws in Corporate and Commercial Law.



What can you study?

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD is a thesis-only research degree programme, usually requiring full-time study for three to four years or part-time study for six to eight years. The degree is undertaken under supervision and candidates must complete a sustained course of advanced legal research resulting in the production of a substantial original thesis.

If you have New Zealand postgraduate qualifications, you will need to have completed an LLB(Hons), a postgraduate bachelors (honours) degree in law or a Master of Laws with first class or second class (division 1) honours.

If you have international qualifications, you will need to have completed a masters-level qualification in a field related to your doctoral studies. You must have a GPE of at least 5.5.

You must be able to demonstrate an ability to carry out independent research and study in law.

Master of Laws (LLM)

The LLM can be undertaken full or part-time by coursework, research or a combination of both. The programme is designed to provide an advanced level of study for both full-time students and those who are legal practitioners or engaged in other full or part-time employment. The LLM is a one-year programme full-time. Students must complete 120 points. You can concentrate your study in particular areas of specialisation or study a broad range of legal subjects.

The LLM by research allows you to conduct in-depth study in an area of personal interest to enhance employment opportunities either professionally or academically.

The LLM by coursework allows you to study areas in greater depth and complexity than at undergraduate level. The programme offers courses that provide detailed analyses of particular areas of law as well as courses that are more policy oriented.

Each course contains a significant research component, usually in the form of a 12,500-word research essay. The LLM also permits cross-disciplinary study in the form of one or two masters courses (up to 30 points) from another faculty at the University of Auckland.

All of our postgraduate courses fulfil the New Zealand Law Society's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

Master of Legal Studies (MLS)

The MLS is for graduates who do not have an undergraduate law degree but whose work involves legal issues and dealing with legislation. The programme has a similar structure to the LLM and offers six specialisations: Corporate and Commercial Law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; International Law; Litigation and Dispute Resolution; and Public Law. The MLS may be either a one-year (120 points) or a one and a half-year (180 points) programme full-time, depending on a student's entry qualification.

The MLS suits professionals from non-legal backgrounds who require some knowledge of legal matters, but do not necessarily want to practise law. Professionals who will particularly benefit include: accountants and auditors; architects and town planners; business development managers; compliance managers; engineers; IT professionals; police; and public sector staff. Completion of this degree will not satisfy the entry requirements for admission as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand and is not a substitute for an LLB degree.

The MLS allows cross-disciplinary study of postgraduate courses from other University of Auckland faculties, enabling you to advance your professional skills while acquiring knowledge of the law.

Your programme must be approved by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate).

Master of Taxation Studies (MTaxS)

The MTaxS* is for graduates in either law or commerce who wish to develop their tax skills, or for practitioners wanting to update their tax knowledge. The MTaxS may be either a one-year (120 points) or a one and a half-year (180 points) programme full-time, depending on a student's entry qualification. The MTaxS is suitable for graduates seeking careers in private legal practice specialising in tax law; tax accountants or consultants in commerce or industry; or those interested in a career with Inland Revenue. The programme offers courses on the New Zealand Income Tax Base; International Tax; Corporate Tax; GST; Property Taxation; Tax Disputes and Administration; and Tax Avoidance. Students enrolled in the MTaxS programme may take up to 30 points from the LLM schedule.



*The MTaxS was ranked the 12th best specialist taxation masters in the world by EDUNIVERSAL BEST MASTERS.



“I like the flexibility the PhD programme provides to travel and connect with researchers from all over the world. A highlight of the programme has been the opportunity to travel to the University of Oslo where I was fortunate to present my research at the PhD Seminar on Companies and Markets.”

“I graduated from the University of Limerick with a Masters of International Commercial Law. I decided to pursue a PhD because I am passionate about my research topic. My research focuses on company law, corporate governance, and environmental sustainability. One of the things I enjoy most is the interdisciplinary nature of this growing area of research, as each discipline has the potential to offer its own unique ideas and insights.”

“I chose to study at Auckland Law School because it is renowned for its subject matter expertise in environmental, corporate, and commercial law. Its focus on these areas afforded me the opportunity to research under the supervision of leaders in their academic fields.”

“I am very fortunate to be in receipt of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship. Without the scholarship I would not be in a financial position to undertake full-time doctoral study, so I’m very grateful to have the chance to fulfil my research ambitions.”

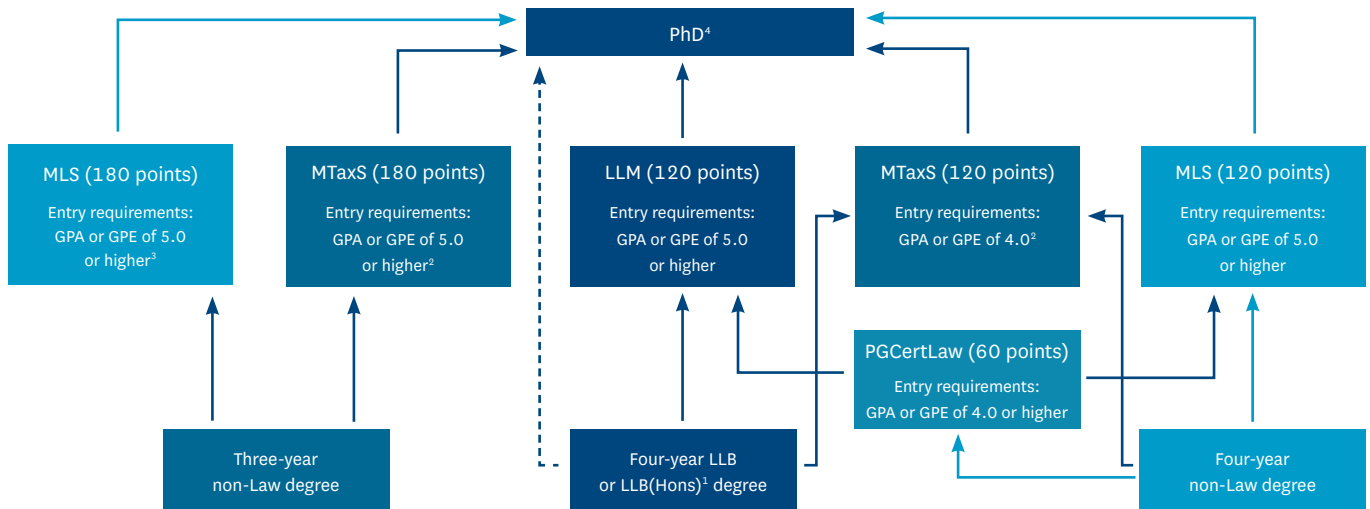
“My studies are providing me with a range of invaluable benefits from increased subject knowledge and enhanced transferrable skills to intellectual fulfilment and a sense of community with my peers. I’d love to work in academia one day and I believe that pursuing a PhD will help me along this career path. PhD students at the University of Auckland are afforded the opportunity to gain relevant experience through programmes such as the Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative.”

Lynn Buckley

Graduate: Masters of International Commercial Law, from Limerick University

Current: PhD specialising in Company Law and is a recipient of the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship

Pathways to postgraduate programmes



1 Direct entry into the PhD may be possible for candidate with an outstanding LLB(Hons) degree.

2 For the MTaxS you will require evidence of ability to undertake advanced study in taxation based on a major in accountancy, business law, taxation or relevant professional experience.

3 For the MLS you will require evidence of ability to undertake the courses for this degree.

4 Admission into the PhD inter alia requires an independent research component in the form of a dissertation or a thesis.

Please refer to the University Calendar for further details on the assessment of the GPA.

Postgraduate Certificate in Law (PGCertLaw)

The PGCertLaw is effectively half of an LLM or MLS degree. If you have limited time or wish to study only a few courses, this programme is ideal.

For some students, the PGCertLaw may also act as a pathway to the LLM or MLS degree. You must achieve a GPA or GPE of 5.0 or higher in your PGCertLaw courses to transfer to the LLM or MLS degree – if you meet all other entry requirements.

Certificate of Proficiency (COP)

The COP is perfect for members of the legal profession, and others, who wish to further their legal education by enrolling in a single course.

COP courses (to a maximum of 30 points) can be credited towards an LLM or MLS degree. Students can also use the COP option to enrol into a single course that can be credited to an academic programme at another university.

Calculating your GPA/GPE

Grades or marks achieved at the University of Auckland are given a grade point average (GPA).

Grades or marks achieved at other institutions are given a grade point equivalent (GPE). Use our GPE calculator for an indication of your GPE:

gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz



Programme structure at a glance

Programmes	Courses	Duration in semesters full-time/ part-time
PGCertLaw	LAW 700* 60 points of taught courses	Full-time: 1 semester Part-time: 4 semesters
LLM by coursework	LAW 700* 120 points of taught courses	Full-time: 2 semester Part-time: 4 semesters
LLM by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* 30 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
LLM by 120-point thesis	LAW 700* 120-point Major thesis (40,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MLS 120 by coursework	LAW 700* 120 points of taught courses	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MLS 120 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* 30 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MLS 180 by coursework	LAW 700* LAW 701** (30 points) 150 points of taught courses	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
MLS 180 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* LAW 701** (30 points) 60 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
MTaxS 120 by coursework	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 90 points of taught courses	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MTaxS 120 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 2 semesters Part-time: 4 semesters
MTaxS 180 by coursework	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 105 points of taught courses 45-point dissertation	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
MTaxS 180 by 90-point thesis	LAW 700* COMLAW 740 (30 points) 60 points of taught courses 90-point Minor thesis (30,000 words)	Full-time: 3 semesters Part-time: 6 semesters
PhD	PhD thesis (up to 100,000 words)	Full-time: 3-4 years Part-time: 6-8 years

■ Programme
 ■ Compulsory course
 ■ Taught course
 ■ Research
 ■ Programme duration

*Some students may be eligible for an exemption from LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology. Details of eligibility for an exemption will be provided in the course outline. Students eligible for an exemption must contact a student adviser at Auckland Law School Student Centre to apply for the exemption to be recorded.

** Requirement can be waived.

The University requires all students admitted into a programme to complete the Academic Integrity Course in their first semester: www.auckland.ac.nz/academicintegritycourse

Taught courses can include a 30-point dissertation or a 15-point direct study.

Research programmes

If you are interested in including a research component in your programme, you should contact a potential supervisor in the first instance to discuss your thesis or dissertation topic.

The thesis or dissertation topic will need to be approved by the Associate Dean (International and Postgraduate).

Email: C.noonan@auckland.ac.nz

PhD thesis

The PhD is an advanced degree awarded for an original contribution to research and academic debate in a student's chosen legal specialisation, with the findings published in a substantial thesis.

Stimulating and rewarding, embarking on a PhD requires a high level of self-motivation and discipline, providing an exciting opportunity to engage in independent, cutting-edge research.

Your PhD research will be guided by an appointed supervisor (usually a senior academic from Auckland Law School) and co-supervisor. Your thesis can be completed within three to four years of full-time study or on a part-time basis.

Your PhD is an ideal qualification if you wish to pursue an academic or research career. For information about applying for doctoral studies, including tips on completing an Application for Admission (AfA), see:

www.auckland.ac.nz/applying-for-a-doctorate

For further advice, contact Associate Professor Prof Mark Henaghan and Associate Professor Nicole Roughan, Directors of Doctoral Studies, Auckland Law School.

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Research programmes contact

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LLM by major thesis

The LLM degree by major thesis requires completion of a supervised 120-point research thesis of approximately 40,000 words on a topic approved by the Associate Dean Postgraduate. In addition to completion of the 120-point thesis, you must complete LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology in the first semester of enrolment unless you are exempted from the course. Approval to undertake the degree by major thesis usually requires a GPA of 6.0 or higher in the LLB degree, or an LLB(Hons) degree. This is higher than the requirement for a taught LLM.

LLM, MLS or MTaxS by minor thesis

You can also complete a supervised 90-point thesis to be credited towards the LLM/MLS/MTaxS. As with the major thesis, the topic must be approved by the Associate Dean Postgraduate. The remaining points of your degree can be completed by enrolling in taught courses (which are either 30-points or 15-points) and/or completing a dissertation.

In addition, LAW 700 Legal Research Methodology must be completed in the first semester of enrolment unless you are exempted from the course.

Dissertation

You may also include a supervised 30-point dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on a topic approved by the Associate Dean Postgraduate in lieu of one of your 30-point taught masters courses.

Taught programmes

If you wish to undertake your programme by taught courses we give you the flexibility to structure your studies to suit work and personal commitments. We offer a range of courses that are worth 15 or 30 points.

Intensive courses

These courses are held throughout the calendar year and are taught predominantly by visiting guest lecturers from New Zealand and overseas. Our 30-point taught courses are generally held over five days, usually Wednesday to Friday and the following Monday and Tuesday to allow a break over the weekend. Our 15-point courses are generally held over three days from Thursday to Saturday. Intensive courses run from 9am–4.30pm.

Full-semester courses

Our 30-point full-semester courses are held weekly over the 12-week semester and usually involve one three-hour seminar per week, from 5–8pm. These courses are usually taught by staff from Auckland Law School and the Department of Commercial Law.

Half-semester courses

Our 30-point half-semester courses are held weekly over the first or second six weeks of semester and usually involve two three-hour seminars per week, from 5–8pm. Our 15-point half-semester courses are held over the first or second six weeks of semester and usually involve one three-hour seminar per week. These courses are generally taught by staff from Auckland Law School and the Department of Commercial Law.

Flexible options

There are many options to choose from to make studying compatible with your busy life. For example, you can enrol in a mixture of intensive, full and half-semester courses in the same semester as long as there are no timetable clashes.

Perhaps you'd prefer to enrol in a combination of 30-point and 15-point courses to make up 120 points of the LLM/MLS/MTaxS programmes, which could include a dissertation or directed study. You can enrol in a combination of 15-point and 30-point courses to complete the 60 points required for the PGCertLaw.

You can complete up to 30 points at masters level in another faculty of the University of Auckland. Prior permission must be granted by the Associate Dean (Postgraduate) to have the course counted towards your law degree. Please note that the course fees may differ from those of your law courses.

Specialisations

The LLM, MLS, MTaxS and PGCertLaw courses for 2021 will be finalised later in 2020. For full details of the 2020 courses and a course timetable, visit:

www.law.auckland.ac.nz/pgcourses

Every year a number of invited teachers are added to Auckland Law School's group of teachers and researchers, which extends our range of subjects offered.

Corporate and Commercial Law

We have a large group of teachers and researchers in the area of Corporate and Commercial Law, covering subject areas such as Company Law; Intellectual Property; Shipping Law; Private International Law; Personal Property Security; Privacy Law; Taxation; and the traditional private law subjects (Contract, Tort, Equity and Restitution).

The range of courses includes International Commercial Contracts; Insolvency Law; International and Comparative Copyright Law; Corporate Governance; Law of Insurance Contracts; Competition Law and Policy; and Corporate Finance.

Environmental Law

Environmental Law has long been an area of strength in teaching and research for Auckland Law School. Areas of study include Planning and Environmental Law; Resource Management; Mining and Energy Resources Law; and International Environmental Law. The range of courses has included Environmental Rights; Climate Change Law; Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law; and Global Environmental Law.

Human Rights Law

Auckland Law School is proud to be a national leader in the field of Human Rights Law, both from a domestic perspective and internationally.

Recent courses have included Torture and Disappearances in International Human Rights Law; Comparative Human Rights Law; Counterterrorism and Constitutionalism; Comparative Indigenous Peoples and the Law; and Human Rights Litigation.

International Law

International Law is an area of growing reach and importance. Recent courses taught in this field include International Trade Law; Law of the Sea and Antarctica; International Dispute Resolution; International Economic Regulation; International Peace and Security; and Selected Topics in International Law.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Process-oriented teaching and research is a developing area of expertise for the Law School and we have recently added a Litigation and Dispute Resolution specialisation to our LLM. A number of our staff include the study of dispute resolution mechanisms in their teaching and research.

Recent courses have included International Arbitration; WTO Dispute Resolution; Cross Border Commercial Litigation; and Mediation.

Public Law

Public law research and teaching covers a wide range of areas at the Law School. We have a core group of public lawyers whose work covers both traditional constitutional and administrative law as well as more specialised work on the Bill of Rights and the Treaty of Waitangi. Recent courses include Local Government and Resource Management; Health and Mental Health Law; Immigration and Refugee Law; Constitutions and Customs in the South Pacific; Prosecuting in the 21st Century; Waitangi Tribunal: Past, Present and Future; and a number of courses found in the Human Rights Law specialisation above.

If you are interested in completing a course outside Auckland Law School, contact a student adviser at the Law School Student Centre in the first instance.

Email: postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz



“My research focus is on health law, which is a very human area of the law that affects all of us. The cases are really interesting, and the law cannot be viewed in isolation – health law is a hub of economic and ethical issues.”

“The LLM teaches me to think differently. Initially I approached my thesis with my practising lawyer’s hat on which is very remedy focused. The deeper I read, the more I realised that that way of thinking is quite one dimensional and the best solution for an area like human biomaterials is going to involve a greater breadth of thought. I’m finding it very interesting, challenging and stimulating.

“It’s also the first step towards a career in academia which is something that’s always been in the back of my mind. I query whether I would ever have had the courage to walk away from a well-paid job to do the necessary study required for such a role. Having time out of the workforce with young children has given me the opportunity to carefully consider what I find fulfilling in a career.

“My particular thesis is on the regulation of human biomaterials. The online resources are incredible and I also have an excellent and encouraging supervisor in Professor Jo Manning.”

Anna Broadmore

Graduate: LLB (First Class Honours), BCom (Accountancy, Finance and Information Systems)

Current: Having studied for a LLM by research Anna Broadmore is now a doctoral student at Auckland.



Life on campus

Study in the heart of Auckland

Auckland is a diverse, inspirational city and our Law School is right in the heart of it. You’ll be studying in the hub of the business and legal district in a city that was ranked third of 231 cities for quality of living in the Mercer Quality of Living Survey 2019.

While we offer the best that city life has to give, you’re never too far from the great outdoors. Our campuses and accommodation are close to cafés, restaurants, cinemas and parks, and within 30 minutes of some of the world’s most stunning beaches and pristine forests. A seaside city with a mild climate, known as the “City of Sails”, Auckland provides opportunities to pursue many sports and outdoor activities as well as explore the harbour and many islands of the Hauraki Gulf.

Auckland is also a thriving centre for arts, culture and entertainment. From major sporting highlights and cultural celebrations, to international fashion and stage shows, there’s something for everyone.

For more information about what’s on in Auckland, see: www.heartofthecity.co.nz, www.facebook.com/heartofaklcity or www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz under Events.

A place to call home

The University of Auckland has a variety of accommodation options that offer you an independent lifestyle, while still remaining in a university community during your postgraduate studies.

Our self-catered flats and apartments are comfortably furnished with your water, power, internet, and membership to the University Recreation Centre included in the residential fees. If living on campus doesn’t appeal, our Accommodation Solutions team can help you find accommodation more to your liking. More information about our wide range of accommodation options at the University of Auckland can be found at:

www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz or email accom@auckland.ac.nz

Employment during study

Advanced postgraduate students are sometimes employed as paid tutors or teaching assistants for undergraduate courses. Tutoring is a great way to gain valuable professional and teaching experience during your masters or PhD study.

Other opportunities include part-time research assistantships, administrative duties or library work. There may be limits on allowable work hours (particularly for scholarship or international students), so you need to check any conditions that may apply. If you are working outside of the University to finance your study, it is important that you discuss your work commitments with a student adviser or your supervisor to ensure you can balance your workload realistically.

“I decided to study my PhD at Auckland Law School because the Faculty has a first-class reputation and fantastic doctoral programme. It is home to many highly regarded academics specialising in a diverse array of disciplines, so I knew that I would be supervised by leading academics working in my field.”

“I hope to pursue a career in academia as a lecturer and researcher, therefore studying a PhD has helped me to develop the necessary research and teaching skills required in preparation for these roles. It has also allowed me to specialise in my chosen field of study, making a significant contribution to this field.

“I was awarded the Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship. The Fellowship involved guest lecturing and tutoring undergraduates in Criminal Law, marking exam papers for various undergraduate courses in Law, marking Criminal Law essays, supervising students during exams and setting up the Law Postgraduate Research Methodology Series of events for doctoral students.

“The highlight of the PhD programme has been the exceptional standards of support and supervision from internationally recognised researchers. This is complemented by the excellent study space alongside other PhD students who have become good friends. We have learned from each other by discussing our research projects, experiences and challenges.

“My doctoral research focuses on the legal protection of the rights of women migrant domestic workers from the Philippines and Sri Lanka. It examines whether the Philippine and Sri Lankan governments are prioritising a market-driven approach to migration above the protection of the rights of their women migrant domestic workers, an area of research increasingly topical and pertinent.

“Auckland is a fantastic city to live and study. I enjoy hiking, exploring new islands on the ferry from downtown Auckland and visiting the wineries on Waiheke Island. The international food scene is impressive, so I enjoy visiting new restaurants offering different cuisines.

Sophie Henderson

Graduate: Bachelor of Laws LL.B and Masters of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice (LL.M) with Distinction from the University of Leeds in the UK.

Current: Sophie is studying towards a PhD specialising in International Labour Migration Law



Apply now and join us

We're pleased you are interested in studying with us and look forward to welcoming you as a postgraduate student. As a first step, we recommend you contact a student adviser at Auckland Law School Student Centre to discuss your proposed programme of study prior to making a formal application to the University of Auckland. This will help you ascertain whether your previous study qualifies you for entry and will help you get familiar with the specific requirements and regulations for that programme. postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz

Specific admission requirements can be found in the current University Calendar at: www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar

English language requirements

A high level of English language proficiency is needed to successfully study postgraduate law at the University of Auckland.

All international students are required to provide evidence of their English language competency. For some students, evidence of previous tertiary study in English will be sufficient.

The required standards for entry to postgraduate study in law are:

- IELTS (Academic): Overall score of 7.0 and all bands 6.5 or better
- Internet-based TOEFL (iBT): Overall score of 100 plus a written score of 24
- Paper-based TOEFL: Overall score of 600 plus Essay (TWE) of 5.0
- CAE and CPE: Overall score of 185 and all bands 176 or better
- PTE Academic: Overall score of 65 and no PTE communicative skills score below 58
- MELAB 90
- Vitnemal English level 4 pass for Norwegian students (subject to DELNA assessment)

For general assistance on the postgraduate application process, please contact the Applications and Admissions Office:

Phone: 0800 61 62 65 or +64 9 923 1535 (outside New Zealand)

Email: postgradlaw@auckland.ac.nz

www.law.auckland.ac.nz/studyoptions

Application process

If you have not previously enrolled at the University of Auckland you will need to apply for admission online. You can do this using the online application form: www.apply.auckland.ac.nz

You will receive an acknowledgement email listing the supporting documents we require, and a Student ID number for logging on to your Application for Admission. You can check your application status online and see what supporting documents you will need to provide.

Your application will be assessed once we receive sufficient information (such as uploaded transcripts, other academic results, references or a portfolio) or you have attended an interview.

We will assess your application and inform you of the outcome via email. The status will show on the 'Your applications' section of the Application for Admission.

If you are returning to the University of Auckland and you were enrolled in the semester prior to beginning your postgraduate programme, you can make an Add/Change Programme in your online Application for Admission. A supplementary application may also be required.

Applications for the LLM, MLS, PGCertLaw and MTaxS are accepted throughout the year.

International student applications

We welcome applications from international students and we recommend you start the application process as early as possible so you have sufficient time to apply for your visa. The University has a number of official agents and representatives overseas who can assist you with the application process in person.

To find a list of people who can help, visit www.auckland.ac.nz/overseasrep

The International Office is available to assist with international student applications. For help at any stage contact the International Office:

Phone: +64 9 373 7513

Email: int-questions@auckland.ac.nz

www.auckland.ac.nz/international



Fees and money matters

Fees

Fees for 2021 will be set towards the end of 2020. As a general indication, the 2020 annual tuition fees for a Law postgraduate programme were approximately \$8,768.40 – \$18,615.60 for a 120-point LLM or MLS for domestic students and \$37,140 – \$48,381.60 for international students. The 120-point MTaxS was \$10,308 – \$18,615.60 for domestic students and \$37,140 – \$48,381.60 for international students. These amounts are based on a standard full-time enrolment.

The 2020 annual tuition fees for a PhD were \$7,250.40. New international PhD students will be accorded domestic status for the purposes of tuition fees, subject to supervisory and residency requirements.

For information on fees for international students for all of our postgraduate programmes, including the domestic status for international PhD students visit: www.international.auckland.ac.nz/fees

If you are not enrolled full-time you will pay proportionately lower fees.

All students also pay a student services fee. As an indication, the 2020 fee was \$943.20 for students undertaking a full-time load of 120 points. Students taking fewer than 120 points pay proportionately lower fees.

For more information on fees and money matters visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/fees

Student loans

Student loans may be available to students who are New Zealand citizens and permanent residents to support their costs.

You may apply for a loan to cover tuition fees, course-related costs (ie, books, stationery and travel) and living costs. Contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 or for more information visit: www.studylink.govt.nz

Doctoral Funding – PReSS accounts

If you are a doctoral student undertaking supervised research, you are automatically entitled to research support funding through a University PReSS (Postgraduate Research Student Support) account for up to four years. You can use the money for expenses such as attending conferences, research-related travel and accommodation, and research consumables.

www.auckland.ac.nz/press-accounts

Scholarships

The University of Auckland is committed to ensuring the very best students are able to study with us. We are offering guaranteed scholarships to high-achieving domestic research postgraduate students and international PhD applicants who meet GPA thresholds in their qualifying programme from a New Zealand university.

The University also has some of the most generous postgraduate scholarships in New Zealand. For more information visit www.auckland.ac.nz/makethegrade

Scholarships on offer include:

- Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship
- University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarships
- Masters/Honours/Postgraduate Diploma Scholarships
- Auckland Law School LLM Scholarship
- Māori and Pacific Graduate Scholarships
- (Masters/Honours/Postgraduate Diplomas)
- Universitas 21 Doctoral Mobility Scholarships
- Universitas 21 Joint PhD Programme Scholarships
- Various subject-specific scholarships

Scholarships are generally awarded on academic merit. However, many scholarships also make provisions for additional criteria (such as ancestry, gender or financial hardship).



\$40 million

worth of postgraduate scholarships and awards are on offer each year.

In addition to administering the University of Auckland's scholarships, our Scholarships Office provides access to a comprehensive database of external scholarships.

For detailed information, including criteria, closing dates, online applications and application forms, visit:

www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

Summer Research Scholarships

\$2 million is granted each year in Summer Research Scholarships, which provide financial support to high-achieving international and domestic students to work on research projects with leading academics over the summer months.

The scholarships provide a \$6,000 stipend and are a great way to get some research experience and help you think about pursuing postgraduate study.

For more details visit: www.summer.ac.nz

Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship, and University Doctoral Scholarship

Auckland Law School is offering a Faculty of Law Doctoral Fellowship for 2021, open to candidates embarking on full-time enrolment into the University of Auckland's Doctoral Programme in Law. The Fellowship entitles the holder to work in the Law School as a Graduate Teaching Assistant on a part-time contract for 12 months. www.lawfellowship.ac.nz

All applicants for Law's doctoral programme will also be considered for the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship, providing \$28,200, plus fees per year for three years.



\$28,200

The annual tax-free stipend provided by the University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship (fees are also covered).

Information for international students

The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice

The University of Auckland has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice.

www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

Immigration

To complete enrolment, international students must have a current student visa. Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website at:

www.immigration.govt.nz/study

Eligibility for health services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment. Details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health and can be viewed on its website: www.health.govt.nz

Medical and travel insurance

All international students are legally required to have appropriate medical and travel insurance, and your enrolment will not be completed until you have provided proof of suitable coverage. The University of Auckland offers a scheme that meets these requirements and can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Details will be provided with your offer of admission into the University.

For more information visit:

www.auckland.ac.nz/is-insurance

Costs

All costs are shown in New Zealand dollars and are expressed inclusive of New Zealand Goods and Services Tax if applicable.

Privacy

The University of Auckland undertakes to collect, store, use and disclose your information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993. Further details of how the University handles your information are set out in a brochure available from the ClockTower Call Centre or by phoning 0800 61 62 63.

Disclaimer

Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide for students and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the University of Auckland must consult its official document, the current Calendar of the University of Auckland, to ensure that they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies.

Useful web addresses

University of Auckland homepage

www.auckland.ac.nz

The Law School homepage

www.law.auckland.ac.nz

Academic dates

www.auckland.ac.nz/dates

Career Development and Employment Services

www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz

Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education

www.clear.auckland.ac.nz

Disability Services

www.disability.auckland.ac.nz

Finances, scholarships and fees

www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

www.auckland.ac.nz/fees

www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances

GPE calculator

www.gpecalculator.auckland.ac.nz

Health Services

www.auckland.ac.nz/healthservices

Information for international students

www.international.auckland.ac.nz

Information for postgraduate students

www.postgraduate.ac.nz

Library

www.library.auckland.ac.nz/guides/law

Māori student support

www.auckland.ac.nz/maoristudents

Pacific student support

www.auckland.ac.nz/pacificstudents

Parenting support

www.auckland.ac.nz/childcare

Postgraduate English Language Requirements

www.auckland.ac.nz/pg-english-reqs

School of Graduate Studies

www.auckland.ac.nz/school-of-graduate-studies

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