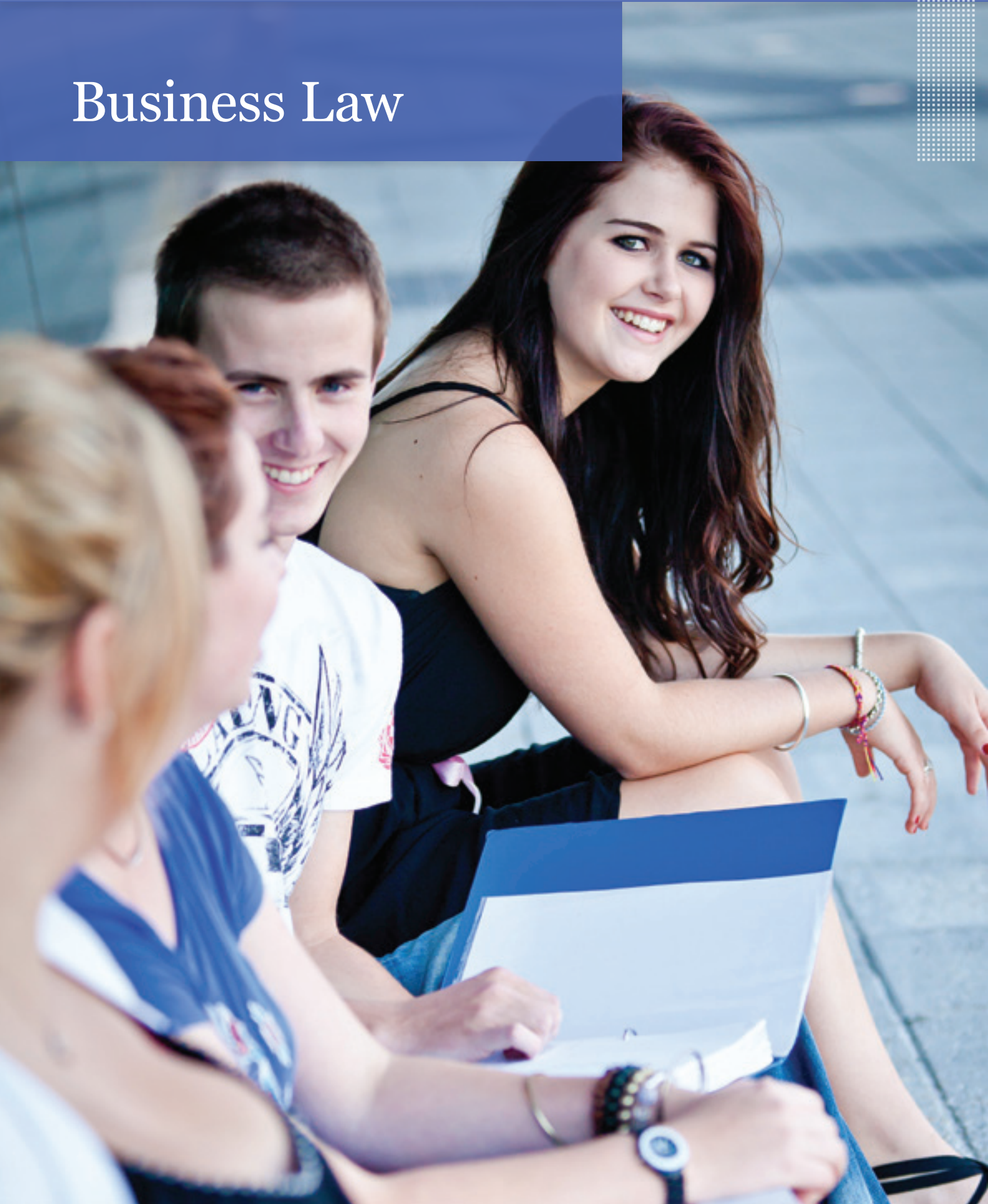




THE UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF LAW

Business Law





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Overview

Business Law

As the accountability and potential personal liability of professionals, business managers and public servants continues to grow, a grounding in basic legal concepts and a reasonable familiarity with those areas of the law that are directly relevant to business and professional activities is becoming increasingly important.

Nowadays, business managers and professional people constantly find themselves confronted by the need to make decisions with significant, and often frightening, legal ramifications. As a result the line between 'business' decisions and 'legal' issues is becoming increasingly blurred.

This is why students who graduate with a Business Law Major so often find that it is a qualification which is highly attractive to prospective employers.

The Business Law Major focuses on the fundamental relationship between law and business.

As such it is a sensible choice for students who are planning careers in a wide range of business areas, including: professional accounting, business management, international trade and industrial relations, as it is also for those interested in careers within government regulatory agencies. It will equip you with analytical, problem solving and communication skills that will enable you to recognise, analyse and, where possible, avoid many of the legal problems and pitfalls that commonly arise in the course of common business transactions. It will also help you to develop important skills in research, analysis, teamwork and communication.

The University of Western Australia Faculty of Law has a long history of providing an outstanding legal education for those contemplating legal practice, and is proud to include many distinguished lawyers amongst its Alumni. We will continue to provide a qualifying degree for future legal practitioners, at the postgraduate level through the Juris Doctor (JD) program.

Since 2012 the Faculty of Law has expanded the diversity of its programs, and therefore its academic reach, through the provision of new law-related undergraduate Majors.

The Business Law Major within the Bachelor of Commerce is one such program. The units in this Major provide a thorough foundation in the legal concepts and principles relevant to commercial transactions. Importantly, the Business Law Major will develop in students a combination of key knowledge and skills that will be of considerable value to anyone engaged in commerce. Law is a fundamental business discipline and legal concepts, such as the duties

owed by company directors, and the basic principles of the law of contract and torts, as well as the nature of different types of property, are all vital to the conduct of commerce in our society. The Business Law Major will introduce students to these together with other important, interesting and challenging material. In addition, the Major will give students considering undertaking the Juris Doctor programme an invaluable 'pre-law' grounding in legal reasoning and legal method.

I hope that you will enjoy and find rewarding the units in this Major, and I wish you the best of luck with your studies.

Dr Erika J Techera
Professor and Dean of Law

Unit sequence

LEVEL 1 core units

ACCT1101 Financial Accounting
LAWS1104 Introduction to Law

LEVEL 2 core units

LAWS2301 Company Law
LAWS2201 Legal Framework of Business
LAWS2206 Taxation Law

LEVEL 3 core units

LAWS3306 Finance Law
LAWS3328 International Commercial Law
LAWS3308 Marketing, Management and the Law

Complementary units

Students nominating Business Law as their degree-specific major in the Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course must also study:

STAT1520 Economic and Business Statistics
MKTG1203 Marketing Management
MGMT1135 Microeconomics: Prices and Markets
ECON1101 Organisational Behaviour

Combine your interests – choose two majors

UWA's new undergraduate course structure allows you to take two majors within your course. Studying two majors can increase your employability and allow you to choose from a wider range of career paths.

Studying a degree in Commerce?

If you are studying for a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom), you can choose to take the Business Law Major as your degree specific major, or, so as to supplement and increase your overall business knowledge, you can study Business Law as your second major.

Alternatively, if you are studying Business Law as your degree specific major within the BCom, you can widen your skill base by taking a second major from another undergraduate degree:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Design

The following are a selection of popular majors to take with Business Law:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Engineering Science
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Law and Society
- Marketing

Studying a degree other than Commerce?

If you choose to study a BA, BDes or BSc you can select Business Law as your second major. When taken as a second major, you are not required to complete the four complementary units. A sound knowledge of the principles and practice of business law and legal systems and the social context in which the law operates will equip you for career success.

As a student enrolled in the BPhil (Hons) you can nominate Business Law as either your degree specific major or as a second major.



“As an independent contractor, negotiating with large companies has been quite a challenge due to the imbalance of power, but while studying Business Law at The University of Western Australia, I gained valuable knowledge of the technicalities of contract law, which has since helped me to successfully negotiate to my advantage.

I would recommend studying Business Law at UWA, not just for people like me who run their own businesses, but for anyone involved in commercial transactions; the practical knowledge you will learn will help you to negotiate better because you will have a stronger understanding of the technical aspects of the law and of your legal rights and obligations.”

Neil Hardinge Welder Diver | Business Law Major Student UWA



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Degree: Bachelor of Commerce

Degree-specific major: Business Law

YR1	SEM1	ACCT1101 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	ECON1101 MICROECONOMICS; PRICES AND MARKETS	MKTG1203 MARKETING MANAGEMENT	SECOND MAJOR UNIT
	SEM2	LAWS1104 INTRODUCTION TO LAW	MGMT1135 ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR	STAT1520 ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS STATISTICS	SECOND MAJOR UNIT
YR2	SEM1	LAWS2201 LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF BUSINESS	BROADENING UNIT	BROADENING UNIT	SECOND MAJOR UNIT
	SEM2	LAWS2206 TAXATION LAW	LAWS2301 COMPANY LAW	BROADENING UNIT	SECOND MAJOR UNIT
YR3	SEM1	LAWS3306 FINANCE LAW	LAWS3328 INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW	SECOND MAJOR UNIT	SECOND MAJOR UNIT
	SEM2	LAWS3308 MARKETING, MANAGEMENT AND THE LAW	BROADENING UNIT	SECOND MAJOR UNIT	SECOND MAJOR UNIT

■ Degree-specific Major Unit
 ■ Second Major Unit
 ■ Complementary Unit
 ■ Elective Unit
 ■ Broadening Unit

Broadening units

An exciting feature of UWA's new undergraduate courses is the introduction of broadening units.

These are a requirement of all five bachelor's degrees and will provide you with knowledge beyond the fields in which you choose to specialise. You will be required to take four broadening units from outside your degree area, including at least one with a global or cultural focus (Category A). For more information visit studyat.uwa.edu.au/broadeningunits

Category A broadening units offered by the Faculty of Law

- Law, Conflict and Change

Category B broadening units offered by the Faculty of Law

- Nearly all units offered at a Level 1 undergraduate level can be selected as Category B broadening units, giving you hundreds of choices. The following are offered by the Faculty of Law:
- Australian Legal Principles and Institutions
 - Crime and Society
 - Introduction to Law

Units offered at Level 2 undergraduate level by the Faculty of Law also count as Category B, however you may need to have completed some pre-requisite units at Level 1 in order to enrol.

Get your career off to a flying start

Graduating with a Business Law Major from UWA, you will have a thorough grounding in the principles and concepts of the law affecting business transactions. Studying Business Law will enable students to develop a combination of knowledge and skills that are of great value to anyone engaged in the conduct of business.

Law is a fundamental business discipline and Business Law graduates are qualified for a variety of roles including careers in business management, marketing, international trade, banking and finance, public service, industrial relations and related professions and business endeavours.

Careers Centre

As a UWA student you can access our online careers portal to search for jobs, prepare your CV and register for workshops that will help you get the job you want. For more information visit careers.uwa.edu.au

Consider your further study options

After finishing your undergraduate degree course you have a number of options. You can choose to start your new career by directly entering the workforce, or you can undertake additional university studies. Further studies will increase your knowledge and skills in your field and increase your employability.

Studying law at UWA as a postgraduate professional degree ensures you develop exceptional communication and research skills, critical thinking skills and a level of maturity that will distinguish you as a global citizen.

The world is changing rapidly and so are leading universities. At UWA, we want to ensure that our graduates remain well prepared in order to contribute to society as it undergoes further transformation.

Studying law as a postgraduate degree means you will complete a three year undergraduate degree before being eligible for entry to the Juris Doctor (JD).

As a graduate, you will have a competitive edge by holding both an undergraduate and a postgraduate qualification when you enter the workforce, as well as the specialist skills needed to succeed in your professional career.

Benefits of the new JD

- Three years to consider if a career in law is really for you.
- The opportunity to take a law-related major (Business Law or Law in Society) within your undergraduate degree.
- A broader undergraduate study experience that will enhance your study of law at postgraduate level.

Professional pathway

Undergraduate degree

(3 years):

Bachelor's degree in any discipline



Postgraduate degree (3 years):

Juris Doctor

- Students who undertake a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) will take four years to complete their undergraduate degree.

JD Course details

Intake: February only

Fee type: Commonwealth-supported (HECS available)

Number of places: approximately 350 places available for domestic and international applicants per year.

JD Course structure

The JD will be a three year postgraduate coursework program (six years part-time) involving the completion of 24 units (eight per full-time year), including a combination of core and option units.

More information can be found on the website: www.law.uwa.edu.au/courses/postgrad/jd





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