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welcome



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Welcome to SALS! But also - welcome to Sydney!

Coming to study at this Law School means embarking on an incredible journey. It means undertaking one of the most challenging, prestigious, and rewarding degrees in the country. But for international students, that journey is something much bigger. It's not just about starting a degree or pursuing law at Sydney University. It means travelling great distances to another University, to another city, and to another country.

Making that move is an exciting journey - a chance to meet new friends, explore new places, and experience all that this University and this country have to offer. Fortunately, as a student of the Sydney Law School, you're automatically a member of the Sydney University Law Society ('SALS'), the peak representative body for law students at the University of Sydney and the oldest and most active student society on campus. With many social events, careers information programs, competitions, and conferences (just to name a few), SALS has something for you.

But making that move can also, at times, be scary, intimidating, or difficult. I can only imagine how hard it must be moving your home and your life from one side of the planet to the other. To help, SALS also has many programs to make your time at the Sydney Law School easier. Our social events are here to help you build meaningful support networks. Our international portfolio specifically focuses on the needs and interests of international students. Our equity programs ensure that you get the support you need in your time at Law School. All Executive members of SALS are here to help you get the most out of your Law degree, from receiving your official degree at the end to building meaningful relationships along the way.

Hopefully, this Guide provides you with comprehensive information to help you in your time at the Sydney Law School. You can stay in touch with SALS through our website, our Facebook page, or through our e-mail newsletter. Our other publications also provide further information on different aspects of life at the Law School.

If, however, you have any further questions or need help, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help in whatever way we can.

- Jeremy

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2019 uni key dates

<i>25th February</i>	Semester 1 starts
<i>31st March</i>	Semester 1 census date
<i>19th April</i>	Good Friday public holiday
<i>22nd April</i>	Easter Monday public holiday
<i>23rd April - 26th April</i>	Mid-semester break
<i>25th April</i>	ANZAC Day public holiday
<i>3rd June - 7th June</i>	Semester 1 STUVAC
<i>10th June</i>	Queen's Birthday public holiday
<i>11th June - 22nd June</i>	Semester 1 exam period
<i>24th June - 2nd August</i>	Winter School
<i>10th July</i>	Semester 1 results published
<i>5th August</i>	Semester 2 starts
<i>31st August</i>	Semester 2 census date
<i>30th September - 4th October</i>	Mid-semester break
<i>7th October</i>	Labour Day public holiday
<i>11th November - 15th November</i>	Semester 2 STUVAC
<i>18th November - 30th November</i>	Semester 2 exam period
<i>18th December</i>	Semester 2 results published

2019 suls key dates

The most direct way to know about SULLS' upcoming events is through the SULLS Weekly Newsletter. It is sent to law students every Sunday with general announcements and everything happening in the following week.

Sign up at: <https://suls.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=8feb2236cc4b57aec38c87e2d&id=cfee64f0b9>

You can also follow the SULLS Facebook page and Instagram to know more about SULLS! Search "Sydney University Law Society" on Facebook and @suls_sydney on Instagram.

GETTING TO KNOW SULLS

The Sydney University Law Society (SULLS) is the primary association for students studying law at Sydney University, and is officially associated with the Faculty of Law. The membership of the society comprises all students in the Faculty of Law proceeding to a degree or diploma (including undergraduate, postgraduate, and Juris Doctor students).

As the largest and most active society at Sydney University, SULLS aims to enrich the law student experience. SULLS provides the law school community with a variety of social events, educational support, mooting and skills competitions, career events, sporting functions, and initiatives that inspire students to use the law as an instrument for social change.

The SULLS office is located at Room 103, New Law Building F10, Level 2. The office is open from 10am-2pm, Monday-Thursday. You can stop by during office hours to ask questions and chat with the SULLS Exec!

The 2019 Executive of SULLS is composed of 22 individuals across various portfolios. The contact details of the Exec can be found here: <https://www.sulls.org.au/the-executive>. Please feel free to email any Exec member via the email addresses provided.

international portfolio



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The SULLS International Portfolio aims to make international students feel welcome and help international students navigate Law School. We want to involve more international students in SULLS events and internal competitions, and to provide international students with more resources and opportunities regarding future career paths.

Throughout the year, the International Portfolio runs lots of events such as International Student Dinner, International Student Mentoring Program and International Students and Staff Morning Tea. We also collaborate with other SULLS portfolios and other law societies on campus to promote international student welfare.

Come to our events, meet fellow international students and find your support network at Law School!

If you have any question/problem/feedback, please feel free to email me at international@suls.org.au and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

- Shanshan

education portfolio



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Let's be honest, completing a law degree can be tough. Coupling this with moving to a foreign city, making new friends and often learning a new language is a lot to take on in one hit! Hopefully the Education portfolio can help alleviate some of the pressure by providing you with resources and opportunities that make things that little bit easier.

These are some useful resources to look out for while you're studying at Sydney Law School.

1. Online Textbook Exchange

Buy second-hand books on our online marketplace via the Suls website: <http://www.suls.org.au/online-textbook-exchange/>

2. Suls online 'Ask Anything' dropbox

Literally, ask anything! There are no stupid questions. The site can be found at this link: <http://www.suls.org.au/ask-anything>

3. Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are a free, peer-facilitated learning program designed for students early in their degree. In an average PASS session, you might complete a practice problem question, brainstorm ways to approach an essay question, or test your knowledge through a pop quiz.

Registration for PASS opens early in the semester via this link: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/pass.html>

4. Study spaces during STU-VAC

This year the education portfolio will be offering quiet study spaces during STU-VAC so you can escape the library for a change of scenery. More information will be posted in the Suls Weekly and on the Suls Facebook page closer to the date.

5. The Education Guide

In semester 2, we will be releasing the Education Guide with information on all topics related to education at Law School. Pick up a copy and have a read through to find some handy information, tips and tricks!

And please remember, the most important aspect of a good education is your wellbeing. Your degree should be so much more than a grade and we want to do everything we can to ensure that nobody misses out on the fantastic education they deserve. If you have any questions or need further support, please don't hesitate to contact me at education@suls.org.au.

- Madeleine

careers portfolio



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The Careers portfolio aims to provide vital information to all students regarding clerkship and career opportunities. The events we run are crucial in guiding students towards their next steps – whether that be a summer clerkship/internship or a career after graduation. The portfolio hopes to collaborate with other portfolios in hopes of reaching more students and disseminating more knowledge of opportunities to students. The portfolio has a strong focus on the commercial sector of law, but will endeavour to organise events highlighting non-commercial sector areas of law.

How to Participate:

- Careers Guide Editorial Board Committee
- Careers Committee
- Attend clerkship presentations and practice group presentations
- Participate in the careers Mentoring Program
- Check out our non-commercial legal sector events

If you have any questions or want to find a way to get involved, please feel free to contact Allana at careers@suls.org.au

- Allana

social justice portfolio



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The SALS Social Justice portfolio leads advocacy, strategy and the coordination of social justice and public interest efforts within the law school. Our efforts are designed around the simple insight that the most fundamental role of the law is to set out a framework for a fairer and more just society. This can sound very vague and ambitious, especially for a student society, but what this really comes down to is 3 main things:

1. First, the promotion of non-corporate careers e.g. in government, not-for-profit organisations (NFPs), non-government organisations (NGOs) or community legal centres (CLCs);
2. Second, the production of activities and initiatives that law students can take part in, like tutoring for marginalised groups, law reform projects and policy competitions, and;
3. Third, the fostering of conversations around social justice issues, through discussion panels and publications.

The following are some key events and initiatives to look out for this year:

- Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme (Semester 1 & 2)
- Refugee Language Tutoring Program (Semester 1 & 2)
- *Dissent* Social Justice Journal (Semester 1 & 2)
- Social Justice Mentoring Program (Semester 1 & 2)
- The Social Justice & Public Interest Careers Fair (Semester 1)
- The SALS Policy Pitch (Semester 2)
- Law Reform Program (Semester 2 (TBC))
- Fundraising opportunities (Semester 1 & 2)

If social justice and issues of inequality are close to your heart, if you're interested in a non-corporate career, or if you'd simply like to learn more, please come along to our events - we'd love to have you!

- Justin

equity portfolio



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International students often face acute challenges during their time at the law school. The intersection of language barriers, cultural differences, negative stereotypes, homesickness, and high tuition costs can all have a negative impact on your performance and wellbeing. But you're not alone! The Equity Portfolio is SULLS' support service to help you out whenever you face any barriers or disadvantages.

Because fees are so high for international students, many do find themselves with money troubles. If you are experiencing genuine financial difficulties, for example if you are struggling to find a job or pay off medical bills, you will be eligible for one of Equity's financial assistance schemes. The Textbook Loan Scheme can provide you with textbooks to use for the duration of the semester. The Financial Grants Scheme can provide you with payments of up to \$100 to subsidise law school-related purchases such as socials. There's no harm in applying so please take full advantage of these services.

Mental health issues are also widespread amongst international students. We're all burdened with high expectations and the desire to succeed. But when you combine that with the pressures of adapting to a new country, making new friends and fitting in, it can take quite a toll on your wellbeing. Equity can provide you with information and resources on a range of mental health services, and will be running events in collaboration with the International Portfolio that focus on the wellbeing of international students. It's important that we initiate these discussions to remove the stigma and shame around mental health, so we can better help those who are suffering.

Whatever your background or circumstance, I care deeply and will do everything I can to support you. If you ever need help or someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to contact me at equity@suls.org.au. For more information on Equity's support services, have a look at the Support Services Handbook 2019, available on the SULLS website or at the SULLS office.

- Deandre

competitions portfolio



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It is no secret that 'competitions' conjures up images of stern law students using abstruse legal jargon in an imposing court setting. Many then inevitably tend to perceive competitions as elitist and open only to those confident in their speaking ability. This could not be further from the truth. In 2019, we want all students to engage with the Competitions portfolio in some way, and in doing so, make it more accessible and inclusive.

We are starting off the year with the biggest 'Intro to Comps' SALS has ever hosted, featuring three nights of demonstration moots and skills, followed by drinks in Courtyard and an opportunity to sign up for the Competitions Bootcamp that weekend. It's a great way to see what different competitions are available (there's something for everyone!) in a friendly and relaxed environment. We aim to have this, along with all the Internals grand finals, filmed and available on an online database. Not everyone will be able to attend skills workshops due to extra-curricular, work and family responsibilities, but this ensures everyone has equal access to resources.

Most excitingly this year, we are collaborating with the International portfolio to launch the inaugural International Students Moot in Semester 2. We acknowledge that international students may not possess the same background knowledge regarding the Australian legal system as domestic students do, and hence wish to provide an inclusive environment for students to develop advocacy skills.

There are so many ways to get involved, whether that be competing yourself, helping convene, doing a skills workshop or just coming along to watch your friend compete. If you have questions at all, or suggestions on how we can make competitions more equitable, our inbox is always open at: competitions@suls.org.au.

We hope to see you all around!

- Kaity + Wendy

sport portfolio



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SULS Sport is aimed at helping students achieve balance whilst studying, providing opportunities to take some time away from the desk, refresh, recharge and meet new people!

All of the activities are free to attend and free t-shirts and singlets are given out to all attendees at interfaculty sport and fitness club events.

Interfaculty sport runs every Wednesday from 10am-2pm starting in week 3 and fitness club will have an activity each fortnight throughout the year.

We also run intervarsity and interfaculty sporting matches with the hopes of getting players and supporters involved in a more social affair, with food and drinks offered as well as an opportunity to play sport.

All sport-related information will be uploaded to the "SULS Sport 2019" Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1593667434073613/> so if you haven't joined already make sure you do so.

If you have any questions about any of the events or initiatives we run, please don't hesitate to contact me at sport@suls.org.au

- Hannah

interfaculty SPORT

2019 schedule

SEMESTER 1

week 3	13 March	10 am	OZTAG (MIXED)	The Square
week 4	20 March	10 am	SOCCER (MIXED)	The Square
week 5	27 March	10 am	ULTIMATE FRISBEE (MIXED)	The Square
week 6	3 April	10 am	AFL 9S (MIXED)	The Square
week 7	10 April	10 am	TOUCH FOOTY (MIXED)	The Square
No Interfac Sport				
week 9	1 May	10 am	VOLLEYBALL (MIXED)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 10	8 May	10 am	EUROPEAN HANDBALL (MIXED)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 11	15 May	2:30 pm	3KM RUN	Oval No. 1

SEMESTER 2

week 3	21 August	10 am	FUTSAL (MIXED)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 4	28 August	10 am	BASKETBALL (MEN'S)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 5	4 September	10 am	BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 6	11 September	10 am	NETBALL (MIXED)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 7	18 September	10 am	INDOOR TOUCH FOOTY (MIXED)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
week 8	25 September	10 am	DODGEBALL (MIXED)	SUSAC Courts 3 & 4
No Interfac Sport				
week 10	16 October	10 am	QUIDDITCH (MIXED)	The Square
week 11	23 October	10 am	5KM RUN	The Square

socials portfolio



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The Socials Portfolio is all about having fun! It is about putting down the textbooks and getting outside of the library, to meet new people and experience the best bits of University life!

Every year we plan awesome events such as Law Ball, and end-of-semester informals. We are also going to have a couple of events throughout the year that are focused around seeing the culture and sites of Sydney.

We hope you will join us at our events and we are looking forward to meeting you this year!

- Maddy + Miriam

campus portfolio



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Studying law can be challenging both emotionally and academically – even more so if you are in a whole new country. While it's easy to get trapped in a mundane cycle of doing readings and problem questions, Law School can, and should, be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. The Campus Portfolio is committed to promoting a warm, fun and inclusive environment in the Law School and offering opportunities for students to unwind from the daily grind and to build relationships amongst each other.

Being a university is not cheap and with the cost of expensive law textbooks and Sydney's ridiculous living expenses, it often seems like there is little left in our budgets to allocate to socialising. In 2019, the Campus Portfolio will continue to organise free and informal/casual events which are easy on the wallet. In organising these events, the portfolio hopes to encourage law students across different cohorts and backgrounds to build new relationships and form stronger bonds amongst each other.

If you have any questions or ever feel like you want to have a chat, please feel free to contact me at campus@suls.org.au or any other members of the SULLS executive.

- Tanvi

suls campus events 2019

semester 1

Event	Date and Time
Semester 1 Welcome Back Drinks	Wednesday 1 March 2019 4pm-6pm
Trivia Night	Wednesday 1 May 2019 6:30pm-8:30pm
Staff and Students Breakfast	TBA

semester 2

Event	Date and Time
Semester 1 Welcome Back Drinks	Wednesday 1 March 2019 4pm-6pm
Trivia Night	Wednesday 1 May 2019 6:30pm-8:30pm
Staff and Students Breakfast	TBA

ongoing

In addition to the events above, the Campus Portfolio will be organising both cohort-specific and general Happy Hours and Catch-ups throughout the year. They will be the perfect opportunity to chill out and take a breather after a killer mid-sem or a lecture! Keep an eye on the SULLS Facebook page, our newsletter and your cohort Facebook groups for notifications for these events.

campus guide

places to eat

Abercrombie Business School (ABS) Café

ABS Café is tucked away in the far corner of campus adjacent to Abercrombie Road. Whether you're in the mood for a classic ham and cheese croissant or a poke bowl, ABS Café has a wide variety of hot and cold food that will fill you up. *Claim to Fame:* Bahn Mi's and '\$6 curry or stir-fry after 6pm' deal from Monday to Friday

Boardwalk Café

Boardwalk Café is located next to the University Sports and Aquatic Centre. It offers a variety of pastas, sandwiches and salads. *Claim to Fame:* Plenty of seating space and iced coffee with ice-cream

Carslaw Café

Carslaw Café is a small but busy café which sells a variety of pita wraps, (really good) fries and the wide selection of cakes and pastries. This is the place to go for all your turmeric, matcha or chai latte fix! *Claim to Fame:* Quick and convenient coffee fix.

Taste Baguette

Ah the quintessential law student watering hole and meeting place. Taste has a large selection of quick pick-up lunch options including their famous baguettes as well as salads and cakes. In addition, Taste has an extensive, albeit expensive, breakfast and lunch menu. See you at Taste? *Claim to Fame:* Convenient, easy and reliable

Courtyard Café

Courtyard is tucked away in the Holme Building near Parramatta Road. It offers a range of pizza, pasta and salads and is incredibly aesthetic. It's great for a quick coffee fix in the morning as well as chill drinks after a long hard day of class. *Claim to Fame:* The aesthetic and the excellent range of gluten-free and vegetarian options

Laneway Café

Laneway is located on Level 3 of the Wentworth Building opposite the Student Centre. It has an impressive selection of wraps and sandwiches (which they toast for you!) as well as fresh muffins and pastries. The staff are lovely and are always playing killer tunes. *Claim to Fame:* Lovely staff and not as busy during coffee peak-hours

Ralph's Café

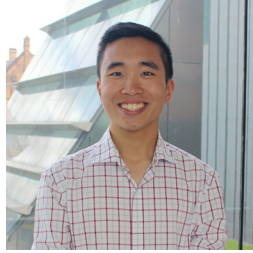
Ralph's is located next to the Square and is a little bit out of the way but well worth the trek. They offer an excellent selection of fresh, gourmet Italian sandwiches, wraps and pasta. *Claim to Fame:* The best burgers on campus!

non-subs campus activities

Whether you're a science buff, a chocolate fanatic or a musical prodigy, you'll find something to love at the University of Sydney. There is a plethora of events held on campus by various clubs and societies as well as faculties throughout the year. The best way to keep on track of these events is to keep an eye out on University of Sydney Union's (USU) "What's On" page:

<https://www.usu.edu.au/Whats-On/Event-Calendar.aspx>.

publications portfolio



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Welcome to the University of Sydney! I hope that in your time here, you get to explore new places, find passions and build long-lasting friendships.

I truly believe that the Publications Portfolio is one of the most accessible ways to get involved in university life. To become a writer or an editor for a SULLS publication, you don't need to have written a lengthy thesis or study a particular degree. All that is required is a passion for the publication, a willingness to learn and the desire to use your communication skills to inform, entertain and inspire others.

SULLS produces over 20 high-quality publications every year, most of which students can contribute to. For instance, you can get involved in editing the Careers Guide, our flagship publication with resources on work and internships; or, you could write for Dissent, our annual journal which advocates for issues of fairness, social justice and reform in the law. No matter what you choose, you'll develop great written communication skills (essential for studying law), and see your project come to life. Please feel free to email me at publications@suls.org.au if you have any questions - but in the meantime, get out there and write!

- Jeffrey

womens portfolio



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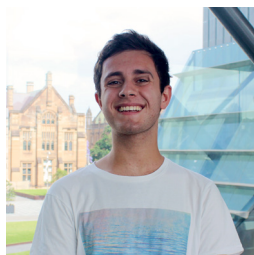
As Women's Officer, I advocate on behalf of women within the law school, promote an inclusive and supportive law school environment and facilitate connections between female-identifying students and lawyers. Whilst progress has been made, women continue to face discrimination within the study, practice and application of law. Attempting to combat or seek redress for instances of such sexism is often daunting and difficult, particularly without a support network.

The SULLS Women's Portfolio serves as a network of support and recognition for female-identifying students, providing a platform for discussion, mentoring and advocacy. The portfolio recognises the immense diversity of its students and seeks to both encompass and represent such plurality within its support and advocacy initiatives. Some exciting events and initiatives coming up include panels of women in the legal profession, the Intervarsity Gender and the Law Conference, Yemaya and the Women's Mentoring Programme.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at women@suls.org.au.

- Isabella

queer portfolio



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To all incoming and returning international students at the Sydney University Law School, welcome! Whilst studying overseas is an incredibly exciting opportunity, it is no surprise that for international students, particularly those who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community, it is not always easy. Queer people still face oppression in a variety of ways even in Australia, but for some of you you may be coming from a country where being queer is at best a social taboo or at worse illegal.

To ensure that every queer student, both domestic and international, is welcome at the University of Sydney Law School, the SULLS Queer Portfolio is dedicated to ensuring every LGBTQIA+ person feels safe and welcome at university. The Queer Portfolio will be hosting a range of professional and social events throughout the year to facilitate connections between queer law students. The Intersarsity Queer Law Student Network will be launched this year and, in collaboration with UNSW, UTS and Macquarie, we will host a range of educational panels relating to issues relating to sexuality and gender identity in the law. We will also be hosting an intersarsity Pride Moot in which queer law students can moot with other queer law students in an autonomous space. I encourage all international students keen to find out more about the Queer Portfolio to get involved or come along to our events throughout the year.

I also encourage any international student to apply for this year's Queer Committee. Having an international student's voice on this year's committee would assist the Queer Portfolio in ensuring that we cater to your needs and that you feel welcome at our events. More information on how to apply can be found in the SULLS Introduction to Committees Guide.

Finally, if you have any issues that you want to raise, including if you experience any form of discrimination on the basis of your sexual orientation or gender identity, have any questions about anything queer-related or just want to grab a coffee, please do not hesitate to contact the Queer Officer, Tom, at queer@suls.org.au.

- Tom

ethnocultural portfolio



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The ethnocultural portfolio aims to advocate for people of colour within SALS and Law School. In 2019, the portfolio aims to shed light on the discrimination of people of colour in the legal profession.

Entering university is extremely daunting, furthermore moving to a new country as an international student could be more overwhelming. But don't worry, SALS is there for you! I can assure you SALS is one of the best way to find friends! Get involved in SALS committees, especially the ethnocultural committee :wink:. If you are a first year, get KEEN to apply for the people of colour leadership program.

With the success of last year's people of colour panel, the portfolio would expand the panel and its annual publication of Race Journal from essays to creative artworks including but not limited to poetry, photography, interviews etc.

As much as I am excited for your journey in Sydney Law School (and as you are too!) feel free to contact me with any feedback, suggestions, questions or concerns on ethnocultural@suls.org.au

- Luckme

OTHER LAW SOCIETIES ON CAMPUS

south east asian law society

Email: seals.usyd@gmail.com

FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sealsusyd/> | FB Group: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/253521631333910@ref=share>

Michelle Choy

(Social Director of SEALS)

Ever felt all alone in a foreign land wishing that you could be back home with family? Join us at South East Asian Law Society (SEALS) and you'll never feel that way again! Being an international student can be tough, especially when the stresses of being away from home add on to the pressure of going through law school. Here at SEALS, we offer a support system; somewhere you can come to feel at home and knowing that you have friends that have your back. Not only do we throw fun parties, but we also ensure that we set ourselves up well for our careers, with the myriad of educational programs we are known for.

We have great things in store for 2019. We will start off the school year with a bang - with an orientation day to help new students familiarise themselves with the school compound and to get to know each other better. There will also be a few dinner parties scattered throughout the school semester for members to catch up and gather for a night of fun. Dinner parties are always looked forward to as delicious South East Asian food is served, which reminds us of our rich and vibrant cultures. We also host a variety of game nights or movie nights, all accompanied with good food, drinks and even greater company - so you'll have a good break from the stress from law school!

However, it's not all fun and games. Here at SEALS we highly value enriching ourselves and upgrading our skills, especially to do well at university and prepare us for our careers. One of our most successful programs is the buddy program, where a senior member pairs up with a junior member, and coaches them throughout the school year, passing on notes and helping them with anything they need help with. Another popular event we host is our annual Working in Sydney as an International Student event, where we bring esteemed speakers to a question and answer night. Here, our members are encouraged to mingle with these established lawyers in the workforce, who were also once international students, and clarify any questions they might have about being a lawyer in the workforce. Just last year, this event was cohosted with Sydney University Law Society (SULS) and Chinese Law Students Society (CLSS), helping us reach out to and interact with other international students as well. We are also looking to bring forth many more educational events in the coming year so as to enhance our law skills and continuously improve ourselves.

So if you're from South East Asia and you're looking for a society to join, or if you're simply interested in the culture and the making friends with international law students, SEALS is where you'll not only make amazing lifelong friendships but also skills and tips to help you through law school. So look no further because we're perfect for you! Hope to see you soon!

- Michelle

chinese law students society

Email: info@usydclss.com

Winston Ma

(President of CLSS)

The Chinese Law Students Society (CLSS) was founded in 2004. CLSS at the University of Sydney is dedicated to enhancing the quality of student life and providing its members with opportunities on a global scale.

Our current executive team includes: Winston Ma (President), Ken Leung (Vice President), Tom Lee (Vice President), Phil Chen (Secretary), Lyn Zhu (Treasurer), Tian Du (Education), Chenfeng Wang (Publication), Daniel Hu (Social), Flora Zhao, Debbie Chan and Anthony Hua (General Executives).

CLSS supports the university life of its members by assisting the student body in their pursuance of academic excellence, ambitions and aspirations, and regularly facilitate a range of social networking events for members who share a common interest in law.

CLSS hosts mentoring programs and orientation yearly for newly enrolled law students. CLSS enjoys established close relationships with prestigious international law firms and provides members with exciting career opportunities both within Australia and overseas. CLSS is also the sole organiser of the annual Hong Kong Law Fair at the University of Sydney. Furthermore, CLSS often collaborate with other law societies for more career opportunities and social events which widens the participants' horizons even further.

As a multicultural society, CLSS warmly welcomes students irrespective of ethnicity to bolster their personal and professional aspirations as Law Students of The University of Sydney.

- Winston

korean law society

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James Chung
(President of KLUS)

The Korean Law Society at the University of Sydney (KLUS) aims to bring students studying Law together, to provide a platform to meet not only friends and hoobaes (Juniors) currently enduring the Law School slog, but also sunbaes (Seniors) who have managed to get out. As such, our events are geared not only to providing an opportunity to socialise, but also to network with alumni practicing law. We also organise study groups, and mentoring sessions, to discuss the law, and pass on study tips and tricks.

Though we are a small society, we are a tight-knit community, with many of our members forming long-lasting personal and professional relationships under the aegis of KLUS. Additionally, many of our executives from years past continue to take a keen interest in the activities of the society, being active participants at events. Despite a significant range of age and experience within our society, our shared experience of being 'Korean' to some degree is perhaps why we can continue to exist with a strong core membership. In much the same vein, we hope to be able to be of assistance to the community of International students at the University of Sydney Law School.

- James

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

clerkships

In New South Wales there are approximately 34 firms that offer roles for clerkships. Within these firms, there may be interstate as well as overseas opportunities for clerkships. Make sure to go to the firms dedicated clerkship information page on their website to find out more information.

Applications for all 2019/20 programs open on June 11th 2019 and close on 14TH July 2019.

Offers for clerkships occur in September, and offer acceptance is expected approximately two days after offers are made.

As an international student, you may come across some difficulty in finding firms that will consider international students for the summer clerkship. Do not be discouraged. Apply to the firms that specify that they do and make sure they are firms you actually WANT to clerk for. Use being an international student to your advantage in your cover letter.

Application Process:

- Most firms require your CV and a cover letter
- Some firms have additional questions to be answered on their application
- Some firms require psychometric testing
- Most firms have two rounds of interviews [students whose applications are chosen to proceed move on to the interview stage]
- If you are asked for a second interview, typically you will be invited to a Cocktail Evening with the firm. This is still part of the application process. You are expected to mingle and make a lasting impression.
- Shortly after the cocktail evening, offers will be made.

Tips for applying:

- Perfect your resume before applications open
- Start writing your cover letters before applications open.
- Make sure you tailor your cover letters to the firm. Do not say things that you could say about every other firm offering clerkships. Be specific and make sure they know why you want to clerk for the firm.
- Be genuine!
- If you do not receive an offer for a clerkship, do not worry. You WILL be okay and it is not the end of the world. Keep an eye out for other options and internships!

herbert smith freehills

Herbert Smith Freehills has a global network and works with large international organisations on many ambitious projects. The firm has 27 offices in Australia and around the world. It is a leading global law firm and is committed to inclusion and diversity. The firm focusses on the future needs of its existing and new clients, the future of the legal profession and investing in their future lawyers.

Clerkship Program

HSF's vacation clerkships introduce you to their business, networks and international world of law. Majority of the firm's graduate positions are filled by this program. As a clerk, you will be trained on all aspects of the firm, as well as drafting and research skills. Lawyers and partners will speak to clerks about what they do and the nature of their work. Workshops and presentations offered through this program will give clerks insight into the practice areas and international reach the firm has. The firm offers a range of winter and summer clerkships across its offices.

Visit their website for more information: careers.herbertsmithfreehills.com/au/grads/vacation-clerkships

Typically, there are approximately 30-40 positions available for this program.

Clerkship programs summer 2019/20

- Applications for all 2019/20 programs open 11 June 2019
- Applications for all 2019/20 programs close 14 July 2019
- Offers made 18 September 2019

Please note: An application should only be submitted to the office where you intend to start your career as a graduate. Multiple applications will not be considered.

Contacts:

James Keane Graduate Recruitment Consultant
T +61 2 9322 4313
james.keane@hsf.com

Application process:

- Cover letter, CV, transcript

For candidates whom the firm wishes to invite to a first interview, they must complete a psychometric assessment before the interview called the 'Occupational Personality Questionnaire'.

Applications from international penultimate year law students are accepted, as long as you have unrestricted legal rights to work in Australia when the clerkship commences.



clerk profile



Blair Feng

University of Sydney Juris Doctor | 2018/19 HSF Vacation Clerk

I grew up in the South West part of China and went to university in Beijing. After graduating with an LLB degree, I started as a paralegal at the Herbert Smith Freehills Beijing office in 2014, and then worked as an associate through 2015-2016. In the 2 years at HSF Beijing, I had exposure to truly international work with colleagues from other offices including Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Moscow, New York, Perth and Sydney. What I have consistently experienced was a supportive work environment and respect for different cultures across all HSF offices. We assisted a Chinese client with its first investment in Russia and the collaboration between the Beijing team and the Moscow team helped to understand the difference between Chinese and Russian cultures and contributed to the smooth communication between the client and the Russian counterparty. I also had training sessions on cultural awareness, in addition to presentations by colleagues about different cultures after returning from their international secondments.

I then joined HSF Sydney as a paralegal in 2017 and have recently finished the summer clerkship program. The experience with HSF Sydney further confirmed that cultural diversity is not a buzzword at the firm. The clerks in my cohort come from a variety of universities including a few international students. With such diverse teams comes many different styles of working. For example, I tend to be more quiet and reserved. Recognising this, one of the partners checked with me to make sure that I felt comfortable being myself in the team.

It is also worth mentioning that my move from Beijing to Sydney was fully supported by HSF, which goes to show the level of support the firm would provide when its lawyer wants an international experience and how it values that experience.

From the perspective of my personal development, the global network of HSF provides a platform where I can leverage my international background and thrive. When a research task in relation to a Chinese state-owned company came up, I was able to quickly gather relevant information engaging my past experience dealing with Chinese clients. More importantly, my international experience has given me a certain skillset that enables me to quickly jump out of my comfort zone and adapt to an unfamiliar environment. When I worked with the US debt capital markets team, I felt comfortable launching into New York law even though I had no previous knowledge in that regard. Studying and living in a different country far away from home has taught me independence, diligence and resilience, and these are all important attributes required to succeed in the legal profession.

clayton utz

Clayton Utz is Australia's largest independent law firm. The firm values enthusiastic, proactive, and open-minded individuals who are ready to be challenged and who can work well with others. While a full service commercial law firm, Clayton Utz has an impressive Pro Bono practice group boasting the most Pro Bono assistance of any law firm outside of America. At Clayton Utz, the law is what they do, but their community is who they are. Partners and employees are encouraged and supported to give back to the community through Clayton Utz's Community programs.

Clerkship Program

The clerkship is an eleven-week program where you will get the opportunity to rotate through two of the 15 practice group areas. Your rotations are decided after consultation with you and while rotating you will be supervised by a Partner and paired up with a junior lawyer who will be your buddy. Clerks have the opportunity to participate in social and sporting activities.

Application process:

- Online application – cover letter, CV, transcript
- Online logical reasoning testing (48 hours to complete)

After application, if successful to move on to the next stage:

- Information Evening: Attend the firm's information evening where you can ask questions, meet future colleagues and mingle with the buddy that the firm provides if you are successful through to interview. This evening is not assessable.
- Round 1: Interview with a partner and HR – conversational, get to know you, come with questions about the firm
Behavioural questions (google a list to see examples)
- Round 2: Second Interview with a partner and senior associate
This is to see if you get along with everyone
- Cocktail evening: This is the last opportunity for the firm to engage with you and for you to understand what Clayton Utz is about. At the end of the day, Clayton Utz is about the people! This evening is not assessable.
- Round 3: Offer

Graduate Program

The Graduate Program at Clayton Utz is two years, comprising of a 2.5-week orientation program and training with grads from all over Australia. This orientation program includes the start of Practical Legal Training that the firm fully pays for. There is also a two-day end of graduate program event at the close of the program. You will be involved in three rotations of 6 months in different practice groups with a final 6-month placement. Graduates have a junior lawyer 'buddy' when they start in a new practice group, participate in Legal Foundations (a training course specifically tailored for each practice group) and are given feedback after each rotation. If you would like to gain international legal experience, the firm facilitates secondments and has longer term placement opportunities overseas.

CLAYTON UTZ

clerk profile



Rebecca Elder

University of Sydney JD III | 2018/19 Clayton Utz Summer Clerk

I decided to clerk at Clayton Utz because as a top-tier firm, their willingness to hire international students demonstrated they were committed to creating a diverse workplace with down-to-earth people.

The Application Process

Applying for the Summer Clerkship at Clayton Utz as an international student was just like applying as if I were a domestic student. Because Clayton Utz doesn't prioritise domestic students over international students (or vice versa), I was able to compete on a level-playing field with my Australian peers and be considered on the overall merit of my application.

Progressing through two interviews and two cocktail evenings, I was treated the same as all other applicants and was able to see first-hand how Clayton Utz 'walks the walk' when it comes to hiring people with different backgrounds and interests. Indeed, my international status has never been a liability, but rather a great starting point for telling the firm a bit about myself during interviews and a fool-proof conversation starter for getting to know my future colleagues.

The Clerkship Experience

Over the summer, I completed rotations through the Commercial Litigation and Banking and Finance practice groups. In each, I met overseas lawyers who were able to use their unique experiences to contribute to the work, culture and training at Clayton Utz. My rotations gave me an insight into both the transactional and litigious matters the firm works on, with everyone from my graduate buddies, to the Senior Associates and Partners teaching me a lot along the way! I also had the opportunity to undertake a short Pro-Bono secondment and get involved in a number of the firm's community initiatives.

In addition to the enriching work, my clerkship proved to be an insanely fun experience! From the outset, our cohort of 39 clerks gelled as a vibrant and collegiate mix of domestic and international students, regularly heading to happy hours, trivia and even karaoke together. Best of all and without fail, if you went to the building steps or office balcony at 1pm, you were guaranteed to find a group of clerks to have lunch with!

The culture at Clayton Utz is welcoming and personable, so with every challenge there are supportive and friendly people to help you learn. Especially as an international student, I found that I was able to stay true to myself and excel at Clayton Utz!

white & case

Over the past 100 years, we've built an unrivalled network of 44 offices in 30 countries. That investment is the foundation for White & Case's client work in 160 countries today.

Many White & Case clients are multinational organisations with complex needs that require the involvement of multiple Firm offices. You'll work in a fast-paced, collaborative environment with colleagues across the global network on multijurisdictional matters, and experience the operational realities of cross-border law. We believe global exposure is an integral part of becoming a great lawyer, and our graduates are encouraged to take up international secondment opportunities, either as a part of their program, or early in their career.

Vacation Clerkships

A vacation clerkship is a great way to experience first-hand what life is like as a White & Case graduate. You'll be welcomed into a practice group (taking into account your preferences), where you'll undertake meaningful tasks. You'll also have the opportunity to attend client meetings, work on pro bono matters, and broaden your understanding of the life cycle of the deals that your team is working on.

Application Process:

- Applications are via the website: whitecase.com/careers
- Further details on process and key deadlines will be updated closer to applications opening in June.

Graduate Program

Graduates at White & Case work through three six-month rotations to fully equip you with the necessary skills to become a skilled, global commercial lawyer.

From day one, you will work on fast-paced, cutting-edge and complex multijurisdictional projects, experiencing the operational realities of cross-border law. You will gain client exposure early on, as you handle substantive matters with first-rate guidance and supervision from leaders in their field. We develop associates with a global mentality and international skillset. As part of this, we also offer international opportunities as a key part of the graduate program.

WHITE & CASE

baker mckenzie

Baker McKenzie is one of the world's largest law firms with 78 offices in 47 countries. The firm is the world's leading firm in cross-border Mergers & Acquisitions, and Real Estate. Baker McKenzie also has one of the world's largest and most experienced Compliance & Investigations groups. As the first truly global law firm, Baker McKenzie's origins are rooted in the respect for and appreciation of difference. Diversity and inclusion are in our DNA. Since our beginning, the diversity of our people has allowed us to work fluently across borders, cultures, and practices. Our own diversity mirrors our commitment to exploring multiple perspectives to develop the best possible solutions for our clients and to fostering a culture of respect and inclusion that celebrates diversity.

Clerkship Program

The Clerkship Program runs from the end of November to the start of February each year. As a clerk at Baker McKenzie, you will receive a comprehensive induction program which helps your transition from university to legal practice. You will be involved in real work from the start and be exposed to the firm's diverse client profiles through client meetings, research and daily activities within practice group. The clerks will also have an opportunity to work on pro bono matters. Clerks will be able to build network, develop legal skills and learn about the firm throughout the program.

Application process:

- Online application. Please check <https://www.bakermckenzie.com/en/careers> for key dates.
- You need to provide a cover letter which includes your work experience, extra-curricular activities, personal interests, answers to application questions, and a record of academic results.

Graduate Program

As a Graduate, you will undertake rotations in different areas of law before you choose a particular area to be an Associate. Graduates are assigned a Supervising Partner and an Associate Buddy who will assist and supervise graduates throughout the program. Please visit <https://www.bakermckenzie.com/en/careers> for key dates.

Baker McKenzie.

internship & jobs resources

Firms across different sectors offer internship programs throughout the year and especially during the summer break. Undertaking an internship can help you gain career skills and build career networks.

1. The University of Sydney Career Hub

<https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au/students/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

2. Graduate Opportunities

<http://www.graduateopportunities.com/employers/>

3. Find internship opportunities relevant to your degree

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/placement-internship-opportunities.html>

4. Summer research programs for Medicine, Nursing and Science students

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/summer-research-programs.html>

5. Find casual and part-time jobs

<https://www.seek.com.au>

<https://au.indeed.com>

6. Attend employer information sessions

<https://sydney.edu.au/careers/students/fairs-workshops-and-events/employer-information-sessions.html>

7. Find volunteer opportunities

<https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/#/>

<https://govolunteer.com.au>

<https://acfid.asn.au/content/volunteer>

community legal centres

Community Legal Centres (CLCs) are not-for-profit organisations that provide a range of free legal services to people such as tenancy, social security and employment.

There are 54 CLCs in NSW and most of them welcome international student volunteers. Different CLCs have different tasks for volunteers but most volunteers are required to help with office administration, communicating with clients, conducting research and drafting documents.

There are lots of benefits of volunteering at CLCs especially if you want to work in the not-for-profit sector in the future. By volunteering, you can develop new legal skills, broaden your career paths and build networks.

For a list of CLCs in NSW, please visit:

https://clcvolunteers.net.au/search_results.php?sb=state&q=NSW&s=0&search=1&e=30&o=a&ob=b2JqZWNOX25hbWU.

CLC that are close to campus and are currently seeking volunteers (at the time of writing) are listed as follows:

- Aboriginal Legal Service: Level 1, 619 Elizabeth Street, Redfern NSW 2016
- HIV/AIDS Legal Centre: 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010
- Intellectual Disability Rights Service and Criminal Justice Support Network: Suite 2C, 199 Regent Street, Redfern NSW 2016
- Kingsford Legal Centre: Ground Floor, Western Entrance, Law Building, UNSW NSW 2052
- Marrickville Legal Centre: 338 Illawarra Road, Marrickville NSW 2204
- National Children's & Youth Law Centre: 1st Floor, Law Centres Precinct, The Law Building, UNSW NSW 2052
- Redfern Legal Centre: 73 Pitt Street, Redfern NSW 2016

Note: please always refer to the link provided above for updates on CLC intakes.

non-commercial legal sector

The skills and knowledge you have gained from studying at Law School can take you to other sectors as well. You can check the firms' websites and find out more information!

- Consulting – Accenture, PwC, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, BDO
- Banking – Commonwealth Bank, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Westpac
- Accounting and Advisory – PwC, Ernst and Young, KPMG, BDO
- Public Service and Utilities – Australian Security Intelligence Office, Australian Taxation Office, Department of Social Services, Teach for Australia, NSW Government, IP Australia, Clean Energy Regulator
- Social Justice – NGOs (amnesty international), United Nations

overseas opportunities

As an international student, you can apply for internships and graduate programs in your home country. You can also work at an international firm or organisation overseas. Some useful links are listed below:

- Overseas opportunities: <http://www.goinglobal.com>
- Job opportunities in China: <https://chinaportal.guccu.org/usydney/index>
- Job opportunities in China: <https://aozhouhaigui.com>
- Job opportunities in Japan: <https://translate.google.com.au/translate?hl=en&sl=ja&u=http://global.mynavi.jp/conts/event/aus2016/&prev=search>
- Find your international network: <https://sydney.edu.au/alumni-giving/connect/networks/international-networks.html>

STUDENT SUPPORT AT USYD

student representative council

The International Student's Collective aims to fight for the rights of international students and help international students make connections with one another in their home-away-from-home.

Email international.officers@src.usyd.edu.au or join the USYD International Students' Collective on Facebook for more information



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Drop-in sessions: No appointment required Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1–3pm

Other Campuses: Please call to book a campus visit, p: 9660 5222

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university of sydney union

Liliana Tai

(President of USU)

Hi there, Welcome to the University of Sydney and Sydney! I'm Liliana, the President of the University of Sydney Union (USU). The USU is Australia's oldest student union and our purpose is be the heart of campus life.

We began as a humble society for student debaters and we're proud to be one of few remaining independent, student-led organisations in Australia. The USU is governed by a Board of 13 Directors - 11 elected from and by the membership and two appointed by the University Senate.

USU provides key programs, services and facilities that enhance campus life for the many thousands who join and interact with us. All income the USU receives is reinvested in our organisation for the benefit of current and future members of the University community.

This year for the first time in history, we are offering free membership to all students of the University of Sydney. We are also offering a \$45 annual discounts card which provides members a 10% discount at all USU outlets.

The USU strives to be as inclusive as possible including catering for both domestic and international students. The USU offers international students some unique opportunities. First, there are over two hundred clubs and societies students can choose to join. It's a great way to have fun, trying something new while making some new friends from Australia and overseas. We also have an International Student Lounge in Wentworth building which is home to Unimates, an international student club that holds regular social and cultural events such as weekend trips to the Blue Mountains and tours of Sydney. The USU hosts the International Festival which is a three-day cultural event held in August celebrates the diversity of students on campus with globally-focused activities, performances and learning experiences for everyone.

We also host the Australian Discussion Groups which are a free casual discussion group to practice conversational English, discuss Australian culture, learn Aussie slang and meet new people. Free snacks will also be provided. We also have a language exchange program where you can meet new people from all over the world while learning a new language or practising one you already speak.

At the start-of-semester we host a series of events including campus tours which are guided by our friendly volunteers. We also have Sydney day trips where you can discover Sydney with fellow international students. Visit the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, Manly Beach and other famous sights, all whilst making new friends. The USU also throws a Welcome to Sydney Party every year at Manning Bar with free food and entry for USU members. Dance all night, win great prizes and make new friends.

Feel free to find out more and keep up to date with the USU via our social media sites including our Facebook page (University of Sydney Union USU) or WeChat account (ACCESSUSU).

Welcome and I encourage you all to get involved!

- Liliana

university-wide student support services

career services

The University Careers Centre helps international students find career pathways and develop career skills.

The Centre runs a series of career skills workshops including cover letter writing, interview skills and professional communication. Register link: <https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au/Form.aspx?id=527456>

The Centre also runs a series of forums featuring prominent guest speakers. Please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/careers/students/careers-support-for-international-students/international-student-activities.html> for updates.

The Career Centre is on Level 5 of the Jane Russell Building on the Darlington Campus. Visit The University of Sydney Career Hub to book a career appointment!

other career services

Make sure to check out the SULLS Jobs Board for career/internship opportunities. If you need assistance with anything careers related or advice please feel free to contact our VP (Careers) Allana, at careers@suls.org.au.

counselling and mental health support

The Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) are free and confidential. You can book an appointment by calling +61 2 8627 8433/+61 2 8627 8437 or visit CAPS on Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building. CAPS opens from 9am to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday.

CAPS offers individual counselling session and sexual assault services. CAPS also runs a series of workshops that help you to learn the skills to cope with stress and adapt to change.

For more information about the counselling services, self-help resources and workshops, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support/types-of-support-available.html>

health services

University Health Service is on Level 3 of the Wentworth Building on the Darlington Campus. It is open from Monday to Friday between 8:30am to 5:30pm. You can make an appointment by calling 9351 3484 or book an appointment online at <http://sydney.edu.au/health-service/services/index.php>.

For more information about health services on campus and after hour health services, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/health-services.html>.

student centre

Provides advice and information about matters such as timetables, enrolments, exams, special consideration, exchanges and graduation.

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Location: Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building (G02).

Telephone: 1800 793 864

Make an enquiry online: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/forms/make-an-enquiry.html>

timetable assistance

For information about timetable assistance, click here: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/timetables/assistance.html>

For assistance with your timetable, follow this link: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/forms/timetable-assistance-request.html>

legal services

Undergraduate: SRC Legal Service - <http://srcusyd.net.au/src-legal-service/>

Postgraduate: http://www.supra.net.au/cpt_helps/legal-service/

Both legal services are free for postgraduate and undergraduate services.

international student support

If you have questions about your studies and welfare or other concerns, email: international.support@sydney.edu.au

compliance officers

For issues related to your student visa and your general academic progression, University of Sydney Compliance Officers are here to help.

If you have questions and concerns email them at: student.compliance@sydney.edu.au

know your rights

As an international student, you have the right to a safe and enjoyable experience while studying in Australia. Under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, international students have various rights. Make sure you are aware of these rights and be sure to seek advice or help if you believe your rights are being infringed.

For more information visit this link: <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/39586>

See the legislation here: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00292>

SUPPORT AT LAW SCHOOL

lucy mentoring program

The Lucy Mentoring Program is a program for female students who study in the Business school or Law school. You will spend at least 35 hours at your mentor's workplace and learn from their expertise and knowledge.

You need to be in your second or later year of study at the Business School or in your penultimate year at the Law School undertaking a combined degree of Commerce and Law. If selected, you will be required to attend briefings, networking events, workshops and submit a learning journal.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/lucy-mentoring-program.html>

faculty of law information desk

The information desk is on Level 3 of the Law School building. It is open from Monday to Thursday between 10am to 4pm (closed between 12pm to 1pm) and on Friday between 10am to 1pm.

The information desk is there to help you with any general inquiry and you can usually find assignment coversheets and unit of study outlines (at the start of semester) there as well.



In Semester 1 2019, PASS supports the following units (including both full-time and part-time streams for JD units):

- LAWS1015 – Contracts (LLB)
- LAWS1023 – Public International Law (LLB)
- LAWS5001 – Torts (JD)
- LAWS5002 – Contracts (JD)

What is PASS?

- PASS consists of weekly one hour sessions where students work collaboratively on theory and problem questions.
- It is a free learning program that is directed towards students in the first three years of their LLB degree or the first year of their JD degree.

Why attend PASS?

- Statistics show that students who regularly attend sessions succeed in the relevant unit.
- PASS Facilitators are high-achieving law students who have attained an excellent result in the subject they facilitate.
- PASS in Law is internationally recognised – the team was recently awarded the 2016 Australasian PASS Team Award.
- PASS is a great way to make friends in a relaxed, laid back environment
- PASS is all about YOU – students focus on the areas of the course they feel need the most work!

What students said about PASS:

- 'It was great that we could so easily ask questions and give our opinions without feeling hesitant'
- 'The weekly content is highly relevant. Most importantly, the students are encouraged to think themselves.'
- 'The peer discussion part is the section I like, since it would build up some friendship in the meantime learn something that I don't understand.'

PASS Facebook Page

- PASS is also Facebook-friendly! Like their page to know more about the program and stay updated: <https://www.facebook.com/PASSUniversityofSydney>

Registration is open now! For more information, see the PASS Facebook Page or <http://www.suls.org.au/peer-assisted-study-sessions/>

STUDYING LAW AT USYD

advice + tips from international students

Allana Colonne Robertson

JD-III

Being an international student can be challenging. You are in a new country, with new people and at a new school. Maybe you are getting lost on campus or just can't find resources or information available to you. These are all things that I went through when I first arrived in Sydney and even in my second year of the JD program. All I can say is that with time, it gets better! Make sure to put yourself out there, get involved in SALS if that is what you are interested in, if not, just go to events for international students or for your cohort. You will figure it all out and make friends pretty quickly.

Volunteer! It is a great way to meet new people and experience new things. I have volunteered with the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program and continue to volunteer with Sydney University's Refugee Language Program. There are so many volunteering opportunities available to students, but make sure you don't just focus on the legal volunteering opportunities, there are so many other ones out there!

I have also been fortunate to work as a legal assistant for a Barrister. This has been an incredible experience and has taught me valuable legal research and analytical skills. Do not stress if you cannot find a job. It is not the end of the world. If you want to gain legal skills you can also volunteer at places like Redfern Legal Centre!

In terms of resources available to students – the SALS Careers and International portfolio are aiming to make sure that international students are aware of what support is out there for them. The implementation of the International Students Mentoring Program as well as this Guide, are efforts to share knowledge between students and to consolidate information into one place (the Guide) so that students know where they can look to find something. I believe this will be extremely useful to students because I know I would have loved to have programs/guides like this in place when I first started!

Most of all, make sure that you take time for yourself and prioritise your health and well-being. Law school is stressful so make sure you take care of yourself and utilise the support services available to you!

- Allana

Jamee L. Bender

JD-III

Background

I moved to Sydney from London, right before the start of the JD degree. I had previously been working full-time and had also completed my undergraduate and master's degrees in the UK. I have family in Australia and was drawn to the University of Sydney because of its strong academics and international outlook.

Transitioning to Life in Sydney

To help transition into life in Sydney, I involved myself in extracurriculars to help make new friends. For instance, I joined the SULLS Women's subcommittee for the first two years of the JD. This was a fun way to meet like-minded women in the law school and to play an organisational role in the student community. I also joined a women's running group in the CBD. I found the group to be a great social outlet and a most welcome break from studying.

Study Tips

The JD can be intense and challenging at times. Having a solid group of friends to study with can make things a bit easier. I benefited from group study sessions in the lead up to exams and tended to focus mostly on practicing problem questions. I also highly recommend making your own notes and reading the assigned cases (ideally before class). This is the best way to master all the content in preparation for formal assessments.

Another top tip is to stay balanced and to take care of your health and wellbeing. This means taking study breaks, rather than sitting at your desk all day, and giving yourself the chance to recharge over the longer breaks in between semesters. I have found that law school is best described as a marathon, not a sprint, and maintaining enough stamina throughout the degree is key for achieving success.

Work Experience

Getting legal work experience is a worthwhile endeavour. It can help you figure out what areas of the law you're interested in and allows you to gain practical legal skills that are often not taught in law school. I worked at two commercial law firms in Sydney during my degree and enjoyed my time at each.

The application process for clerkships can be busy and intense. My top tips are to do plenty of research about the firms you're interested in well in advance and to not limit yourself to only a few firms. Finally, although this may sound obvious and trite, avoid submitting an application containing typos or grammatical mistakes. One of the most important skills of a junior lawyer is attention to detail and having an error-free CV and cover letter helps give a strong first impression on this front.

- Jamee

William Tai

LLB-IV

There is no denying that law school is difficult for an International student, especially if English is not your first language. I have seen friends struggle just to pass, and some who have given up altogether. I know I paint a frightening picture, but this is the reality of law school. You will find out eventually that law is not easy.

However, there is a way to overcome this. Despite the setbacks that many students have faced, I have also seen many International students doing exceptionally in law school, and this is the advice that they gave.

Firstly, friends are essential. It is very difficult to get through law school alone. One good way to make friends is to be committed in one society. That way you can make a stable group of friends with similar interest who do everything with you. For example, I committed to the SALS and it has been extremely rewarding because I now have a solid group of law school friends who can send me notes or answer difficult conceptual questions for me because they have already done the module. Therefore, coming for SALS events and getting to know people will be very beneficial.

Secondly, take care of your mental well-being. Stress is inevitable, and I fully empathize with you. The stress of exams has caused me to experience constant stomach pains. However, I have found a way to remedy that. The key is to do other things apart from studying. Exercising, reading, and even playing computer games for just a short while have helped me to calm down and be more focused when I needed to. Therefore, I strongly urge everyone to make use of the sports opportunities that SALS provides, such as Inter Faculty Sport and fitness club to not only make friends, but also to improve your own mental health.

Lastly, it is important to learn how to be disciplined. Taking breaks, while good, will be detrimental if you do not plan your schedule well. I recommend setting yourself weekly goals or a timetable to ensure that you complete the work that needs to be done. This includes digesting the content for the week, reading through next weeks' readings, and working on assignments. Such discipline at the start of semester will serve you well when it comes to finals.

With that, let us embrace university life together!

- William

Shanshan Guo

LLB-IV

1. It takes time to find a new study habit

Studying law is very different from studying high school subjects or other degrees at university. There are lots of readings to do, notes to make, and as a first year it can be quite overwhelming. You may find that your old study routine no longer fits or you are spending more time but achieving less. Do not panic or doubt yourself because it takes time for you to figure out an efficient and effective way to study law. Listen to high-achievers' advice and try it on yourself. It may or may not suit you but it is a starting point.

2. Do not stress about finding internships at the start of your degree

It can be quite stressful listening to other people talking about how important an internship is and suddenly you feel everyone around you is trying to find or already have an internship. It can be even more stressful for an international student to find internship opportunities due to citizenship requirements and working hour limits. Do not spend your time stressing about it at the start of your degree. Enjoy law school, develop yourself and get decent grades. If you want some experience, apply to volunteer at community legal centres. They are usually international students friendly and help you develop invaluable skills in the workplace.

3. Friends are important

It may seem obvious, but as an international student, it can be hard to make friends in a new environment when people around you already know each other from high schools. Join societies you are interested in or come to SULLS International Student Dinner and other events. Law School is easier when you are not alone. With that being said, do not feel the need to go to all the socials and participate in everything. Balance is the key.

4. Know how to relax

I am a perfectionist and want to plan everything ahead. If you are someone like me, you will understand why it took me three years to learn how to rest properly. You can only work to your full capacity during the semester after a good rest during holidays. It is a good idea to plan ahead, read ahead and do things ahead in the holidays but do not forget to relax. Work hard and play hard: that is something the Asian education system did not teach me but is extremely important for long-term high performance.

5. Take on challenges

If you are interested in doing something but think it is too hard or challenging for you, just do it because you may be good at it and even if you are not, the experience is rewarding. For me, the challenge was to participate in debating with zero experience, to compete in SULLS internal competitions and to trial for law revue with a voice that is never in tune. Take on challenges now so you do not regret later. In 2019, we are going to run an International Students Moot. It is a fantastic opportunity for international students to develop moot skills and get constructive feedbacks. Apply if you are interested and keep an eye for more SULLS events for international students.

- Shanshan

UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

1. reduced study load for student visa holders

Generally student visa holders need to undertake a full-time study load (24 points/semester). However, you can apply to reduce your study load if you have a serious illness/injury, a close family member of yours died, your faculty cannot offer any other units of study due to the structure of your program or if your faculty academic adviser recommends you to reduce your study load so that you can complete your remaining units of study.

Note that reasons relating to finance or work outside your studies are not valid. Receiving credit from previous study or Summer/Winter School is not a valid reason either, unless your remaining units cannot make up 24 credit points.

For more information and specific application criteria please refer to <https://sydney.edu.au/students/reduced-study-load.html>

2. academic appeals

There are three stages in the academic appeals process. They are (1) resolution with the original decision-maker, (2) appeals to the faculty/Academic Panel and (3) appeals to the Student Appeals Body.

Different faculties have different procedures regarding the appeal process. For example, Sydney Law School requires students to engage in a self-reflection before appealing to the original decision-maker.

For more information please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/academic-appeals.html>

3. change your course

Your faculty may allow you to upgrade or downgrade your course or transfer from a combined degree into a single degree. This is called an allowable course transfer. The application deadline for semester 1 is midnight, 10th February 2019 and midnight, 21st July 2019 for semester 2. You can apply for an allowable transfer in Sydney Student. If your application is successful, the university will issue you a new eCoE.

If you are not eligible for an allowable transfer, you can apply for internal course transfer. The application for semester 2 is from early May to 30th June 2019. If you want to change from a single degree to a combined degree, the university will issue a new eCoE. But if you want to change to a new curriculum version of your current course, the university is unable to issue you a new eCoE which means you must ensure you can complete the transferred course without overstaying your visa in Australia.

You can also change streams but you may not receive credit for your previous study. You should consider how the transfer will affect your student visa.

For more information please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/change-course.html>

4. discontinue a unit of study

There are two types of discontinued unit of study: DC (discontinued not to count as failure) and DF (discontinue fail).

If you discontinue a unit of study after the census date but before the DC deadline, you still need to pay for the unit but it will not count as a fail on your transcript and as a result does not affect your WAM. The DC deadline is usually the end of Week 7 in Semester 1 or 2 but you should always check the specific DC deadline for your unit at <https://sydney.edu.au/students/study-dates.html>.

If you discontinue a unit of study after the DC but before the DF deadline you will receive a DF. You need to pay for this unit but will not receive a mark for it. It will count as a fail on your transcript but does not affect your WAM. Note that DC or DF will reduce your study load. This means you need to apply for a reduced study load in order to comply with your student visa requirements.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-unit-of-study.html>

5. discontinue your course

If you want to discontinue your course, you should contact University Compliance Officers for advice (email: student.compliance@sydney.edu.au) and make sure you check the key dates and deadlines (<https://sydney.edu.au/students/study-dates.html>) to avoid academic penalty or financial liability.

You need to notify the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) within 31 days of discontinuing your course. Your eCoE will be cancelled and you need to contact within 28 days to arrange an alternative visa if you wish to stay in Australia.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-course.html>.

If you discontinue your course within the first six months to accept an offer at another university, you need to request a release. For more information about release for student visa holders, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/release-for-student-visa-holders.html>.

6. suspend your studies

You can only suspend your study if there are compassionate or compelling circumstances beyond your control such as serious illness/injury, death of a close family member or a traumatic experience etc. Note that financial reasons or reasons relating to work outside your studies are not valid.

For more information regarding specific compassionate or compelling circumstances and the documents required, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/suspend-studies.html>.

7. request special permission for a unit of study

You can apply for a special permission to undertake a unit of study if you do not meet the required prerequisite, you want to overload your credit points in a semester or in your course, or you want to undertake a unit of study out of sequence etc. You need to make sure that you fulfil all your visa requirements before you make a request.

In your application, you need to state why you are applying for special permission and provide relevant evidence.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/request-permission-unit-of-study/special-permission.html>.

8. simple extensions

If you cannot submit your assignment on time, you can talk to your unit of study coordinator about your situation and apply for a simple extension. It is an informal arrangement between you and the coordinator and you can have an extension of up to two working days.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/simple-extensions.html>

9. special considerations

If you need an extension for more than two working days, you need to provide relevant evidence and apply for a special consideration. The common examples include short-term and acute illness, misadventures such as car accident, and essential commitments such as jury duty, military service or commitment representing the University, state or nation.

Note that travel plans, public transport delays, minor illness or time management issues are not sufficient.

For more examples of special considerations and required documents, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration.html>.

10. exam clashes

If you have two exams on the same day, you will take one in the morning and another in the afternoon. You will have at least a 40-min break between the two exams.

If you have three exams on the same day, you will take two exams on the same day and another on the following day. The University will email you about the schedule and you will be required to take a different exam and complete a statutory declaration form stating that you will not discuss exam information with other students.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/exams/timetables.html>

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

university wide exchange

Key Dates	Application Deadline
Winter short-term programs (June - August 2019)	February - April 2019
Semester 1, 2020 exchange	June 2019
Summer short-term programs (December 2019-February 2020)	August-November 2019
Semester 2, 2020 exchange	November 2019
Semester 1, 2021	November 2019

(Canada Programs and UK Conservatory Programs only)

To be eligible for exchange, you need to have a credit average (65% or higher) over the most recent 48 credit points completed at the time of application (including currently enrolled units). If you are an undergraduate, you need to have completed a full-time year of studied (48 credit points) in your current course. If you are a postgraduate, you need to have completed a full-time semester (18-24 credit points) in your current course and you need to be studying in a degree with more than 72 credit points in order to be considered for a one semester exchange.

At the time of your application, you need to choose three destinations to include your application, ensure there are enough units of study available for exchange, and have an academic plan for you degree demonstrating how an exchange fits within your course structure.

In the process of choosing your destination, you should consider the availability of subjects at your host institution, the level of study in your exchange semester, the language of instruction at your host institution, cost of living in the destination, accommodation options and student support services available at your host institution.

Make sure you request conditional credit approval from your faculty and apply for any scholarship/loan available for the exchange program.

Scholarships that are available for international students are listed as follows:

- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship Super Partner Scholarships: \$2000
- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship Academic Merit Scholarships: \$1500
- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship Short-term Scholarships: \$1000-\$1500
- Dalyell Scholars Global Mobility Scholarship: \$2000

Please check 2019 USYD Global Mobility Guide for more information: <https://sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/study/resources-for-career-advisers/UniSyd-Global-Mobility-Guide-2019-edition.pdf>

For online information sessions regarding exchange, please visit https://sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=EECD433E-D5A4-8A46-70B6447C35C8BF43&Link_ID=B5E9BF6B-C305-2E12-868047E786C461D9

You can speak to a Sydney Abroad Peer Adviser for any enquiry. The Sydney Abroad counter is located in the Student Centre on Level 3 at Jane Foss Russell Building. Email sydney.abroad@sydney.edu.au for more information.

law faculty exchange

To be eligible for a Law School-specific exchange, you must:

- Be in the penultimate or final semester of your JD or LLB degree when undertaking the exchange.
- Have a high credit average (70% or above). Note that many destinations require a higher WAM.
- Be enrolled full-time at the University of Sydney (18-24 credit points) whilst on exchange.
- Produce evidence that you are proficient in the language of instruction if classes are taught in a language other than English at the host institution.

Applications for 2020 will open in July 2019.

Before your departure, you need to complete the Exchange Academic Approval form and have the units you intend to undertake whilst on exchange approved by the Associate Dean. You also need to confirm your unit selections with the Associate Dean once you arrive and enrol at the host institution. This is essential for the approval of your exchange unit selections.

Please check <https://sydney.edu.au/students/study-abroad-and-exchange.html> for more information.

If you have an enquiry about Law School-specific exchange, please email law.professional@sydney.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS

university-wide scholarships

vice chancellor international scholarships scheme

This scholarship is based on academic merit and is open to all commencing international students enrolling in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree. It is open to all international students who have an unconditional offer of admission for a full-time **undergraduate** or **postgraduate** coursework program at the University of Sydney. All eligible students will automatically be considered.

Value and Duration:

Four scholarship amounts may be offered

- \$40,000 payable for one year in two equal instalments
- \$20,000 payable for one year in two equal instalments
- \$10,000 payable for one semester
- \$5,000 payable for one semester

sydney scholars india scholarship program

This scholarship is offered to outstanding students in India **commencing** an **undergraduate or postgraduate coursework** course. This program is intended to foster relations and collaborative efforts between the University of Sydney and India.

Applicants must hold Indian citizenship and be a current resident of India. Applicants who are permanent residents of Australia are not eligible.

A total of 28 scholarships will be awarded annually, consisting of:

- 3 x \$50,000 scholarships for undergraduate students, paid across the duration of any undergraduate coursework degree up to four years,
- 10 x \$20,000 first-year scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students, or
- 15 x \$10,000 first year scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Open: 1 April 2019

Close: 30 May 2019

law specific scholarships

available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students

pitt cobbett scholarship

Open to applicants enrolled in the JD or undergraduate combined law program at University of Sydney and must demonstrate financial hardship.

Value: Up to \$1,000 **Duration:** One-off payment

Close Date

Round One: 1 May

Round Two: 31 July

Round Three: 6 November

See **this link to apply:** https://sydneyuniversity.formstack.com/forms/law_ug_pitt_cobbett

sydney law school exchange scholarship

Applicants must be enrolled in either the JD or LLB program at the University of Sydney and entering their final year of studies. Applicants must be approved by the Law School to participate in a school-specific law exchange the following year and must demonstrate financial hardship.

available to undergraduate students

See this link for available scholarships:

<http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate/internationalundergraduate/undergraduate.shtml>

available to postgraduate students

australia awards scholarships (aas)

This scholarship is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as part of Australia's foreign aid program and provides individuals from selected developing countries to study in Australia.

Scholarships are awarded on either merit or on nomination by home governments. To obtain application forms or more information applicants must be obtained directly from the Australian Diplomatic Mission or the Australian Education Centre in your home country.

For more information, visit this link: <https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards.aspx>

See this link for more scholarships offered to international postgraduate students:

<http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/postgraduate/international-postgraduate-scholarships.shtml>

wigram allen scholarship for the juris doctor

This scholarship is applicable to students commencing the Juris Doctor program and also includes a scholarship to international students based on academic merit.

c.a coghlan and a.n. littlejohn scholarship for the juris doctor

Open to applicants with an unconditional offer of full-time admission into the JD program. The scholarship is \$6000 per year for the entirety of the degree.

Open: Late August 2019

Close: 24 November 2019

ross waite parsons postgraduate coursework law scholarship

Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for a masters by coursework program in the Sydney law School.

Applicants must have achieved a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 75 in their prior university level studies.

Value:

- \$10,000 per annum for a student enrolled full time (24 credit points per semester) and
- \$5,000 per annum for a student enrolled part-time (12 credit points per semester)

LIVING AND WORKING IN SYDNEY

accommodation

on campus accommodation

On campus accommodation includes residential colleges and university residences. The International House is the only fully-catered residential college and is committed to foster culture diversity. All residential colleges accept international students but some colleges are gender specific. For example, The Women's College only accepts female applicants. University residences are slightly cheaper than colleges and accept both female and male international students. Note that the Selle House is for postgraduates only.

For most residential colleges, you are expected to attend formal dinners and participate in college life, either by attending events or through intercollege sport/activities.

Below are two examples of residential colleges on campus:

sancta sophia college

Offers **undergraduate AND postgraduate** accommodation for students.

Undergraduate accommodation is female only. Postgraduate house is available to both female and male students. Almost a quarter of Sancta students are international students.

Fees:

- Cover accommodation + internet and wi-fi
- All meals + formal dinners every Monday
- Undergraduate: From \$587-629/week
- Postgraduate: From \$612/634/week

Information on how to apply: <https://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/>

st pauls' college

Offers **undergraduate AND postgraduate** accommodation for students.

Undergraduate accommodation is male only. Postgraduate house (new in 2019) is available to both female and male students.

Apply for graduate house: <https://www.stpauls.edu.au/graduatehouse/apply-gh/>

Apply for undergraduate accommodation: <https://www.stpauls.edu.au/home-3/live-with-us/apply/>

to see other residential colleges available, see this link

<https://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-on-campus/camperdown-darlington/residential-colleges.html>

off campus accommodation

shared accommodation

You can share a house or an apartment with a number of housemates and this option is usually the cheapest because of shared rents and bills. You can visit websites such as Flatmate (flatmatefinders.com.au) and Gumtree (gumtree.com.au) to find shared accommodation. Make sure you check the Share Housing Survival Guide (<https://sharehousing.org>) for more information.

rent your own place

If you prefer having your own space, private rental may be suitable for you. In addition to rents, you are usually required to pay internet and some utilities by yourself. As a result, this is a more expensive option. Visit domain.com.au or realestate.com.au for more information.

student accommodation

There are lots of private-owned student accommodations around campus. They usually cover utility bills and internet cost, and they usually organise events for their residents. Such student accommodations include Urbanest, Iglu, UniLodge and Scape. Please check their websites for more information.

homestays

A homestay is where you live with a family. Meals, internet and bills are usually included and it is a great way to learn more about Australian culture and settle down in the new environment. Visit Australian Homestay Network (<https://www.homestaynetwork.org>) for more information.

emergency and short-term housing

Some short-term housing options include hostels, hotels and service apartments. For a list of short-term housing options around campus, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-off-campus/emergency-and-short-term-housing.html>.

If you need housing support in an emergency, you should call University Accommodation Services on +61 2 9351 3322 or visit Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building between 10am to 4pm from Monday to Friday.

If you need financial support for accommodation, please call University Financial Support Service on +61 2 8627 4809 or visit Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building between 10am to 5pm from Monday to Friday. (Note that student bursaries are available for international students)

visa and migration

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temporary graduate visa

The Temporary Graduate Visa Subclass 485 is for International students who have recently graduated from an Australia education institution.

It lets you live, study and work in Australia temporarily after you have finished your studies. Students are only able to access the Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485) ONCE in their lifetime.

The 485 visa consists of two streams:

1. **Graduate Work Stream**

For students who have recently completed a graduate degree with an occupation on the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills Lists (MLSSL). The visa is usually granted for up to 18 months.

2. **Post-Study Work Stream**

For students who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher qualification. Your visa may be granted for two years and up to four years, depending on the highest qualification you had obtained in Australia.

To be eligible for the post study work visa your first student visa in Australia must have been granted on or after 5 November 2011.

For the purpose of the 2019 SULS International Guide, we will ONLY focus on the Post-Study Work Stream requirements.

Processing times

Processing time are updated on a monthly basis. Currently, 75% of applications are being processed within 4 months and 90% are being processed in 5 months.

post study work stream 485 visa requirements

To be eligible for the 485 visa you must meet the following requirements.

Study Requirements

- Completed at least 2 years (92 weeks) of full-time study in a course (or courses) registered by CRICOS in Australia
- Your study was in English
- You were in Australia for at least 16 months to complete your study
- You have successfully completed all course requirements
- Your degree(s) satisfies the Australian study requirements in the past 6 months

Visa Requirements

- Main holder of a current student visa (but not supported by the Defence or Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister)
- You have held a student visa within the last 6 months before lodging the 485 visa

Age

- You must be under the age of 50 years old

English Requirements

- You have met the English language requirement i.e. you have obtained IELTS equivalent of 6.0 overall with a minimum score of 5.0 in each of the four test components

Note: You are exempt from an English test if you hold a valid passport issued by the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland and you are a citizen of that country

Other Requirements

- You meet health requirements
- You meet character requirements
- Have adequate health insurance

skilled independent visa (subclass 189)

The Skilled independent visa (subclass 189) is available for skilled workers who are qualified for a specific occupation available on the appropriate skilled occupation list provided by the Department of Home Affairs (DoHA).

The 189 visa is commonly known to as the 'points-based' migration, where you are required to have at least 65 points from your profile such as age, qualifications and experience, to be considered for the visa. There are two streams:

1. New Zealand Stream

To be eligible for this stream you must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a special category visa (subclass 444) in Australia.

2. Points Tested Stream

To be eligible for the points tested stream:

- Your occupation must be on the 189 visa points tested stream skills occupation list
- You are required to have at least 65 points. Points can be accumulated from your profile such as, age, qualifications and work experience
- Be invited to apply for the visa

This is a permanent visa and once granted, will allow you to:

- Live in Australia indefinitely
- Work and study
- Enrol in Medicare
- Travel to and from Australia for 5 years
- Sponsor family members to come to Australia
- When you meet the requirements, apply for Australian citizenship

For the purpose of the 2019 SULS International Guide, we will ONLY focus on the Points Tested Stream requirements.

subclass 189 points tested stream requirements

There are three stages an Applicant must go through.

1. Receive Positive Skills Assessment for Your Nominated Occupation

You must obtain a **positive skills assessment** assessed by an appropriate assessing body for your occupation.

The assessing body will assess your qualification(s) and work experience, concluding whether your qualification is equivalent to the Australian standard and whether your work experience meets the occupation tasks requirement as outlined by ANZSCO.

Note: The positive skills assessment will also determine your work experience and qualification points.

2. Apply for the Expression of Interest (EOI)

The following are important facts you need to know about the skilled migration expression of interest:

- You must have a positive skills assessment
- You meet the points score of 65 or more, depending on the competitiveness (popularity) of your skilled occupation. This may mean that the higher the points, the better chance you will have in receiving an invitation letter to apply for the Australian visa
- There is no timeframe or processing time for the EOI
- The EOI is kept in the system for two years
- There is no cost to submit an EOI
- You can make changes or update your EOI before you are invited to apply for the visa.

3. Applying for the Skilled Independent Subclass 189 Visa

The following are important facts you need to know about the 189 visa:

- You must receive an EOI invitation to apply for the 189 visa
- You must apply for the visa with 60 days of receiving the invitation
- You meet the points score on your EOI invitation
- Have competent English or higher – we recommend checking the English requirements of the appropriate assessing body for your occupation before sitting an English test, as not all occupations will have the same English test requirements (to obtain a positive skills assessment)
- You are under 45 years old if and when you are invited to apply for the 189 visa
- You can be in or outside Australia when you apply and when a decision is made on your application
- You meet the health and character requirements
- You have no outstanding debt to the Australian government
- You can include your partner and your or your partner's child or stepchild in your application

You can check your points here: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/points-calculator>

Processing times

Processing time are updated on a monthly basis. Currently, 75% of applications are being processed within 5 months and 90% are being processed in 7 months.

skilled nominated visa (subclass 190)

To be eligible for the 190 visa you must be nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency.

Your occupation must be on the 190 visa skilled occupation list.

Not all states are open to nominate a particular occupation. You can check the state's website for their skilled occupation list to see if your occupation is available for nomination for the 190 visa.

You will receive 5 additional points if the state nominates you.

This is a permanent visa and once granted, will allow you to:

- Live in Australia indefinitely
- Work and study
- Enrol in Medicare
- Travel to and from Australia for 5 years
- Sponsor family members to come to Australia
- When you meet the requirements, apply for Australian citizenship

stages involved in the 190 visa

The process for the 190 visa is similar to the 189 visa, with an additional stage of being nominated by the state.

1. *Receive Positive Skills Assessment for Your Nominated Occupation*

You must obtain a **positive skills assessment** assessed by an appropriate assessing body for your occupation.

The assessing body will assess your qualification(s) and work experience, concluding whether your qualification is equivalent to the Australian standard and whether your work experience meets the occupation tasks requirement as outlined by ANZSCO.

Note: The positive skills assessment will also determine your work experience and qualification points.

2. *Apply for the Expression of Interest (EOI)*

The following are important facts you need to know about the skilled migration expression of interest:

- You must have a positive skills assessment
- You meet the points score of 65 or more, depending on the competitiveness (popularity) of your skilled occupation. This may mean that the higher the points, the better chance you will have in receiving an invitation letter to apply for the Australian visa
- There is no timeframe or processing time for the EOI
- The EOI is kept in the system for two years
- There is no cost to submit an EOI
- You can make changes or update your EOI before you are invited to apply for the visa.

3. *Be Nominated by the State or Territory Government Agency*

You must be nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency.

The state or territory government agencies can see your EOI via SkillSelect.

You MUST receive BOTH a nomination from the state or territory government agency AND an EOI invitation to apply for the 190 visa. All state and territory government agencies have their own criteria for deciding who they will nominate. To find out more about their criteria please visit the state or territory government agency website directly.

NOTE: if the state or territory agency that nominates you withdraws your nomination after you have applied, your application will become invalid.

4. *Applying for the Skilled Nominated Subclass 190 Visa*

The following are important facts you need to know about the 190 visa:

- You must receive a nomination from the state or territory government agency
- You must receive an EOI invitation
- You must apply for the visa with 60 days of receiving the invitation
- You meet the points score on your EOI invitation
- Have competent English or higher – we recommend checking the English requirements of the appropriate assessing body for your occupation before sitting an English test, as not all occupations will have the same English test requirements (to obtain a positive skills assessment)
- You are under 45 years old if and when you are invited to apply for the 190 visa
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working rights and tax file number (tfn)

working while studying

You can work during your study if you hold a valid student visa that permits you to work. You should visit the immigration website (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online>) or check your own visa to make sure you comply with all the requirements. For example, if you hold a 500 student visa, you can work up to 40 hours per fortnight once your course begins. You must comply with the 40-hour limit when your course is in session and you have work unlimited hours when your course is out of session.

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You need to get a TFN to work in Australia. You can apply online for a TFN at <https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn/foreign-passport-holders-permanent-migrants-and-temporary-visitors--tfn-application/>. You need to have a valid passport and relevant travel documents at the time of your application. Once you submit your application, your TFN will be sent to the address stated on your application within 28 days.

Even if you do not want to work, having your TFN is still useful. If you have a bank account in Australia, the interest earned in your account will be taxed heavily if you do not provide your bank with your TFN.

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