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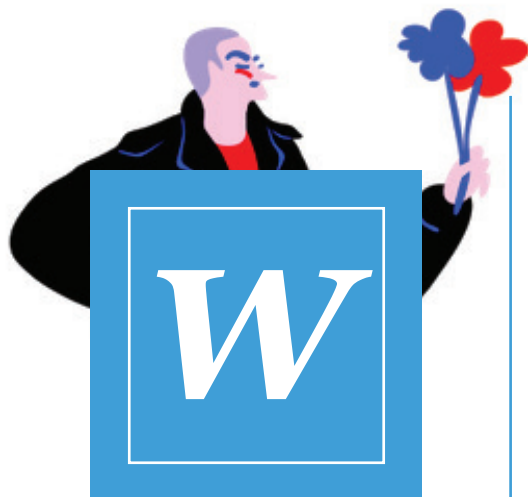
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Welcome to Sydney Law School!

Starting a new degree, especially if this is also your first year at University, is undoubtedly daunting. Foundies reader in hand, there is likely a mixture of nerves and excitement as you attend your first lecture. The Sydney University Law Society (SULS) is here to support you every step of the way. SULS is the oldest, largest and most active student society on campus. By becoming a SULS member (sign-up here: <https://www.suls.org.au/register>), you will be joining 2,500+ others in their access to 100+ programs, events and initiatives.

Be sure to bookmark this file! The First Year Handbook will be an indispensable guide to navigating your academic journey. I certainly wished it was available to me when I first started 5 years ago. The inaugural First Year Guide was launched in 2018 to fulfill that exact need - to demystify the often confusing world that is Law School. Inside, you will find invaluable information on degree progressions,

study tips, access to support services and most importantly, ways to make your University years fun.

Publications like this handbook are just one of the many ways SULS helps enrich your LLB, JD or postgrad experience. For first year students specifically (COVID-19 pending), SULS runs LLB Law Camp, JD I Drinks, a Welcome Party and the Law School Basics Series. Many of my closest friendships today were born from these experiences!

If you have any questions, you can chat with us in-person in the SULS office (Room 103, New Law Building) during our office hours from 10am-2pm on Monday-Thursday, with extended hours for part-time JD and LLM students until 6pm on Tuesday. For those studying remotely, we will be having Zoom and WeChat office hours. Alternatively, shoot us a message on our Facebook page or via email. We are always here to help.

Wishing you all the best as you transition into Law School. You got this!

Wendy Hu,
President, Sydney
University Law
Society

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FOREWORD



Law School. Those two words can evoke excitement, anticipation, stress, elation, and yes, sometimes fear.

But firstly, congratulations. You've worked so hard throughout high school to get the marks to get in, and now the real journey begins. This is going to be the most incredible time of your life up until now - it was certainly for me - and I encourage you all to make the absolute most of it, because it only comes around once.

In this guide, we hope to give you a sneak peek into all the potential ups and downs of your first year as a member of the Sydney University Law School. You'll find study tips, the best eats on campus, social opportunities, and plenty of very pretty diagrams courtesy of our Design team. It won't

cover everything that might happen throughout what is sure to be an unpredictable year, but I hope that it will at least offer a good foundation from which to begin your long law school journey.

So: grab some snacks, grab a drink, and kick back. I hope you enjoy reading this guide as much as we did compiling it.

My thanks go out to my incredible editorial team of Ilona, Kim, and Jacinda for doing a fantastic job and giving up part of their holidays in order to do so; your passion and dedication were essential to the compilation of this guide and I could not have asked for a better group of editors to work with.

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Lastly, to you, the reader - good luck with your first year and for all the years ahead. I hope this guide will prove useful in those years and beyond.

Happy reading!

David Zhu,
Editor-in-Chief,
2021 SULLS First
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PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR FOREWORD

Welcome to Sydney Law School!

I must say my first year of law school was something which I look back on fondly.

I tried to do a moot, and failed. I went to Law Camp, of which I'm not going to speak of very much. I looked forward to Inter-Fac sport on Wednesday mornings. I attended several social events on the request of others - the SULLS Informal, a handful of Campus events. All were organised by SULLS, and all were an absolute blast - helping me form some incredibly strong friendships in the process.

As one of the largest societies on campus, the position of SULLS is important - not merely an avenue for fun social events, SULLS provides resources and support to students in need, and independently advocates for student interests. Being involved can range from attending events, to joining a committee, or helping contribute to our extensive list of publications. In whatever capacity you decide to participate, I can say you will not regret it.

I must give special thanks to all of the Guide's contributors - to the Editorial Committee of David, Ilona, Kimberley,

and Jacinda, the executive members and students whose testimonials are invaluable, and work of previous years' Editors.

As a first year, studying law at university was completely uncharted territory for me. I hope you consider the First Year Guide as a compass, guiding you down the right paths, to the right people. I can confidently say it is an excellent read - may it be a useful one too!

Justin Lai,
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Law Society

WHO IS A FIRST YEAR?



LLB Student

Welcome to your first year of university and most importantly - Sydney University Law School! We know you worked really hard in the last year to get here and while we can't promise you won't also work really hard here, we want to help you get the most out of this new chapter in your life. We hope you are able to enhance your social, professional, academic life or personal health and wellbeing in your first year, regardless of the circumstances. You may find that it takes a little time to get used to the pace, independence, or rigour of university but you are not alone in this transition. The best part about the first year of university is you're on the same boat as so many other students; get excited to embark on this new chapter of your life with the rest of your cohort.

Juris Doctor

Maybe you've just completed a Bachelor's degree, or maybe you're returning to university in order to pursue a graduate legal degree owing to a newfound interest in the law or as the perfect complement to your professional career. The Sydney Law School JD cohort is extremely diverse - whether you already have a degree (or multiple degrees!) in a different field, are domestic or international,

in your 20-30s or mature-aged, we warmly welcome you into the family! As a first year JD student, you will embark on your legal journey and learn from the world's leading law academics here at Sydney Law, whilst developing your skills of analysis, research, writing and advocacy.

Transfer Student

As a transfer student, even though you've experienced university before, entering Sydney Law School for the first time can be an intimidating process. However, just like everything else in life, it just takes a little while to get used to! Sydney Law School offers a great transfer program that has always been popular with both transfers from other universities and Sydney University students who have decided to transfer courses. This means you are part of a very large transfer cohort and not facing this journey alone! The altered degree progression for transfer LLB students means you will be doing a mix of first, second and third year units in your first year of law school, which, ostensibly, can be quite challenging. It's recommended that you attend the SULLS workshops, social events, competitions and moots held throughout the year as the best way to engage with the Sydney Law cohort.

International Student

G'day mate! Welcome to Australia! We understand how big of a leap it must have been to move countries for university, especially during a time like last year. Whether you haven't gone back to your home country for a year or have lived here for a while, the international student experience is extremely unique. This however gives you the opportunity to experience a new culture and lifestyle for the next three or five years. While you learn to pick up the Australian slang and accent, we also want you to know about the support and guidance for international students in the SULLS International Student Guide available on suls.org.au/publications.



KEY DATES

To keep up with SULS events week to week, sign up to our Newsletter where general announcements and events <https://www.suls.org.au/register>

SEMESTER 1 PREFERENCES 18th – 3rd january february <i>Enter your preferences for your academic timetable early on according to your personal timetable and preferences</i>	SEMESTER 1 SCHEDULES RELEASED! 8th february <i>We recommend you download your timetable onto your own calendar to stay on top of it!</i>
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WELCOME WEEK 22nd – 26th february <i>Online or offline, be sure to stay tuned to events to get to know the law school and the community</i>
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SEMESTER 1: 1st – 26th march june	MID SEM BREAK 2nd – 11th april
<i>Semester 1 Payment Date International Students: 1st March</i>	SEM 1 CENSUS DATE 31st march <i>If you want to drop or add a unit, we suggest you do it before the census date to avoid financial penalties.</i>
<i>Semester 1 Payment Date Domestic Students: 19th March</i>	STUVAC 7th – 13th june <i>Semester 2 Preferences: 21st June - 6th July</i>

MIDTERM EXAMS 15th – 26th june <i>Check out the education guide on how to study for exams, see more details here</i>	SEM 1 RESULTS RELEASED 14th july <i>Semester 2 Payment Date International Students: 4th August</i>	SEMESTER 2: 9th – 4th august december
<i>Semester 2 Payment Date Domestic Students: 15th August</i>	SEM 2 CENSUS DATE 6th september	MID SEM BREAK: <i>27th June - 4th October</i> STUVAC: <i>15th - 21th November</i>
		FINAL EXAMS: <i>22nd November-4th December</i>

CONGRATULATIONS ON FINISHING YOUR FIRST YEAR: 5TH DECEMBER

NAVIGATING UNI ADMINISTRATION



PAYING FOR UNIVERSITY

A law degree isn't cheap and there are a variety of processes you may have to go through to fund your degree, depending on if you are a domestic student or international student.

- For domestic students (Australian citizens), the Commonwealth Government funds a large proportion of course fees, so that you only need to pay for the remaining 'student contribution fee'. Whilst you can choose to pay these course fees upfront, most students prefer to defer payment through the HECS-HELP loan scheme so that they don't have to pay until their income exceeds the threshold, which is \$46,620 (from 1 July 2020) and is indexed every year according to inflation.
- For international students, upon receiving your offer, you will be required to pay a deposit equivalent to the course fees of your first semester. Moving forward, before each semester, you will receive a financial statement which requires you to pay the tuition for the upcoming semester by a payment date to avoid sanctions. The payment date for semester 1 is March 1st 2021 and for semester 2, August 7th.
- If you are not an Australian citizen, or international student (New Zealand citizen, Permanent residents, etc) scan the QR code for more information about your uni finances.

Make sure you do all of the below before the Census Date, which is Wednesday 31 March 2021 for Semester 1 and Monday 6th September for Semester 2.

How do I apply for HECS?

1. Check your eligibility - HECS is available to all students with a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). If you're unsure that you meet these requirements, you can check your eligibility at bit.ly/2DiMCUc.
2. Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) if you don't already have one - your enrolment will be cancelled without it (if you do not pay your contribution upfront) and your application for HECS

will ask for it.

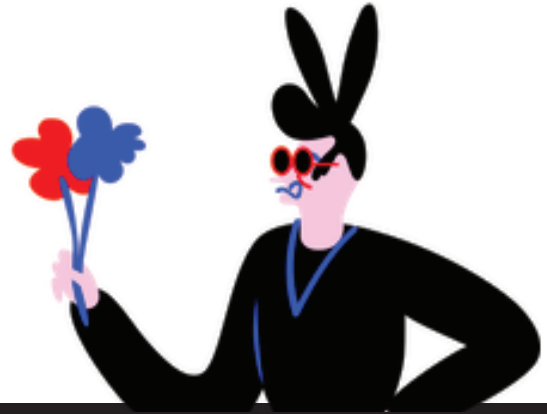
3. Fill out a Request for Commonwealth Support form and submit it before the census date. This form is provided to you while you were enrolling into your course online.

You can always access this form later by logging on to Sydney Student then going to My Finance > Your Finances > Government forms.

A similar process occurs if you need to borrow money for your Student Services and Amenities Fee. On the same page, fill out a Request for SA-HELP assistance.

What happens next?

Your debt will begin to accumulate - if at any point your income exceeds the threshold, a percentage of it will go



towards paying off your debt. No interest will be charged but your debt will be indexed every year to reflect inflation. You can find out more about repayments and other information here: bit.ly/1bleyxw.

How do I pay upfront?

You can pay for your fees upfront through Sydney Student by going to My Finance > Your Finances. If you do not pay upfront before the relevant census date, your fees will automatically be deferred as a HECS-HELP loan, provided that you have given the University your TFN.

You keep talking about the census date. What is this?

The census date is an important date set by the university - it is the last day you can withdraw from a subject without incurring financial liability and academic penalty. If you withdraw after the census date, you cannot get a refund for the course even if you don't finish it, and you will get either a Discontinued Not to Count as a Failure (DC) or a Discontinue Fail (DF) recorded on your transcript for the unit you withdrew from. The census dates are Wednesday 31 March 2021 for Semester 1 and Monday 6th September for Semester 2.

For JDs: Only a limited number of CSPs are available to JDs, and you must apply for this place through UAC (UAC Code: 980200). Your application will be assessed by merit, and accepting the Domestic Full fee place (UAC Code: 980205) will not prevent you from being offered a CSP place. If you accept a Full fee place, and you are a domestic student, you may apply for FEE-HELP. The process is largely the same as applying for HECS-HELP (previous page).



SYDNEY STUDENT

Sydney Student (sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au) is an online portal for all administration tasks. To briefly break down the portal:

- Under 'My Details', you can:
 - Update your personal details (such as when you change your address or phone number)

- Under 'My Studies', you can:
 - Change the units you want to enroll in
 - Apply for credit from previous study/reduced volume of learning (RVL)
 - Discontinue your course, suspend your studies or transfer courses
 - See your academic transcript and final assessment marks at the end of semester
- Under 'My Finances', you can:
 - See your fees and find out how to pay your fees
 - Update your bank details to receive scholarships and payments

THE STUDENT CENTRE

The Student Centre is located in the Jane Foss Russell Building, near the Wentworth Building and City Road. They can assist with:

- Enrolments, student cards, class timetables, examination inquiries
- HECS and student fees
- Calculator and dictionary certification for exams

However, due to COVID-19, the Student Centre is currently closed for in-person enquiries. Alternatively, you can contact them by:

- Calling 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) or +61 2 8627 1444 (outside Australia), Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.
- Making an enquiry online <https://bit.ly/2MiJZHg>

The Student Centre



ENROLLING

You should have received an email in your uni email asking you to confirm your place and enrol, so follow the link and enrol as soon as possible so that you have time to ask if there is anything you're unsure about. Enrolment is straightforward since you just follow the prompts online, but it can take up to an hour. Here are some of the things that you will come across:

UniKey - First, you retrieve your UniKey - this will be used to log in to Sydney Student and the University Wifi, so write it down or memorise it.

Degree progression - You will then be prompted to answer questions, some of which involve degree progression. We recommend you check out our degree progression advice on pages 12 to 14. If you need to make changes, don't worry. You can also change your units at any time before the census date.

Transferring Credit (Transfer Students) - If you are transferring



into the law school from a different degree/university, you will need to apply for credit for previous study, especially if you are choosing to continue studying a previous degree alongside law. This ensures you don't have to repeat similar units. To apply, log into Sydney Student, go to My Studies > Course Details > then Application for credit and/or reduced volume of learning (RVL).

Student card - This card is a form of ID and is essential for you to attend exams, borrow books and access buildings. If you use a concession Opal card, you will also need to carry your student card around so that you can prove you are a student if a Transport Officer asks. Keep it safe, but if you lose it, you can replace it for \$25 at the Student Centre. This year, due to COVID restrictions, your student card should be posted to you, and you must have it on you on campus to access buildings.

Timetables - Every January and June, timetable preferencing opens up. Make sure you block out the times you wish to keep clear and choose the class times you prefer. Note that your selection is not guaranteed, and once you are allocated a class, you often cannot deviate from that selection unless you have permission from the Unit of Study Coordinator to informally do so, or unless you demonstrate special circumstances to the Student Centre: see bit.ly/2Fv7nN3.

Your timetable must be finalised by Friday 12 March 2021 (Semester 1) or Friday 20 August 2021 (Semester 2).

TIP

[kicky.tools](#) is a great USYD timetable planning app that accesses set tutorial and lecture times to help optimise your university timetable.

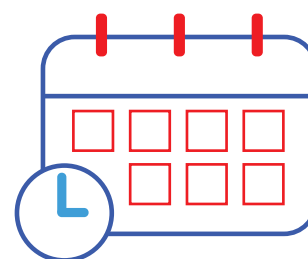
HECS (domestic students) - You will be prompted to pay for your enrolled units. Regardless of whether you want to apply for HECS-HELP, pay the fees upfront or are funded by another scheme (such as a scholarship), you should deal with your financial liability as soon as possible. Similar schemes also operate for the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) with SA-HELP.

Concession Opal - If you are eligible for a concession Opal card (Australian citizen/permanent resident and full-time student), you can apply for one on Sydney Student. This is a quick

online process, usually at the end of the enrolment form - make sure to tick the box asking whether you give permission for the University to release your details to Transport for NSW.

NOTE

If you are a postgraduate research student, a bulk of your course administration will be conducted through the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC). Your relevant research periods will also affect how you conduct your enrolment. For enquiries, please email the HDRAC at: hrdac.2@sydney.edu.au



GETTING SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Sometimes unexpected events interfere with our academic studies.



If your ability to complete assessments or examinations has been affected by

illness, injury or misadventure, you should try applying for Special Consideration (see following flowchart). A successful application will provide you an adjustment to ensure fair academic treatment. However, we encourage you to still complete the exam/assessment to the best of your ability just in case your application is rejected.

Make sure to apply for Special Consideration no more than 3 working days after the assessment for which you were affected, and try to document your reasons as thoroughly as possible. If you are applying for medical reasons, the University has a particular “Professional Practitioners’ Certificate” that is required, which may be accessed at bit.ly/2QQDg3P.

Some applicable circumstances include:

- Short term illness or injury
- Personal misadventure of a family member or close friend
- Death of a family member or close friend
- Unexpected primary carer responsibilities
- Attendance at a funeral of a family member or close friend
- Natural disaster
- Limited COVID-19 impacts (e.g. eviction, loss of job, family member death)
- Must be out of your control and;
- Seriously impacted your ability to complete the assessment/exam

Circumstances considered reasonably within your control will not be considered sufficient to apply (e.g.

public transport delays, personal events, minor illnesses where you are still capable of completing assessments).

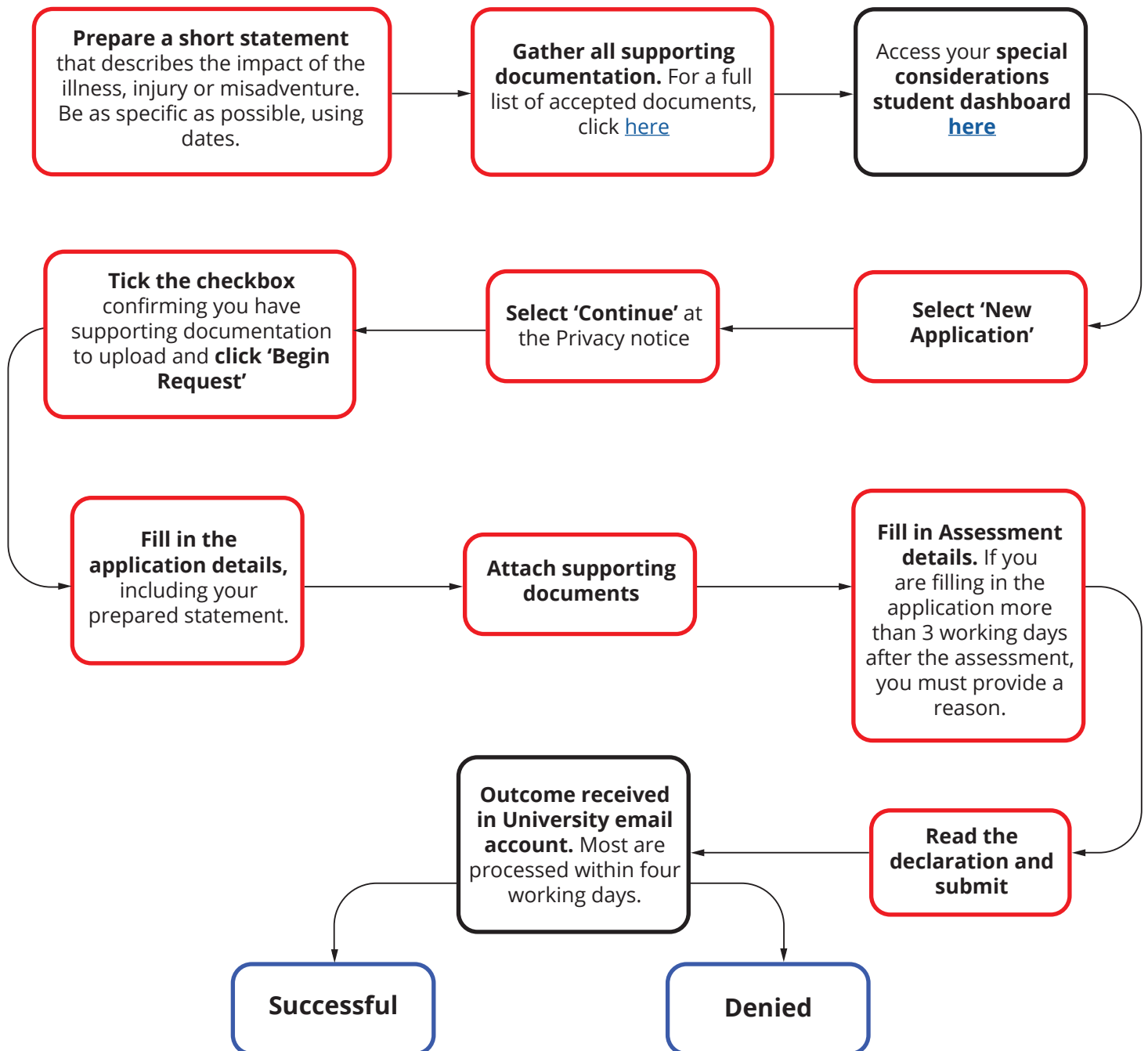
NOTE

If you have an ongoing condition or illness that affects your ability to study, you should instead register with Disability Services in order to receive adjustments from the University. For more information and how to get in contact, please see bit.ly/2swzRxn.

TIP

A simple extension of up to two days can be provided at the discretion of the Unit of Study Coordinator. The Law Faculty generally doesn’t provide these, so it can be worth applying for special consideration regardless of how minor the circumstance. Your other degree, however, may offer simple extensions. You may apply for a simple extension by approaching your Unit of Study coordinator by email. More information on simple extensions can be found at bit.ly/2QOPHgJ.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS



The e-mail will inform you of the adjustment made. You may receive further information on how your adjustment will work.

The e-mail will inform you of your options and why the application was declined.

- If the application omitted important information or documentation that supports your case, you are encouraged to re-apply with this additional information.
- If you have further questions about the reasoning behind the unsuccessful application, or have not received a response in four working days, make an online enquiry.



DISCONTINUING A UNIT

You may, at some stage, find that you no longer want to study a unit you have chosen or that you would be better off studying it later in your degree. If that is the case, try to withdraw (discontinue) the subject prior to the census date to avoid academic or financial penalties. You can withdraw from a Unit of Study through the Sydney Student portal, by going

to “Units of Study” under the “My Studies” tab.

If you want to drop out of the unit after the census date, you will need to apply for a “Discontinuation - Not to Count as Fail” up to seven weeks into the semester. This will appear on your transcript as “DC”, and won’t affect your Weighted Average Mark (WAM). However, you may still be liable for tuition fees. For further details, see bit.ly/2FEyS6g.

After this deadline, if you are affected

by unforeseeable circumstances which impact your ability to continue a unit, you will need to apply to discontinue directly to the Law Faculty. You will need to show that these were ongoing circumstances that were beyond your control and that you had reasonable prospects of passing the subject, for example if you had received a pass grade in a mid-semester assessment or assignment. If successful, you may be eligible for a fee refund. For more details, see bit.ly/2FxxJy7.

SUSPENDING YOUR STUDIES

Being a student does not mean you are bound to study non-stop for the duration of your degree - by suspending your studies for a semester or more, you can take a break and return to studying later. You must be sure to apply for suspension and enrol before the census date, as your candidature will lapse and you will be unable to re-apply for the combined degree.

JDs: If you are a JD student, you are unable to suspend in the first year of your full-time study, or the first two years of part-time study. However, you are able to suspend for an aggregate of two calendar years in total.

NOTE

There is a one year limit on suspensions, subject to other conditions. For more information, refer to the University Coursework Policy: bit.ly/38ZU-JkP.

There are additional requirements that you will need to be aware of when suspending a degree in Law. Applications for suspensions are completed through Sydney Student, and it is recommended that this is done prior to the census date so that you are not liable for any penalties. For more details, please see bit.ly/2SX5rzX.

DISCONTINUING YOUR COURSE

This is effectively dropping out of the entire degree you are currently studying, ending your current enrolment. You may need to do this if you wish to transfer into another course (For example, discontinuing Commerce/Law to study Science/Law), or decide to withdraw from tertiary study completely.

TIP

If you are transferring courses, you can request a course transfer in Sydney Student, under My Studies > Course details > then Request Course Transfer. See more information about this at bit.ly/2VXz8mE.

If you do decide to withdraw from your degree completely, we recommend discussing such a pivotal decision with a course advisor in case you might be able to manage your unit load. You could also consider suspending your studies instead. If you discontinue after the relevant census date, academic and financial penalties may apply. All applications to discontinue are made through Sydney Student. For more information, please see bit.ly/2CpukgU.



ACADEMICS



At SULS, we want to see every student succeed. This section includes information on degree progression, academic advice for your first-year subjects, assessment tips and a quick AGLC referencing guide.

Due to the current pandemic, there may be changes on very short notice to the availability of units and unit of study details, including mode of delivery and assessments. For the most up-to-date information, be sure to check your degree handbooks at [Sydney University Handbooks 2021](#) and **unit of study details in the unit outline** provided to you at the start of each unit and continue to check for changes throughout the semester.

BACHELOR OF LAW COMBINED DEGREE

As an LLB student, you will generally study one to two law subjects every semester in the first three years of your degree (in addition to Legal Research), with the majority of your subjects derived from your other degree in Arts, Commerce, Economics, Engineering or Science. However, combining it with Law may affect the flexibility of your degree progression and lots of opportunities are available even after you've chosen your degree. As such, it's super important to plan ahead!

What is a credit point?

A credit point is just how the study load of a unit is measured. Most units are generally 3 or 6 credit points (however, most Open Learning Environment units (OLE) are 2 credit points), and the standard full-time load is 24 credit points a semester (around 4 units of study).

What is a major/minor?

Majors and minors are your specialised areas of study in your non-law degree. They are a group of units that help you develop a depth of expertise in one academic discipline. Majors are your primary focus, whilst Minors are the secondary focus e.g. Marketing, Biology or Chinese Studies. For more information on Majors and Minors, check out the [Sydney University Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook 2021 - About Majors and Minors](#).

Bachelor of Laws Combined Degree Progression

To make degree-planning easier, we've included sample degree progression guides for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws students in the Appendix. When filling it out, make sure you include:

- Compulsory core units (e.g. BUSS1000 and BUSS2000 for Bachelor of Commerce; or minimum mathematics and junior units for Bachelor of Science)
- Your Major's Introductory units (usually 1000-level units) - usually completed in your first year
- Your Major's other units (usually

2000- or 3000-level units)

- OLEs (from Table O)
- Dalyell Scholars units (from Table D, if you are undertaking that program)

TIP

If you're going on exchange, be sure to double check the necessary requirements for degree progression as it may differ for you.

NOTE

Your non-Law degree typically requires you to take a minimum number of intermediate or senior units (2000 or 3000-level units), so make sure you fulfil those requirements! Although it is not essential to select second- or third-year electives in the first year of your degree, it is important to allocate space in your progression for these units. For all the course rules and details, check out the Sydney University Handbooks 2021.

Check out the **SULS Education Guide** on suls.org.au/publications for more information on credit points and degree progression.

JURIS DOCTOR

Whether you are commencing your study in-person or remotely due to the pandemic, you'll be immersed into as much law as you can handle from the outset. The Sydney JD program develops your analysis, research, writing and advocacy skills through a focus on international, comparative and transnational aspects of law. For more information on the course, please see [Juris Doctor](#).

Juris Doctor Degree Progression

The JD consists of 144 credit points or 24 units of study in total. Each unit is worth 6 credit points. Check out the appendix for an empty full-time JD degree planner

- Refer to the Handbook for more updated and accurate information on requirements for degree progression and electives: Juris Doctor - Sydney Law School.
- You may select Master's units of study as electives, but they must not exceed a total of 24 credit points (i.e. 4 subjects)

- From Year 2 Semester 2 (full-time) or Year 4 Semester 2 (part-time), you may be able to swap one core unit for an elective, and choose to complete the core subject later on in your degree.

Juris Doctor Progression (Full-time)

All full-time JD students will complete Foundations of Law (LAWS5000) on an intensive two-week basis prior to your first semester at Sydney Law School. You are also required to complete Legal Research (although 0 credit points) in your first year, in order to complete your degree. On the next page is a typical example of a degree progression for a full time JD student, undertaking a total of 48 credit points per year.

COVID-19 update: You may be able to undertake 3 units of study per semester, but remain on a full-time load. Contact the Law School academic advisor to discuss your study options

YEAR 1

SEM 1	Foundations of Law	Torts	Contracts	Criminal & Civil Procedure	Legal Research
SEM 2	Criminal Law	Torts & Contracts II	Public International Law	Public Law	

YEAR 2

SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	

YEAR 3

SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

Juris Doctor Progression (Part-time)

Part-time JD students will study Foundations of Law (LAWS5000) for the entirety of Semester 1. Below is a typical example of a degree progression for a part-time JD student undertaking 4 units of study per year.

NOTE

You must pass all Year 1 and 2 core units of study before proceeding to Year 3, and you may not enrol in more than two electives in Year 4.

YEAR 1			
SEM 1	Foundations of Law	Torts	Legal Research
SEM 2	Public International Law	Public Law	
YEAR 2			
SEM 1	Civil & Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Criminal Law	Torts & Contracts II	
YEAR 3			
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Evidence	
YEAR 4			
SEM 1	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Equity	Real Property	
YEAR 5			
SEM 1	Private International Law	Elective Unit	
SEM 2	Elective Unit	Elective Unit	
YEAR 6			
SEM 1	Elective Unit	Elective Unit	
SEM 2	Elective Unit	Elective Unit	

What happens if I fail a unit?

FAILING AN ASSESSMENT OR UNIT

What can I do if I fail a unit?

You should always consult Law School after failing a unit for advice on the best course of action to minimise disruption to your degree progression. You may want to consider repeating the unit in Summer or Winter School so as to avoid extending your degree, but note that you will still be required to pay for the unit despite failing it, and the costs of repeating the same unit.

NOTE

There may be changes to availability of Summer/Winter School in the future i.e. cancellation of Summer School 2020-2021, so be sure to check for updates with Law School.

MAKE AN ACADEMIC APPEAL

See Appeals Process.

CHECK COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE RESOLUTIONS IN YOUR COURSE HANDBOOK

Make sure you enrol in units of study that meet your course requirement

International Students

If you're not meeting your course requirements, the University is required to notify the Department of Home Affairs. This may have an affect on your student visa status

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Law Academic Advisor
Undergraduate:
law.professional@sydney.edu.au
Postgraduate:
law.postgraduate@sydney.edu.au

- Counselling & Psychological Services
- SRC (undergraduate) - Caseworker Help service
- SUPRA (postgraduate) - Student Advice and Advocacy Officer Service

For more information, please visit [Staying on Track with your studies.](#)

What happens if I make Unsatisfactory Academic Progress?

UNSATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

You are not meeting academic progression requirements if:

- Semester average mark is <50%
- Failing the same unit twice
- Failing a compulsory/core unit
- Receive a Fail, Discontinue-fail or Absent-fail grade more than 50% of the credit points you're enrolled in for the semester

CONSEQUENCES

Receive a Faculty email, notifying you that you've been placed on the academic register, where your progress is monitored and provided support through the Staying on Track program

STAYING ON TRACK PROGRAM

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU'LL MEET THE ACADEMIC PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS DURING THE SEMESTER, CONSIDER:

- Withdrawing from a unit before census date
- Withdrawing before the Discontinue not to count as failure date (DC) which does not affect your academic progression
- Reducing your course load to part-time study
- Connecting with Learning Centre or CAPS
- If you're an international student, withdrawing might not be an option due to visa requirements. Contact your faculty to discuss your study options

ACADEMIC TIPS AND ADVICE

Here are some tips in the core subjects you will be studying in your first year.



the SULLS office.

More tips and advice can be found in the SULLS Education Guide on suls.org.au/publications or grab a hard copy at

LAW1006/LAW5000 Foundations of Law

'Foundies' gives an overview of the history of the legal system in Australia, which has been heavily influenced by British Colonialism, Aboriginal customary law, the Constitution and international human rights.

TIPS:

- Use sticky notes and highlighters as you read the textbook and reader because those quotes and sources can be very helpful in your assignments.
- Practice identifying the ratio decidendi in case law judgments as well as interpreting statutes—this will be helpful in future law subjects.
- Be committed to the unit and make sure you go to the lectures and tutorials. Foundies is a wonderful way to start meeting people in your cohort!
- The reader is huge and don't beat yourself up if you don't get through the whole thing.

LAW1012/LAW5001 Torts

Torts introduces liability for civil wrongs. It goes through elements of intentional torts, action on the case, the tort of negligence, compensation

to third parties and vicarious, joint and several liabilities.

TIPS:

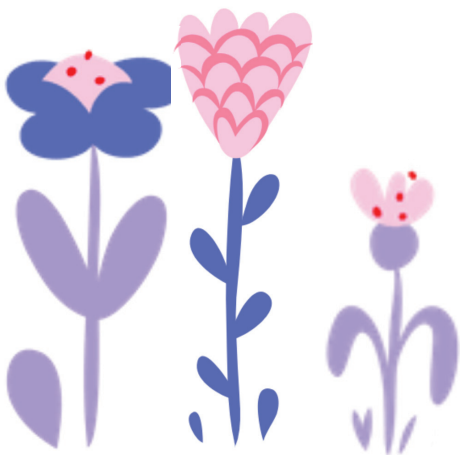
- Notes - Note down the key facts and ratio decidendi in every case; create mind maps of the law as well as scaffolds. Keep the 'big picture' of the course in mind when structuring your notes.
- Assessments are mostly based on answering problem questions – that is, the application of legal principles to often complex and lengthy factual scenarios. This is where scaffolds come in handy.
- Facts can be quite complex and involve multiple parties. Make sure you draw clear flow-charts of what's happening to whom to help understand the problem question.
- There are a lot of cases in Torts, so make sure you're revising across the semester and keeping your memory of the content fresh!

LAW1015/LAW5002 Contracts

Contracts refer to binding agreements with a legal obligation. This unit provides the legal background in the creation, terms, performance, breach and discharge of a contract.

TIPS:

- There are many differences in opinion on rules of law according to different judges or courts.
- Distinguish yourself in your written answers by showcasing the diversity of opinion, choose one stance and justify why you've chosen it.



- In lectures, pay attention to the commentary your lecturer provides. It is often useful for how to organise your answers and knowing which cases are more important.

LAWS1014/LAWS5003 Civil and Criminal Procedure

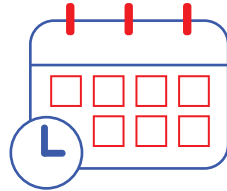
CCP explains how to commence civil and criminal actions, case management, gathering evidence and rules of privileges, as well as police powers, bail and sentencing.

TIPS:

- This unit features an open book final exam which means notes must be concise and orderly.
- The Civil and Criminal parts of the unit are quite different, so it's worth assembling a separate folder for each.
- For Civil, summarise the contents of the various Acts and the circumstances in which appeals are possible (preferably in a table form).
- As you progress, don't forget to note down the section numbers and case names.

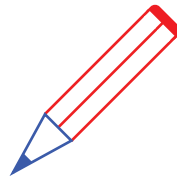
General Assessment Advice

Assessments in the Law School comprise of take-home assignments and exams.



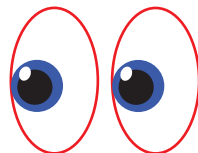
Know your due dates

Especially first year JD students who will be managing a full-time load entirely within the Law Faculty! Generally, there is a mid-semester block of assessments, and then the final examination period. Ensure that you plan to accommodate for any clashes early enough in the semester.



Never too early to start

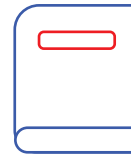
Don't wait until you "learn more content" to start mid-semester assignments, or a more "appropriate" time in the semester to start your exam notes. You are always able to read ahead to gain more knowledge, and the more work you do now, the less work you have to do later.



Review, review, review

Going over your work (whether with your own eyes or asking a friend) will also give you a better idea of whether you have structured and expressed your knowledge in an effective way.

NOTE: Be aware of the University's policy on Academic Honesty when discussing assessment work with a friend. For more information, please see [Academic dishonesty and plagiarism](#).



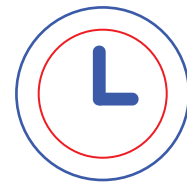
Practice makes perfect

The way that law is applied as knowledge is quite unique, and the most effective way to develop them is actively applying these skills. Competitions such as moots are a different, interactive way of developing these skills beyond past exams and practice problem questions.



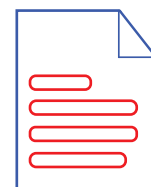
Word Count

Make sure you stick to any word count restrictions! Law School is not as generous as the other Faculties, so your assignment/exam will not be read beyond the specified word limit. You may also be penalised for going over the specified word limit e.g. 10% penalisation for every 100 words over.



Deadline

Unless you obtain an extension, the Law School will generally enforce a 10% penalty (or 20% penalty depending on the assessment) for each day you submit an assignment late (be aware of the 11:59 deadlines as even 12:00 will result in the deduction).



Set aside enough time to check your work

Set aside a good amount of time to edit your work so that you can iron out mistakes and improve content. You don't want to lose marks on small things like punctuation, grammar and referencing! NOTE: AGLC has different requirements depending on what you're citing.

Essays

Essays involve crafting a sophisticated argument in relation to an often ambiguous area of law. As you have been given time to prepare in an assignment, you are expected to extensively research the law by reading, citing and even quoting from cases and journals.

A good first step is analysing the question and finding instructive keywords which hint at the marker's expectations. Take-home essays often involve research in areas that may not be covered in class so considerable research is necessary to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge on the topic. As you conduct your research and familiarise yourself with the major cases and their judgments (including dissenting judgments), consider the arguments that you want to pursue and prioritise them by strength.

Your essay should be structured to include:

- **Introduction** (addressing the question asked with an overarching thesis and providing a roadmap or overview for your essay)
- **Body** (providing your arguments – it is imperative to reference cases, legislation and readings in every paragraph and link them back to your thesis statement)
- **Conclusion** (where you restate your thesis and succinctly summarise your arguments)

TIP

Reference as you go so that you can add pinpoints, and make sure to use the latest version of the AGLC (see the section on Referencing in this guide).

Problem Questions

Problem questions involve applying the law to a set of facts. To start, you should read the problem several

times and pick out key facts linking to principles of law. Remember to identify the material facts - examiners can be tricky and put in red herrings. However, be wary as most facts in problem questions are not put there for no reason. For take home problem questions, ensure that you read the relevant cases as thoroughly as possible and consider the reasoning of both the majority and dissenting judgments.

What is IRAC?

Most lecturers recommend that you follow the IRAC acronym (Issue, Rule, Application and Conclusion) for each legal point, but it is vital to also include the authority for the rule (usually an important case which considers the principle or legislation).

- Use headings and identify the parties involved (e.g. *Smith v Blue*) – note headings should comply with Australian Guide to Legal Citation page 34, r [1.12].
- Don't invent facts or repeat them unnecessarily in your analysis – use what you have been given.
- Raise all the issues but allocate sufficient space depending on their importance and contention.
- Note dissenting judgments with 'Cf' or 'Contra' because this demonstrates an in-depth understanding (but do not do this too often as your word count is limited) – see Australian Guide to Legal Citation page 7, r [1.2].
- Briefly note the consequences if you reach a different conclusion (e.g. "if I am wrong and causation is satisfied...")

Case Notes

Case notes involve summarising or analysing a court's judgment. These assessments focus on your ability to understand legal material and pick out the most important elements. Thus, a comprehensive understanding is required of the case.

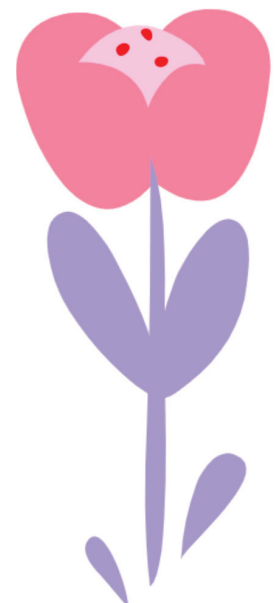
Make sure you understand the difference between ratio decidendi and biter dictum, and summarise the judicial officer's reasons. Whilst it may be easy to use words or phrases from the court's judgment, it is important that you use your

own words to demonstrate your understanding. It may be helpful to understand the procedural history and read the judgments of the courts below (if there are any) to get a grasp of the matter. It may also be useful to consider policy considerations and the social factors at the time which may have potentially influenced the Judges' ruling.

Exams

Law exams are very intense as you are expected to push out quite a bit of information and knowledge within a very limited period of time. You will develop a study routine that will work best for you - there are no hard and fast rules as to how much you must study every day. However, we do have some general advice below that may be helpful for first-years adjusting to legal examinations.

For more information on exams, check out the SULLS Education Guide at suls.org.au/publications and the Sydney University's website on [Exams](#).



TIP

Always a good idea to review your assessment tasks for feedback so you know where to improve for next time. If it is an assignment, you will be notified on Canvas when your assignment mark and feedback is released. If it is an examination, you need to submit an Exam Script Request at <https://bit.ly/2HprZbo> after your mark has been released.

More pain during semester, more gain during exams

The more conscious time spent with legal content, especially during semester, the better you will perform. Though it's tempting to say that "I'll catch up later because I have time coming up to exams," it is almost never the case. Diligently compiling your examination notes means further time to review them, and therefore ensuring that they are accurate and useful.

Use reading & writing time effectively

- Exams will generally provide a short period of reading time (where you will probably be allowed to plan out your responses on the examination paper/your own paper), followed by a longer period of writing time.
- Use this opportunity to carefully read the paper and its questions carefully; marks are easily lost through mundane carelessness such as getting the name of a party wrong on the facts.
- Is it a problem question, or is it an essay response? Depending on the type of question, your response will need to be planned and constructed differently.

- Allocate writing time to each question/section of the exam according to how many marks they are worth, not how long you think it would take to answer the question fully.
- Sketch the structure of your long responses in reading time so that you may keep yourself on track during writing time.

Closed-book Exams

Most of you would be familiar with the "closed-book" exam format, which heavily relies on content memorisation. Lecturers may provide a case list and/or statutes within the exam itself, and this may be made known to students beforehand. If provided, take the opportunity to use that list as the outer limits of the subject that you will need to familiarise yourself with. Doing practice exams and problem questions repeatedly will help you recall important issues, which will aid with constructing a response within a time-pressured environment.

Open-book Exams (Online/In-person)

Open-book exams are self-explanatory. Generally, you will be able to use your own materials during the exam (subject to conditions depending upon the unit of study), whether you're sitting for it online or in-person.

First year law students may sometimes get lulled into a false sense of security and rely upon their notes too much, rather than committing the subject content to memory. Make sure your exam notes are concise and well-structured, and that you know where information is placed within your notes when you spot issues/questions within the exam. It is very discouraging during the course of the exam to lose track of where your content is, then have to burn time





Referencing

You can find the common rules in the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (AGLC). The latest edition is the AGLC 4th Edition which can be accessed at [AGLC4 - download](#). We've listed below some quick tips on citations!

within the exam to find it. Keeping in mind of the limited tablespace during the actual physical exam, so make your notes as accessible and convenient as possible.

With *online open-book exams* becoming a norm in the online learning environment, here's a quick overview on how they are generally run:

- Exams are typically released on Canvas at the specified exam-release time (NOTE: check unit of study exam cover sheet released prior to the exam date).
- Download the pdf of the exam.
- Complete the assessment within the specific time-limit (NOTE: You need to submit before the deadline to not be listed as LATE by Canvas i.e. If the deadline is at 12:00pm, you should submit by 11:59:59 am).
- Upload your exam answer in word document format onto the specified Canvas exam site.

Take-home Exams

These are exams where you are given a certain period (generally around a week) to complete the exam "at home", rather than in a formal setting. Again, the extra time may lull students into a false sense of security; however, you should prepare for these exams as you would for other exams, as there will be no time to revise content during the "writing" period. Read the details of the examination carefully, as they may also incorporate elements of research alongside a problem question, and they will most likely need to be referenced according to the Australian Guide to Legal Citation, unlike formal exams

A Quick Guide to AGLC4

Rules about...	Found at...
Footnotes	Page 1, r [1.1]
Citing subsequent references	Page 9, r [1.4]
Quoting Passages	Page 15, r [1.5]
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Bibliographies	Page 35, r [1.13]
Cases (General)	Page 39, r [2]
Cases (Pinpoint referencing)	Page 52, r [2.2.5]
Cases (Identifying judicial officers)	Page 58, r [2.4]
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Books	Page 98, r [6]
Speeches	Page 113, r [7.3]
Internet materials	Page 130, r [7.15]
Treaties	Page 133, r [8]
UK Cases	Page 251, r [24.1]

TIP

Remind your housemates, friends, family to not interrupt you during the exam and to stay off the internet.

If something happens and you're unable to complete your exam, you will be able to apply for Special consideration.

TIP

Conduct a final check of your exam set-up i.e. equipment is set up correctly, restart your computer and close any unnecessary programs.

Find a quiet space to sit the online exam.

Citing the Constitution

See AGLC4, page 76, r [3.6]

Examples:

Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 (Imp) 63 & 64 Vict, c 12, s 9.

Australian Constitution s 51 (ii).

Constitution.

- Using any one of the above is acceptable provided that there is no ambiguity about which constitution is being cited (think about your word count!).
- Pinpoint references are the same as for legislation below (e.g. Constitution s 51(xx)).

Citing Legislation

See AGLC4, page 67, r [3.1]

Title Year (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint.

Examples:

Civil Liability Act 2003 (NSW) s 3(1)(a).

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) s 223(1).

- Note that the year is italicised but the jurisdiction is not (not Crimes Act 1900 (NSW))
- For jurisdiction, 'Cth' for Acts passed by the Commonwealth Parliament, 'NSW' for the New South Wales Parliament.
- Pinpoint references should comprise an abbreviation of a designation and a number, separated by a space (not s.45 nor s45).
- Subsections should be placed in parentheses immediately following the section number without a space (not s 21 (2)).

Citing Cases

See AGLC4, page 39, r [2]

Case Name (Year) Volume Law Report Series Starting Page, Pinpoint.

Examples:

Mabo v Queensland (No 1) (1988) 166 CLR 186, 216 (Brennan, Toohey and Gaudron JJ).

Hollis v Vabu Pty Ltd (2001) 207 CLR 21, 37 [35].

- This is the general rule for citing the Commonwealth Law Reports (for High Court), New South Wales Law Reports (for Supreme Court of NSW) and Federal Court Reports (for Federal Court). Note that referencing may be different for reports from other states or international jurisdictions.
- If the plaintiff or defendant are people, only include their surnames.
- It is optional to include the judicial officer/s' names. If you do, write the judicial officer/s' surname and then an abbreviation e.g. (Gageler J). See AGLC4 page 59 for all abbreviations. The first example shows how joint judgments are cited e.g. (Brennan, Toohey and Gaudron JJ).
- Note, the old (and incorrect) format looked like this: *Mabo v Queensland (No 1)* (1988) 166 CLR 186 at 216 per Brennan, Toohey and Gaudron JJ. AGLC4 does not use 'at' or 'per' in citing cases.

Citing Journal Articles

See AGLC4, page 91, r [5]

Author, 'Title' (Year) Volume Journal Title Starting Page, Pinpoint.

Examples:

Justice Michael McHugh, 'The Judicial Method' (1999) 73 *Australian Law Journal* 37, 41.

George Williams, 'High Court Appointments: The Need for Reform' (2008) 30 *Sydney Law Review* 161.

You need to cite the full title of the journal (e.g. not ALJ for Australian Law Journal).

TIP

There are often many versions of a major case and hence many different citations for it. As a rule of thumb, it's best to cite the most authoritative version, which is usually an authorised report, e.g. CLR for the High Court and NSWLR for the Supreme Court of NSW. To read up more on this go to page 54, r [2.2.7], in the AGLC4 guide.

ONLINE LEARNING

The pandemic brought a lot of changes to Sydney Law School, most prominently, the switch to online classes.



Sydney Law School, however, luckily, has been able to adopt a hybrid of online and offline components to account for its students' needs. Your first semester may be all online, offline, or a mix of the two, but chances are, you will need to be familiar with accessing online learning materials.

Class Structure

Lectures: Currently, given the health situation, the Sydney Law School will most likely be offering all its lectures online via recordings. You can access your weekly lecture recordings on Canvas (see below), and you will be expected to have watched them before your tutorial/seminar. Be sure to check your unit of study outline to ensure you are watching the lectures corresponding to the week its content is covered in class. It should be noted that some lectures are live, meaning you will have to enter the Zoom Call at a particular time, with a link supplied by Canvas/email to watch the lecture.

Tutorials/Seminars: When timetabling begins, you will most likely be given the choice of online or offline tutorials/seminars. The Sydney Law School offers online classes to those affected by international time variances and people with health or accessibility issues. If you choose to take an online class, your tutor will communicate a Zoom Link (through Canvas or email) which you must access on time every week. You are expected to participate as if in an offline class.

Canvas

Canvas is your online portal as a USYD student that will give you access to all

your class resources, including your online lecture recordings, discussion groups, unit of study outlines and readings. It is also where online exams take place, and where you will submit your assignments. It is accessible at <https://canvas.sydney.edu.au/>



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Zoom

Zoom is USYD's primary video conferencing program used to access all online classes and live lectures. To access an online class, you must first download Zoom from the links provided [here](#). Then login to Zoom with your USYD student email address. Some online classes will prevent access from private accounts. Then click the Zoom link provided by your course coordinator/tutor which should automatically open up Zoom in your class.

Participating in Class

Zoom provides a variety of functions that tutors will use to help facilitate learning and participation. A chat box enables you to send files and text both to the class and privately to particular class members. The chat box also enables you to vote (yes/no) and 'raise your hand' to signal to tutor.

Break Out Groups

Sometimes, the tutor will send you into 'breakout groups' which exits you from the main class and places the class members into random groups. This allows more discussion amongst peers and is often a great way to meet new people!



CLASS PREPARATION AND LECTURE NOTES



How do I make the most out of my classes?

Prepare! Reading will form a large part of your legal education and your career, should you choose to enter the profession. The reading lists in law can be substantially longer than any other discipline; despite this, it is a good idea to at least read one week ahead so that the material is not completely unfamiliar when you try to learn it in class. If you have a tutorial, try to prepare responses to problem questions so you can make the most of the class and contribute to earn your class participation marks.

Turn up! Missing even one class means that you lose guidance on substantial amounts of content. Lecture recordings may be provided but it is always better putting in the hard yards as you go rather than trying to learn enormous volumes of content in one hit. Check the attendance requirements for each law subject; failure to fulfill this for any subject may result in an Absent Fail.

Contribute! It might feel incredibly intimidating to put your hand up in class to answer a question, but know that your tutors, lecturers and friends are always there to guide and support you. Don't feel nervous about giving a wrong answer, because you'll get to the right one eventually. If you have prepared adequately for a class, you should be confident that it is apparent in your contributions.

But the reading list for each subject looks enormous, do I need to read everything?

“Reading everything” listed within a Unit of Study outline is an unrealistic bar to set at Law School, and a quick road to frustration. There are always *starred or **bolded** cases/legislation on your reading lists - this generally means that they are required to understand the fundamental concepts of the course.

As a starting point, reviewing a textbook chapter or required cases prior to a class on new content will help familiarise yourself with the issues and legal principles. If there is a particular area that interests you after class, or you think an issue may be particularly pertinent to an assessment, there is always “further reading” listed in the Unit of Study Outline for you to peruse. Further reading would definitely enrich your Law School learning, but be judicious so that you don't become overwhelmed.

How should I structure my notes to make the most out of lectures and classes?

Firstly, you must attempt to make your own notes. It is perfectly acceptable to view others' notes as guidance, but your understanding will never develop well enough if you do not work to grasp the actual concepts and knowledge contained. Additionally, the law changes faster than you'd think, rendering notes produced in previous years erroneous.

As we are studying common law, most of your reading will comprise of cases.

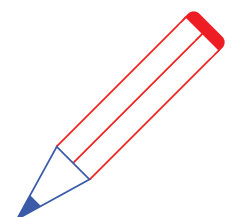
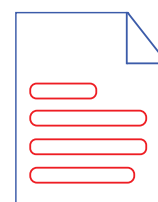
Learning how to effectively write a case note will help you bring structure to your notes, and understand key legal principles and concepts. For more details on effective note-taking, please see the section above, or consult SULLS Education Guide at www.sulls.org.au/education-guide/

There is just so much content for Law, how do I make sure I'm learning it all properly?

Assessments at Law School are largely problem-based - therefore, doing practice questions and past exams will give a very good indication of your capacity to apply your knowledge. Some tutors will also offer to mark problem question responses, which provides a good indicator of your learning progress.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are also a great forum for you to review knowledge gained in class with fellow students. See more about it on page 30.

SULLS also runs a “Law School Basics” series throughout Semester 1, a Q&A panel aimed at covering the fundamental skills required of first year students. They comprise of lecturers and outstanding students who cover a range of topics from study





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technique, to essay writing, to exam technique. We highly recommend attending these sessions - they have received excellent feedback from students in the past! If you cannot physically attend, past workshops are also recorded and available on the SALS website.

SALS also provides Soft Skills Workshops which will supplement the Law School Basics series. These will deliver a stronger focus on personal development and student wellbeing and aim to equip first year students with the necessary confidence to succeed within and beyond Law School! Keep an eye out on the SALS Facebook for further details!

Outside of these programs, you will most likely find it helpful to work through materials with others, rather than individually. You would be surprised how much you might develop your legal knowledge through a 15 minute conversation with your friends.



Academic Honesty

The University of Sydney views academic honesty as a cornerstone of academic excellence, so it is essential that you ensure your work is original and reflective of your own efforts. The University defines academic dishonesty as “any dishonest or unfair action that you take to gain academic advantage”, including assisting others to do so. Depending on the severity of the misconduct, the University can apply sanctions such as recording a lower mark or a fail for that subject, or exclusion from your course.

You will be required by the University to complete an “Academic Honesty” module online on the University’s learning platform, Canvas. This is generally due within the first half of the first semester of your degree, but please check your Canvas account for exact information. You must complete this module in order to receive your results and fulfil the requirements of your degree.

As law students, not only are there academic penalties for misconduct, but also professional consequences. You will hear of graduates who are barred from admission to their respective legal boards due to academic dishonesty in the course of their degree. For more information on these forms of academic dishonesty, please see bit.ly/2DoWYie.

If you are notified that you have been found liable for academic misconduct, you may seek free assistance from caseworkers working with the Students’ Representative Council (SRC) (for Combined LLB students), or the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA) (for Juris Doctor students). If your matter relates to misconduct and you wish to appeal such a decision, see bit.ly/2t9UCj3. If your matter is being dealt with as an academic decision, there is guidance over the page.

PASS

Peer Assisted Study Sessions

TIP

While JD students are encouraged to join PASS for the units they are enrolled in, it should be noted that there may be mismatch in the content being taught due to the variance in teaching speed of a JD compared to an LLB.

PASS is a program that aims to facilitate learning and discussion of certain units amongst fellow students. By providing a more informal environment of your peers and an older student mentor, PASS is an excellent way to practice and develop your skills. With smaller classes than seminars and tutorials, PASS gives law students opportunities to participate, ask questions and discuss content that may not be as accessible in formal classes. Each

week's session generally covers and revises the content covered in class the previous week.

PASS runs for one hour each week and is currently provided online. It is offered for most core law units. If you are completing an eligible course, at the beginning of the semester you will receive an email inviting you to register for a session. However, as spots do fill up fast, it is best to register as soon as you can [here](#).

For more details on the PASS program, including registration and subject details, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/pass.html>.

APPEALS

You have the right to fair academic decision-making (these include marks, grades, special consideration decisions, being excluded from an award course etc) in your studies, but at times it may not feel that way. If you feel that this has been the case, you can appeal that decision.

When you are considering appealing, note:

- There is a common formal policy and framework across the

University (this is the *University of Sydney (Student Appeals Against Academic Decisions) Rule 2006*) but each faculty may have different processes for the first and second levels.

- Deadlines are generally very strict and extensions to appeals may not be given.
- If you are successful, your mark may be changed and it can be higher or lower than your original mark.

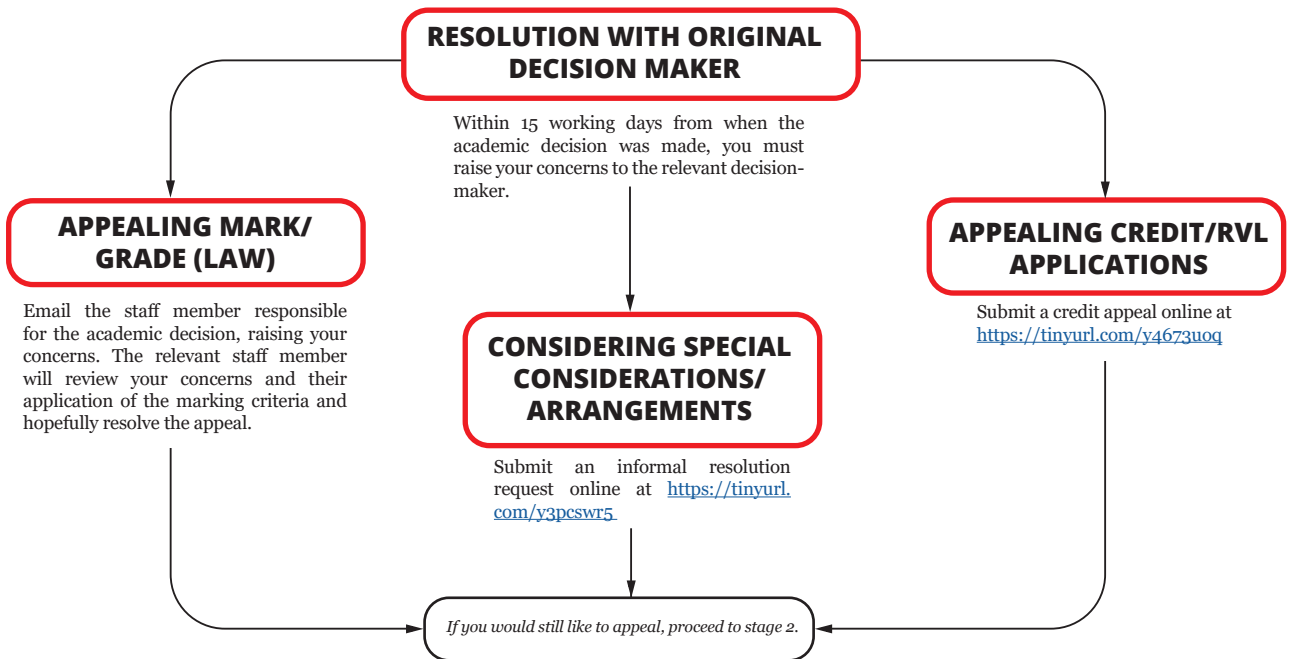
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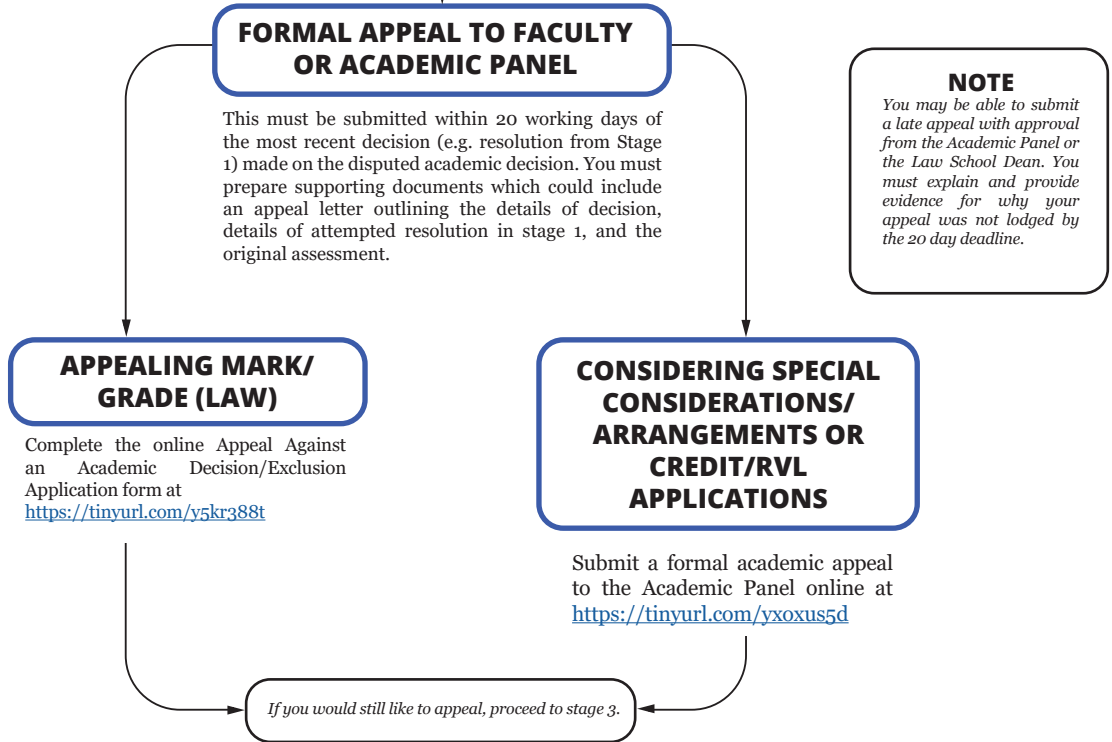
- You need to submit all relevant documentation as soon as possible and before the due dates as further evidence may not be accepted in later stages.
- You should utilise free advice from the SRC (for undergraduate students) or SUPRA (for postgraduate students). If you appeal to the Student Appeals Body, there will be a hearing and you are permitted to bring a representative from these student organisations or your own support person (such as a parent, or friend) to the hearing.



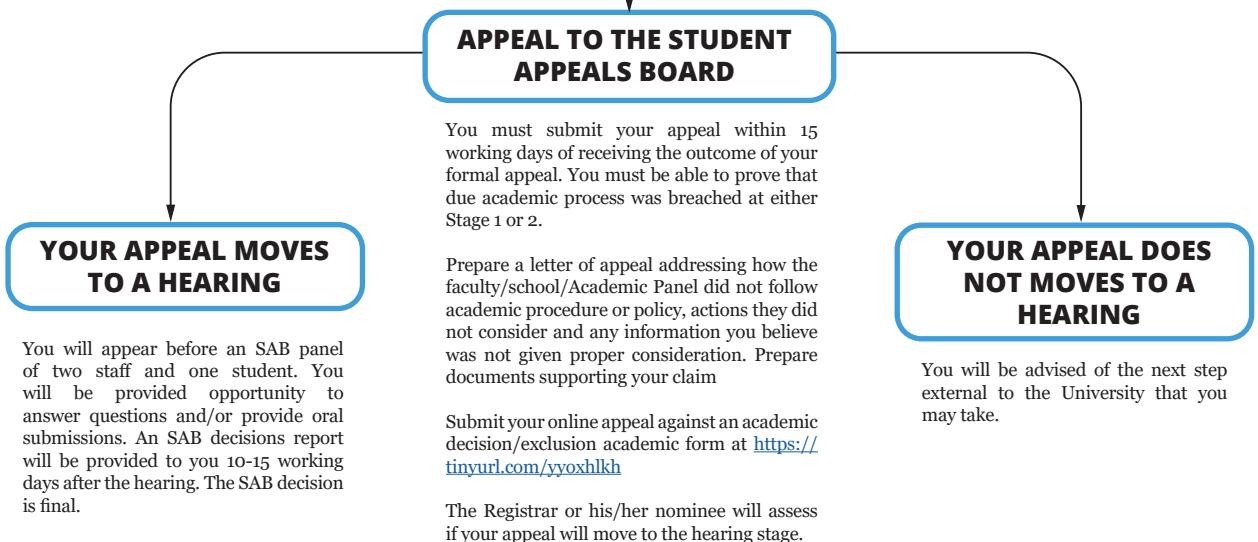
STAGE 1



STAGE 2



STAGE 3



CO-CURRICULARS



How do I have fun whilst I'm at Law School?

Studying law also opens doors to a lot of interesting co-curriculars to fill up your spare time. There is a large variety of events and competitions you can join throughout the year to help you meet new people and develop your professional skills. Keep an eye on the SULLS Facebook Page and email newsletters to new opportunities.



Join SULLS

All law students are welcome to become a SULLS member for free. By joining, you can engage in your law school community beyond your academics. <https://www.sulls.org.au/register>

Meet friends at LLB Law Camp

If not stopped by COVID restrictions, the LLB Law Camp will run in early Semester 1. Filled with fun parties, competitions, and games, it's a great opportunity to socialise and meet the people you will be studying with you for the next five years of your life. Tickets are limited so make sure you book early!

"Ahhhhh first year SULLS camp. A time when first year law students get the opportunity to 'let loose'. It felt surprisingly similar to a high school camp, only that now there was alcohol on offer and there weren't any teachers. One of the highlights of camp were the group discussions where we talked about gender representation in law as well as imposter syndrome. After a day packed with group activities, from the classic tug of war to fun scavenger hunts, the night is set aside for partying. We danced till late, but as the music wound down we stumbled back to our cabins. There is nothing like drunken chats and waking up to the sound of a bush turkey squawking to bond people. I walked away from SULLS camp with some of my closest friends as well as a broader idea of what law school has in store for me, and for that I am grateful."

Law Camp 2018



Isla Mowbray,
LLB II, LLB Law
Camp Participant
2019

Have some drinks at JD I Drinks

Occurring in the first weeks of Semester 1, JD I drinks (+ canapes!) provides an opportunity for entering JD students to get to know their cohort. This is one of the first informal social opportunities to interact with fellow students outside of an intense first few weeks of Foundations. Check the SALS Facebook page for updates and details on purchasing tickets!

Dance all night at Law Ball

The Law Ball is the biggest event of the SALS social calendar, generally held towards the end of September. The Society hosts over 850 guests for a themed gala with a sit-down meal, bar tab and, of course, a dance floor! Tickets will be available at

the beginning of Semester 2 - it is encouraged that you arrange for tables of 10.

Get active with SALS sport

SALS Sport is an awesome way to keep active, engage in healthy competition and make lasting friends! Everyone is welcome to enter interfaculty sport with SALS every Wednesday, with a different sport featured each week. Activities like Fitness Club and intervarsity competitions offer something new for students of all sporting abilities. Keep an eye out on Facebook, Instagram and in the SALS Weekly!

Join or watch the Law Revue

Law Revue is the annual showcase of our law students talented in performing arts, featuring satirical comedy sketches, song and dance in a stage performance. Auditions and rehearsals for revue will generally occur during Semester 1. "Revue season", when each revue per faculty/collective is performed, starts towards the end of Semester 1, and into Semester 2. For more information, stay tuned to the Law Revue Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sydneylawrevue/



Join a society

SALS is only one of 200+ societies on campus, all supported by the University of Sydney Union (USU). Clubs and societies often run events such as camps, competitions and barbecues and hence are a fantastic way to meet friends from all degrees and feel part of a community. During Welcome Fest, most clubs and societies set up stands around Eastern Avenue and the Quadrangle. You can sign up, link up on social media, collect freebies and find out about upcoming events and activities. For a comprehensive list, please see bit.ly/2ShcbvH.

Keep up with us!

With COVID, we can't predict the circumstances of the upcoming year but we are ready to adapt events for an active and vibrant law school community regardless of circumstances. By keeping up with SALS's social media you can access and stay tuned to all our upcoming events online or offline.

"I had left Sydney two months into the first term and have been doing online uni ever since. This last term has not been easy but here are some tips that have really helped me: Firstly, do not let your lectures pile up, set yourself deadlines for reviewing them (ideally by the week off). Secondly, keep yourself motivated! Chances are some friends from back

home are also stuck with online uni, meet them at coffee shops together and work, tell each other what your goals are for the day, and reward yourselves once you are done with a productive work session. Even during lockdown, work with friends on Zoom and mute yourselves while working! Thirdly, set yourself a routine. Online uni can get boring so make time for activities you enjoy. I find hiking/exercising in the morning extremely refreshing and has significantly increased my productivity. Fourthly, reduce distractions by setting yourself a good workspace if you are stuck at home and switch your phone off! Lastly, get used to the time difference (if any) and adjust your schedule accordingly, especially before your exams!!"

Jane Wong, LLBI

HOW CAN I DEVELOP MY SKILLS PROFESSIONALLY?



Attend a Careers Basics Seminar

The VP (Careers) at SULLS organises Careers Basics seminars throughout the year. Though these are aimed at JD II/LLB IV students, these are great opportunities to meet and ask questions to potential future employers, and find out when you can apply for their programs.

Take on an Executive Position in a Society

The University of Sydney has over 200 societies clubs and societies, catering for a myriad of interests. Some societies specifically run professional skill workshops or networking events with their sponsoring firms. Additionally, taking on responsibility in any society by becoming an executive member will help you demonstrate your leadership and management skills to employers. What you do and how much time you commit as an executive varies from society to society and your position. Most societies have at least a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are thinking about becoming an executive, make sure to attend society events and get to know the current executive members, who can tell you more about how they got the position.

Join a SULLS Committee

Being on a SULLS Committee is a great way to not only give back to the society, but to develop your time management, communication and teamwork skills. SULLS runs a number

of committees under their various portfolios, so pick one that interests you! For more details on how to apply, look out for the Intro to SULLS Handbook online or at the SULLS Office, and keep your eyes peeled for Facebook events. Make sure you sign up to become a SULLS member on our website suls.org.au.

TIP

USU membership (which is required for sign ups for clubs and societies) is free to [join](#). You can choose to opt into USU ACCESS Rewards for \$45, which gives you 10% off USU food and retail outlets and other assorted discounts.

"I'm someone who values and enjoys being a part of something. For the better part of my life, that had been high school. Finishing school, I was extremely excited to come to the University of Sydney, and embark on my law school journey. Being a first year, I didn't know many people, and felt a little lost in the crowd sweeping across campus. At orientation day, I stumbled across the SULLS stall, and signed up. This small decision has connected me to a range of amazing people, from fellow first years to fifth years. They all, like me, have a passion for community, yet all differ from me in their experiences and perspectives. Through this, SULLS has given me opportunities to make new friends, find support, and have fun in my law degree. Building on this,



I had the privilege this year of being campus representative for LLB1, with a unique opportunity to attempt to foster a community environment within my new cohort. Through some events and activities, tailored to the lockdown environment we found ourselves in like online zoom trivia nights, people in my cohort engaged and participated, helping to grow the now LLB2 community. Although people may feel awkward or overwhelmed at first, I can confidently say that joining SULS has opened the door to new friendships, experiences, study tips, and formed the foundation of my university experience."



Mikey Glover,
LLB I Campus
Representative

Compete in a Competition

Competitions are a fantastic way to apply your accumulated legal knowledge as well as develop advantageous skills for your career. Participating in competitions is a great complement to academic results, demonstrating to employers that you not only understand legal theory but can put it into practice too. SULS coordinates the below competitions throughout the year, both internal and intervarsity. For more details, grab a copy of the Competitions Handbook or contact competitions@suls.org.au.

"I would encourage everyone to get involved in competitions, no matter which stage of their degree they're at! Not only do they challenge you to develop skills you use in your law degree, and later on if you decide to practice law, but they're an incredible opportunity to forge friendships with people of all cohorts across the law school. It can seem intimidating getting stuck into it, but there are so many beginner programs and resources, and so many friendly faces willing to help you out on your comps journey, so just get started!"



Caroline Xu,
LLB IV,
SULS Competitions
Director

(Winner of Sir John Peden Contract Law Moot 2020, SULS v Curtin University Negotiations Competition 2020, Semi-Finalist for Clayton Utz Junior Negotiations Competition 2020, judge for Women's Mooting Program 2020, Torts Moot 2020)

Mooting

In mooting, competitors are legal advocates arguing on a question of law in an appeals court. This competition develops your advocacy skills, particularly in a court context, and can help discover whether a career in practicing is for you. Even if you're not drawn to practicing however, mooting helps you hone skills such as thinking on your feet, solving legal problems questions, thorough preparation and formal presentation.

How do I get involved?

- Not sure where to start? Try our Introductory Mooting Program, a short 5 week crash course held in Semester 1, teaching you the essential skills to get ready for the First Year Moot!
- Find out if mooting is for you in our First Year Moot (Semester 2), a beginners moot exclusive to LLB1s and JD1s, centred around preliminary areas of tort law!
- For women, the Women's Mooting Program (Semester 2) is a beginner friendly moot which caters to all experience levels. It provides workshops over a four week period and ends with a competition. It is open to all female-identifying Sydney law school students.
- A JD student and want to jump the gun on your mooting career? Enter our beginners-level Torts Moot (Semester 1) and intermediate-level Herbert Smith Freehills Contracts Moot (Semester 2) to challenge yourself!

Negotiations

Negotiations tests competitors' teamwork and dispute resolution skills as they work in pairs to represent their client's interests and achieve a favourable outcome within two-party negotiations. Negotiations not only builds communication skills but fosters creative thinking and conflict resolution skills. Not only is it a highly valued skill in the workplace but also one practical for real life.

How do I get involved?

- Jump right into the Clayton Utz Negotiations Competition, running in both Semester 1 and 2! Open to all cohorts, this is our most popular skills competition!

Witness Examination

Competitors conduct witness examination-in-chief and cross-examination in this competition, being the most similar to Mock Trial. Quick thinking and adaptability is essential for this competition that focuses on asking the right questions and advancing a persuasive case theory.

How do I get involved?

- Get your 'Objection!' ready for the King & Wood Mallesons Witness Examination Competition running in Semester 1!

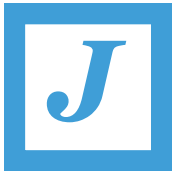
Client Interviewing

In this competition, competitors act as a team of two lawyers interviewing a potential client consulting their firm for the first time. Useful for both legal and non-legal pathways, this competition calls for acute analytical and interpersonal skills in order to win over and extract essential information from the client.

How do I get involved?

- Running in Semester 2, the Henry Davis York Client Interviewing Competition is the perfect way to get started!

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY?



Join a humanitarian/charitable society

Clubs and societies are a great way of socialising and making friends, but many societies also have a humanitarian, charitable or community focus. These societies are a great opportunity to gain volunteer experience and contribute to community services. For a comprehensive list.



Become a volunteer for the Community Legal Education Project

The Community Legal Education Project is a new SULLS initiative that provides young people from a disadvantaged background with basic legal knowledge and understanding of their rights. Student volunteers will attend high schools to deliver modules on topics such as police powers, drug use and employment rights. Opportunities to attend sessions will be posted periodically, and a compulsory training session is provided for all volunteers. More information will be posted on the website shortly.

Become a tutor for the Refugee Language Tutoring Program

The Refugee Language Tutoring Program was piloted in 2014, involving a group of 20-30 volunteers who work with refugees on campus to increase their English proficiency. The program operates throughout the year and involves a weekly commitment each Monday from 5-7pm. A compulsory training session is provided for all tutors. For more information, please visit the SULLS website: suls.org.au.

Become a mentor for the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme (JJMS)

The JJMS provides opportunities for law students to mentor residents at the Cobham Juvenile Justice centre. Participants engage in recreational and educational programs, and the scheme runs throughout both semesters and during both Winter and Summer breaks. For more information, please visit the SULLS website: suls.org.au.

Khanh on volunteering at the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme

“Over the course of my time at Sydney Law School, I have had the immense privilege to be involved in several community volunteering projects ranging from mentoring in the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme (JJMS) and a member of the Queer Portfolio. I sought these opportunities, first, out of a passion to learn about Australia’s approach to rehabilitation and the relational power of listening, relating to and peer mentoring with those outside

of my own social circle. Similarly, a drive to advocate for the queer community’s interests – given my own LGBTQ+ identity – was an overriding driver to my volunteering work with SULLS’ Queer Portfolio. Finally, I chose to volunteer as I knew that these opportunities afforded a chance to contribute, learn and grow that academia cannot easily afford owing to my interest in studying law being strongly premised on social justice concerns. Although the work involved in the past year with each of these communities differed, the chance to collaborate, brainstorm, and effect change with motivated, like-minded peers to queer equality and social inclusion for disadvantaged individuals remain the same. If you are considering it, I would strongly encourage everyone to get involved in a community of your interest, progress demands involvement and Law School is the perfect platform to do so!”



Khanh Tran,
LLB II

Get involved with the SULS Social Justice Committee

The SULS Social Justice Committee consists of a group of passionate students who are responsible for the coordination of events within SULS' social justice portfolio. It is suitable for students of all years looking to become more involved within the society and applications will open in Semester 1. For more information, see the Welcome to SULS handbook.

Become a mentor for Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME)

AIME is a nationwide program that offers support through tutor squads for high schools, in addition to running multiple program days a year. They have a significant presence of University of Sydney students, and in 2016 engaged over 6600 mentees. To get involved, please visit aimentoring.com/global/about.

Volunteer at Community Legal Centres (CLC)

Volunteering your time to a CLC is one of the most direct ways of contributing to your local community, whilst developing and building upon the skills that you will learn at Law School. There are CLCs in most regions of Sydney; law students from the University of Sydney tend to get involved with the Aboriginal Legal Service and the Redfern Legal Centre. However, as one of the only places offering free legal experience, be prepared for long wait times. For more information and the location of CLCs in your local area, please visit www.clcsw.org.au/.



Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme Mentors 2020

SERVICES



Getting support can be difficult since many programs and initiatives are not advertised well and can appear burdensome at first. This section will introduce you to some of the support services at the University so you can easily find help whenever you need.

FACULTY SUPPORT

The Law Faculty, along with the University, provides support in the form of online resources and peer mentoring programs, specifically designed to ease first year students into University.

For more information, please see [Sydney Law School - Student Support and Development](#).

Academic Support - Law School Advisers

If you are struggling with a particular unit of study, it is always encouraged that you communicate with your lecturer or tutor. However, you may also book a telephone

appointment with Law School Advisers for more comprehensive advice on complex degree-related issues which are not addressed by the University's Student Centre including questions in relation to degree progression. For more information, please see [Sydney Law Students - Enquiries](#).

The Learning Centre

Law School requires reading and writing skills at a higher than average level, and you may find that you would like to further develop these skills. [The Learning Centre](#) provides free resources targeted towards developing specific skills at different levels for your academic, communication, learning and research needs, whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate, doing research or coursework, of an English or non-English speaking background. The Learning Centre also offers individual consultations and runs free academic workshops online via Zoom. Visit [The Learning Centre](#) page for more information.



SULS EQUITY

Periods of financial hardship, illness or emotional difficulty is a harsh reality for many of us, especially in these pandemic times.



In recognition of this, SULS has a portfolio specifically dedicated to providing support and alleviating the

such pressures - the SULS Equity Portfolio.

What else does the Equity Portfolio do?

The Equity Portfolio produces the Student Support Services handbook which covers everything from obtaining financial assistance to seeking emotional support, from seeking help for mental illnesses to maintaining overall well-being, and from self-worth to dealing with discrimination. You can find it at suls.org.au or pick up a hard copy from our office.

The Equity Portfolio also runs the Equity Textbook Loan Scheme (ETLS) and the Equity Financial Grants Scheme (EFGS), find out how you can apply at [SULS - Equity Schemes](#).

I'd love to borrow a textbook! Tell me more about the Equity Textbook Loan Scheme (ETLS).

ETLS assists students by providing textbooks for core subjects each semester. You will be asked to demonstrate financial hardship for this to be available for you. If you are eligible, you will have access to textbooks for the entire semester, after providing a refundable deposit.

I'm having difficulty with expensive law school-related purchases (e.g. textbooks, stationery, competitions). Can I get financial help through the Equity Financial Grants Scheme (EFGS)?

EFGS aims to improve access to SULS events and other co-curricular activities for law students with demonstrated financial need, by providing monetary grants to these eligible students. Participation in competitions and events endorsed by the Law Faculty might therefore be made easier. Each EFGS grant is usually provided on a reimbursement basis and the maximum reimbursement value varies depending on the purpose of that grant e.g. up to the value of: \$50 for textbooks (including non-core textbooks); and \$100 for major ticketed events.

The Equity Officer is always happy to chat with you and how SULS may alleviate any financial or emotional hardships you are enduring. If you have any questions on the SULS Equity Schemes, don't hesitate to contact the Equity Officer for 2021, Eden McSheffrey (equity@suls.org.au).

SELF-CARE AS WELFARE

What are some issues that law students face?

'Everyone around me is so smart. I feel like I don't belong in law school.'

You're not alone. Many law students question whether they belong in law school as everyone appears to be extremely intelligent, or doubt that they are not worthy of their successes, putting it down to a fluke or pure luck. These feelings are known as Impostor Syndrome or what psychologists call the Impostor Phenomenon. It's important to recognise its extremely normal for you to experience these feelings as an estimated 70% of people at some point in their lives.

How to deal with Impostor Syndrome

1

Acknowledge those thoughts - One of the first steps of overcoming impostor feelings is to observe those thoughts and critically question: "Do these thoughts help me or only hold me back?"

2

Reframe your thoughts - Law students who don't feel like impostors are no more intelligent or capable than those who do. We can learn how to better respond when faced with challenges and understand that asking for help will only have a positive impact on work efficiency. Always remember, practice makes perfect!

3

Sharing your feelings - Sharing your feelings with a trusted companion such as a friend, peer, parent or mentor can reassure you that what you are going through is normal, and knowing that others have been in your position can make it seem less intimidating.

4

Do not let it control you - Going through moments of self-doubt is normal. The goal is to not let moments when we are under an immense amount of pressure due to assessments, work or personal issues dictate our lives.

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Seeking professional help - If you feel like you're unable to pull yourself out these feelings, it's recommended that you speak to a professional. Check out the section below on FREE professional mental health services available.

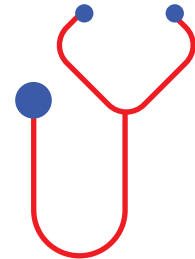


TIP

Read more on the Impostor Phenomenon on prominent psychologist [Pauline Clance's website](#), where you can find FREE access to the [Clance Impostor Phenomenon Scale \(IP Test\)](#) which may help you understand more on how you compare to others.

PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Reaching out for professional mental help should be de-stigmatised and should not feel so scary. Whether you're having an extremely difficult time, worried about someone, or just need information and support, these are some places where you can get FREE professional mental health advice.



Crisis Support

Emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance): 000

If someone has attempted or is at immediate risk of attempting to harm themselves or someone else, call Triple Zero 000 immediately. You can also go to the emergency department at a hospital and they may refer you to a mental health service.

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Call: 1300 659 467

Online or Video Chat: Suicide Call Back Service: Mental health counselling & suicide prevention

NSW Rape Crisis Service: 1800 424 017

Lifeline (FREE 24/7 Crisis Support): 13 11 14

Every 30 seconds, a person in Australia reaches out to Lifeline for help. If you're experiencing emotional distress, contact Lifeline for crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Call (24/7): 13 11 14

Text (online) (12pm-12am AEST): 0477 13 11 14

Chat (online) (7pm-12am AEST): [Lifeline Chat](#)

Online resources: lifeline.org.au.



CAPS

Sydney University's Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is a FREE confidential professional mental health service provided for students to gain advice on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological issues. Don't be afraid to make an individual appointment with a CAPS counsellor.

P: (02) 8627 8433

E: caps.admin@sydney.edu.au

Online booking request form: [CAPS Booking Request Form](#)

W: bit.ly/2To1jPM

L: Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building G02, City Road (beside the Wentworth Building), Camperdown Campus

Sydney University Mental Wellbeing Support Line for Students (24/7)

If you need to speak to someone for immediate support, this FREE, confidential service managed by CAPS is available anytime, including University close-down periods and bank holidays.

Call (within Australia): 1300 474 065
Text (sms chat option): 0488 884 429

Mental Health Line (NSW) (24/7)

If you or someone you know needs professional help and advice or a referral to local mental health services, reach out to this number to speak to mental health professionals. This is a FREE 24/7 service available to everyone in NSW.

Call: 1800 011 511

Beyond Blue

[Beyond Blue](#) provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live. You can chat to trained counsellors at:

Call: 1300 22 4636

Online Chat (24/7): [Beyond Blue Online Chat](#)

W: [Beyond Blue: Anxiety, depression and suicide prevention support](#)

COVID-19 Mental Wellbeing Support Service: Call: 1800 512 348

W: [Beyondblue COVID-19 Mental Wellbeing Support](#)

Headspace

FREE online and telephone advice, support and counselling services to young people on mental health, physical health (including sexual health) alcohol and other drug services, work and study.

1-on-1 Chat to a Clinician:

Call: 1800 650 890

Email: [ehespace Connect](#)

Online Chat: [ehespace Connect](#)

W: [headspace.org.au](#)

Camperdown headspace:

P: (02) 9114 4100

E: headspace.camperdown@sydney.edu.au

W: [headspace.org.au](#)

A: Level 2, 97 Church Street Camperdown

English is Your Second Language?

TIS National (Translating and Interpreting Service)

A FREE service available 24/7, where you can speak to a mental health professional at the Mental Health Line.

Call: 131 450 (and ask them to ring the Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511).

Have Trouble Hearing and Speaking?

NRS (National Relay Service)

for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speaking impairment to make and receive phone calls and access the Mental Health Line.

For more information, go to [National Relay Service](#).

NRS Voice Relay: 1300 555 727

Teletypewriter: 133 677

SMS relay: 0423 677 767

Other Resources

- **TalkCampus App (24/7)**
- You can access FREE, immediate and anonymous 24/7 support from the online peer to peer mental health and wellbeing network: [TalkCampus](#). Available in 25 languages including English, Mandarin, Hindi and Bengali.
- **Head to Health:** [Welcome to Head to Health | Head to Health](#)
- **Reach out:** [ReachOut Australia: Welcome to ReachOut.com](#)
- For online resources specifically for young people on mental health, check out [Beyondblue](#) and [ehespace](#).

MANAGING LIFE AS A LAW STUDENT

“The Greatest Wealth is Health”

-Virgil

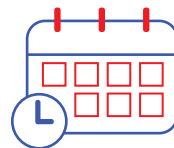
Keeping your body and mind healthy is central to every law student’s well-being and should be our top priority. Oftentimes, we neglect our health in the strive for academic excellence, but it’s crucial to remember that an unhealthy body or mind decreases productivity and thus negatively affects the quality of your work.

- If you require medical treatment for an injury, illness or health concern, you can book a GP appointment with the University of Sydney Health services (see the section on Health Services in this guide).
- If you are unwell or have personal extenuating circumstances which means you are unable to complete an assessment on time, consider applying for a special consideration (see the section on Special Considerations in this guide).

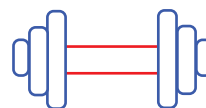
MANAGING STRESS & ANXIETY



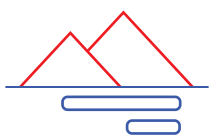
Practice Mindfulness - Mindfulness is a technique to help develop your ability to deal with difficult emotions by observing your thoughts, emotions and sensations with a non-judgemental attitude and acceptance. Try a quick 10-minute mindfulness meditation practice or relaxation breathing exercise to help reduce your feelings of stress and anxiety.



Actually planning out your time - Writing and actually breaking down the tasks you have to accomplish within a certain time-frame, which may alleviate feelings of being overwhelmed by uni work.



How about a quick workout? A COVID-safe home workout is a great way to boost mood, helps you sleep better and also improves memory (definitely a plus for all law students). Thank you endorphins!



Going for a walk - Getting some fresh air never hurts! It’ll help you relax and take your mind off stress from study, allowing you to return to study with a clearer mind.



Time-Management Skills - Time-management is a crucial skill for all law students. When allocating time for your personal life, study and work and remember to set realistic limits and remind yourself that progress and honing skills takes time!

FEES & FINANCIAL SUPPORT



In your first year of university, you will find yourself spending a lot more, even if you're not living away from home. Opal travel, food on campus and expensive textbooks - all of these things will inevitably increase your spending. However, there is plenty of help available from scholarships, bursaries, to government payments and emergency loans.

Scholarships

Scholarships are funding awarded to domestic and international students at all levels, based on a wide range of factors including their chosen area of study, academic achievements, background or financial situation. [Check out Sydney Students - Scholarships](#) for the list of available scholarships, eligibility requirements, application process and key dates.

TIP

Check out the International Student Guide on suls.org.au/publications for a run-down on scholarships available to international students!

Student Bursaries

[General Bursaries](#) and [Advertised Bursaries](#) are scholarships awarded

if you need financial assistance for essential living and studying expenses (apart from fees) as a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate student (min. 18 credit points per semester). NOTE: Most bursaries are only available to domestic students (Australian citizens or permanent residents), and generally require proof that you are making satisfactory academic progress.

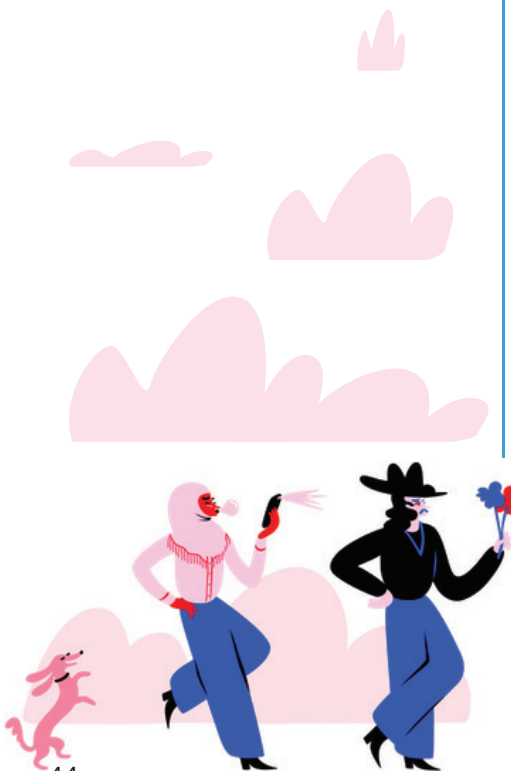
Part-time students receiving the Disability Support Pension (DSP) may also be eligible. If you study part-time due to a disability and don't receive the DSP, you may still be eligible. You don't need to repay the University for bursaries, but you are encouraged to consider making a donation in the future to continue the scheme.

International Loan Schemes

You may also be able to apply for a specific international loan before you commence your studies or during your course. Check out the eligibility criteria and application process at [International Loan Schemes](#) or contact the International Loans Team at +61 2 8627 8336 or international.finaid@sydney.edu.au if you need assistance.

Urgent Financial Support

If you need urgent financial support and advice, please contact Financial Support Service as soon as possible. You may be eligible for interest-free loans (up to \$1000 available throughout the year and open to international students) or an Emergency Cash Payment (up to \$500).



Financial Support Service

Contact the Financial Support Service Team at +61 2 8627 4809 or student.financialsupport@sydney.edu.au if you need assistance with your application or appointment, between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday

How do I apply for a Bursary or Loan?

You can make an application for a bursary or interest-free loan easily. Check out [Sydney University - Financial Support](#) for eligibility requirements, how to submit an application along with the relevant supporting documentations.

Centrelink & Department of Human Services

The Australian Government provides several payments for students. These are generally means-tested and many of these require you to be a full-time student and meet other criteria. Many are listed below, but please note this information is only a guide as social services legislation is constantly under review and may change. You should always contact the Department of Human Services for the most updated and accurate information: humanservices.gov.au.

Youth Allowance - a fortnightly payment up to \$612.50 (\$462.50 for Youth Allowance + \$150 Coronavirus Supplement) for full-time students aged 18 to 24 years-old, who are Australian residents living away from parent's home and currently residing in Australia. This payment varies depending on your parent's income and assets, personal circumstances and any employment income. Apply and find out more at [Services Australia - Youth Allowance](#).

Austudy - a fortnightly payment up to \$612.50 (\$462.50 Austudy + \$150 Coronavirus Supplement) for full-time students over 25 years-old, who are Australian residents currently residing in Australia. This payment varies depending on your personal income and assets and personal circumstances. Apply and find out more at [Services Australia - Austudy](#).

ABSTUDY - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian students who are not receiving another payment to study or train may be eligible for a suite of payments, such Living Allowance, Incidentals Allowance, Rent Assistance, Pharmaceutical Allowance and Relocation Scholarship, depending on the degree you study and your personal circumstances. Apply and find out more at [Services Australia - ABSTUDY](#).

Student Start-up Loan - a voluntary tax-free loan of \$1,094 paid

twice a year available if you receive a Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. You will need to repay the loan once you reach the HELP repayment threshold. You can usually apply or opt into receiving the Student Start-up Loan when you submit a claim for Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY. For more information, go to [Services Australia - Student Start-up Loan](#).

Education Entry Payment - a one-off yearly payment of \$208 if you received a Jobseeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance or Widow Allowance in the last 12 months. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2S2BMbH>.

Pensioner Education Supplement - a fortnightly additional payment of \$62.40 (full-time) or \$31.20 (part-time) if you receive Youth Allowance as a single main carer or other payments from Centrelink or the Department of Veteran's Affairs. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2FzpjGI>.

If you moved to study, you may be eligible for:

- **Fares Allowance** - covers the least expensive and most available form of public transport for trips during your study. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2HtQArE>.
- **Relocation Scholarship** - If you receive Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY and relocate from a family home in a regional or remote area to study at the University of Sydney. The payment is \$4,626 in your first year, \$2,314 per year in the second and third years, \$1,156 per year after that. For more information go to <https://bit.ly/2EP7Ugk>.

Rent Assistance - This may be available to you if you receive certain payments from the Department of Human Services and your fortnightly rent exceeds a specific amount. The amount varies based on your circumstances and up to \$185.36 per fortnight. If you are already receiving a payment, you can apply by logging into your myGov account.



For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2AXBgUx>.

Youth Disability Supplement

- You will automatically receive this payment of up to \$131.90 per fortnight, if you're under 21 and get the Disability Support Pension (DSP), or if you're under 22 and receive Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY as a full time student, following an Employment Services Assessment. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2RSKTeW>.

Low Income Health Care Card

- If you receive Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy, you are eligible for the Low Income Health Care Card. This allows you to receive cheaper medicine under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, bulk-billed doctor visits and larger refunds for medical costs when you reach the Medicare Safety Net. Usually, you do not need to apply as it is automatically sent to you if you are eligible. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2IinwGG>.



Undergraduate & Postgraduate Representative Student Associations

Student Representative Council (SRC) - Undergraduate Students

SRC represents undergraduate students and can help you get through university. SRC Caseworker Help provides FREE, independent and confidential advice and support on a range of issues faced by students including: academic rights and appeals, show cause, exclusion, misconduct/dishonesty allegations, special consideration, tenancy, Centrelink, financial issues, Tax Help and more. For more information on this service, please see [SRC Caseworker Help](#).

Through the SRC Legal Service, solicitors and a registered migration agent provide FREE legal advice, representation in court where relevant, and a referral service, including: police and court matters, traffic offences, immigration law, consumer rights, employment

law, personal/domestic violence, witnessing/certifying documents, insurance law, visa-related matters and more. For more information, please visit: [SRC Legal Service](#)

SRC Loans offers emergency loans of \$50 and also lends out university-approved calculators, lab coats and other science equipment. For more information, check out [SRC Loans](#).

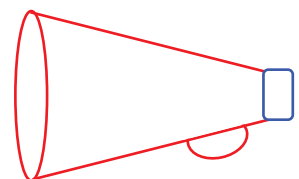
COVID-19 Update (Jan 2021): SRC is only offering appointments over telephone, Zoom or Skype. Visit the [SRC website](#) for more information, or contact them at help@src.usyd.edu.au or 02 9660 5222.

Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA) - Postgraduate Students

SUPRA is the representative body for JD, Masters and research students.

It has a legal and caseworker service similar to the SRC, and typically holds FREE, confidential drop-in sessions for student advice and legal advice with a Solicitor/Registered Migration Agent at the SUPRA Office, Camperdown Campus. For full details of the types of assistance, please visit the SUPRA website at supra.net.au/.

COVID-19 Update (Jan 2021): SUPRA is only offering advice online: [SUPRA - COVID-19](#). You may contact SUPRA if you're looking for advice, legal help or would like to make a complaint through their online form here: [SUPRA - Contact Form](#) or email at help@supra.usyd.edu.au.



FURTHER SUPPORT SERVICES



Campus Shuttle buses

FREE shuttle buses on campus run from

4pm–10.30pm all year (apart from weekends, public holidays and the Christmas shutdown period) between Fisher Library (Camperdown campus) and Redfern Train Station. For the bus timetable and more information, see [Getting to campus](#).

Student Affairs - Complaints

Bullying, intimidation, unlawful harassment and discrimination are not tolerated under any circumstances. This includes sexual assault, sexual harassment and verbal abuse. If you experience or witness this kind of behavior, it is important to report it at your earliest opportunity. The University has developed new and tough policies against unwelcome behavior, particularly sexual assault and harassment.

You may contact the [Student Affairs Unit - Complaints](#) to lodge an academic (e.g. academic dishonesty or teaching quality) or non-academic complaint, who will assist you in resolving your complaint or conduct an investigation for serious matters.

Emergencies - Save these numbers!

Emergency (Police, Fire or Ambulance): 000

In emergencies, call Triple Zero 000 or 112 (from a mobile).

Newtown Police Station: (02) 9550 8199

222 Australia Street, Newtown NSW 2042

Lifeline (24/7):

Mental Health Access Line

(NSW) (24/7):

For an acute mental health crisis, please call Lifeline or Mental Health Access Line (NSW).

Campus Security (24/7): (02) 9351 3333

For minor emergencies or if you're feeling unsafe on campus, contact Campus Security.

Sydney University Crisis Line (24/7): 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457)

Call this number if you have safety concerns or in relation to an incident. This is a confidential, non-emergency hotline that can direct you to the appropriate staff to handle your complaint.

Health Services

COVID-19 Testing Clinic

If you have symptoms of a fever, cough, cold, sore throat or shortness of breath or visited a confirmed COVID-19 location, you should get tested at the nearest COVID-19 testing clinic.

W: [COVID-19 testing clinics](#)

National Coronavirus Health Information Line (COVID-19 information): 1800 020 080

Translating and Interpreting Service (24/7): 131 450

On Campus

University of Sydney Health services Offers telephone and in-person consultations and services for treatment of illness, injury, and other physical problems, assistance with emotional difficulties, advice on contraception and sexually transmitted diseases and advice for students with examination difficulties.

L: Wentworth Clinic, Wentworth Building G01 on Butlin Avenue, Level 3; Holme Clinic, Holme Building A09 on Science Road, Entry Level

W: <https://bit.ly/2BfJ1mJ>

P: (02) 9351 3484

Off Campus

Community Health Services

Wide range of services including: child and family health, sexual health, youth health, interpreter service, counselling services.

P: (02) 9515 9560

W: [Community Health Services](#)

Camperdown Mental Health Centre

P: 1800 011 511

L: King George V Memorial Hospital, 117 Missenden Rd, Camperdown NSW 2050.

Redfern Community Health Centre

P: (02) 9395 0444

L: 103-105 Redfern St, Redfern NSW 2016

Youthblock Youth Health Services are FREE: [Community Health Services - Youthblock Youth Health Service - Referrals](#)

HealthDirect (24/7): 1800 022 222

Find a local GP, hospital, dentist, pharmacy, physiotherapy, COVID-19 service near you.

W: [Service Finder: Find a health service](#)

National Home Doctor Service (After hours): 13 SICK (7425)

Book an after-hours, bulk billed, in-home doctor visit.

Monday to Friday: from 6pm

Saturday: from 12pm

Sunday & Public Holidays: All Day

W: [13SICK National Home Doctor - After Hours Doctor](#)

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS



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Exploring the campus? We've included an overview of the law library, where to get food and drink, the best study spots and living accommodation options around campus. We've done all the research and taste-testing for you, so hopefully you now have a better idea of where to explore!

Getting to Campus

Law School is located in the Camperdown/Darlington campus. By public transport, it is about a 15 minute walk from Redfern Station, a bus and walk away from Central Station. For more information, see [here](#).

The Law Library

The Law Library (Lawbry) is the study spot of choice for many students as it is open 24/7. During the semester, it can fill up as early as 10am and stay packed until 6pm. Because of COVID-19, the Law Library is currently only accessible through the Fisher Library entrance with your student card.

Our Law Library Tips:

Book-a-desk:

If you don't want to take any chances, it's best to book a desk at least a day or two in advance at <http://usyd.libcal.com/booking/lawdesk>. Desks can be booked up to 48 hours in advance and can be booked for up to 3 hours at a time and maximum twice per day per site.

Study Rooms:

You can book any of the study rooms on both levels of the library, but bookings fill quickly so try to get in a week in advance.

Printing & SydPay:

You can either print from (a) university computers or (b) your own personal device.

To print from uni computer - simply log in to any of the computers with your Unikey and print!

To print from your personal device, print through the follow-me printing function.

Make sure to check you have credit on your SydPay account and don't forget to collect your printing from the printers located near the law library reception or behind the Turnbull Reading Room (aka "the Cone").

SydPay is our student card accessed tap-and-go payment system. It is used

FOOD & DRINK

for printing and copying services at libraries, IT labs and learning hubs across University, DMAF (Architecture Design Modelling and Fabrication) Consumables and laundry services at a few student accommodations. When you receive your student card, your SydPay account is also activated!

Find out more about SydPay and top up your SydPay account here

Print, Scan and Copy - You may print, scan and photocopy at USYD's libraries, learning hubs and computer access labs. Printing and photocopying costs differ depending on the size, type, and colour of your sheet. You may print from campus computers or on your personal devices/computers through the Follow-me printing function. Scanning is free at all venues and can be done directly through the printer.

To borrow

Check out the textbooks on the right-hand side of reception. Even though many are not prescribed, they can offer insights or contain case extracts which are helpful for research assignments. You can borrow at the self-serve counter with your student card. For more details on the libraries on campus, visit here

NOTE

COVID-19 Update:
Opening hours are subject to change, please check for vendor's updates on their current opening times.

This map shows you the most popular food options for students on and off campus! The places with an asterisk offer ACCESS rewards discount.

On Campus

***Abercrombie Business School (ABS) Café** – opens from 7.30am till late on Mondays-Fridays, and from 8am on Saturdays during the semester. It offers dinner options too, including the \$6 After 6pm menu. Food is a bit expensive but also a bit nicer. Recommended: the cakes and banh mi

***Carslaw Kitchen** – Greek and Lebanese style food and coffee that is more affordable than Taste. Recommended: the feta chips

***Courtyard Café** – a bright, pretty and spacious café which does fantastic cakes, pastas, salads and Reuben sandwiches. Recommended: the pizza and cakes

***Laneway Café** – easy to miss but does the best breakfasts on campus. Recommended: the dirty chai and breakfast bruschetta

Ralph's Café – probably the best burgers on campus. Large selection of Italian food, sandwiches, wraps and salads. There is another outlet on the Boardwalk near Cadigal Greens. Recommended: iced coffee (they add hazelnut gelato!), pasta and burgers

***Taste Baguette** – the go-to for most law students due to convenience, although it is on the expensive side. There is an eat-in area on the side. Recommended: the coffee and the lemongrass beef baguette

***Wentworth Food Court** – most people flock here for Unibros, the on-campus kebab shop. There is also Asian and Indian food available, with more options in the adjacent JFR Plaza. Most places take ACCESS. Recommended: the HSP or kebab from Unibros

Abercrombie Street – plenty of cute cafes line this street. But the main drawcard is Ozturk, where the HSP is so large that the box can barely close. Recommended: cake, brunch and coffee from Shortlist or Ella's, kebab or HSP from Ozturk

USU website for *places: <http://staging.usu.edu.au/usueats.aspx>

Around Campus or Near Campus

Broadway – the food court in the Broadway Shopping Centre and the nearby streets have plenty of great options

Newtown – only a 10-minute walk away, or a short bus ride if you're trying to go deeper into Newtown. There's a Domino's Pizza and plenty of Thai restaurants, burgers and gelaterias. Recommended: Thai La Ong, or El Jannah Express

Glebe - just around the corner from Broadway is Glebe Point Road with plenty of nice cafes and restaurants. We recommend: Planet Pizza, Thievery, and Dirty Red

Study Spots

If you're looking to live on the main campus, you have the option to either live in a residential college, university residence, university of sydney's residences.

Fisher Library - right next door to the Law Library, connected via an underground tunnel on level 1. It has 9 levels worth of space for you to explore.

Pro: usually spots are available, especially in the two hour section or on higher levels

Con: much harder to find a place with powerpoints

Sci-Tech Library - also nice since there is a spacious area with natural light with a view of some greenery.

Pro: better lit and airier than the Law Library

Con: still gets quite crowded at peak times

Abercrombie Building Study Hubs - very popular, so don't expect to come here without bumping into some friends! Many places are available in all three hubs, and there is also hot water, a microwave and a printer in each hub.

Pro: easy access to microwave and ABS cafe

Con: not as quiet as law library

Carslaw Study Hubs - 24/7 study hub (don't forget to bring your student card after 6pm) with two areas with seating and PCs or Macs. A decent amount of seating available.



Abercrombie Building



Fisher Library



Sci-Tech Library



Social Sciences Building



New Law Building



Brennan MacCallum Hub

Pro: not too hard to find a place to charge

Con: can get a little noisy at times

New Law Building Level 3 - don't be put off by the fact you're sharing a floor with the Law academic office! This is definitely the study area with the best views.

Pro: fantastic view of Victoria Park, the city and the law lawns with plenty of natural light

Con: rarely available

Brennan MacCallum Hub - opposite Manning Building. A hidden gem as it is far from where most law students have class.

Pro: spaces are usually available, places to charge

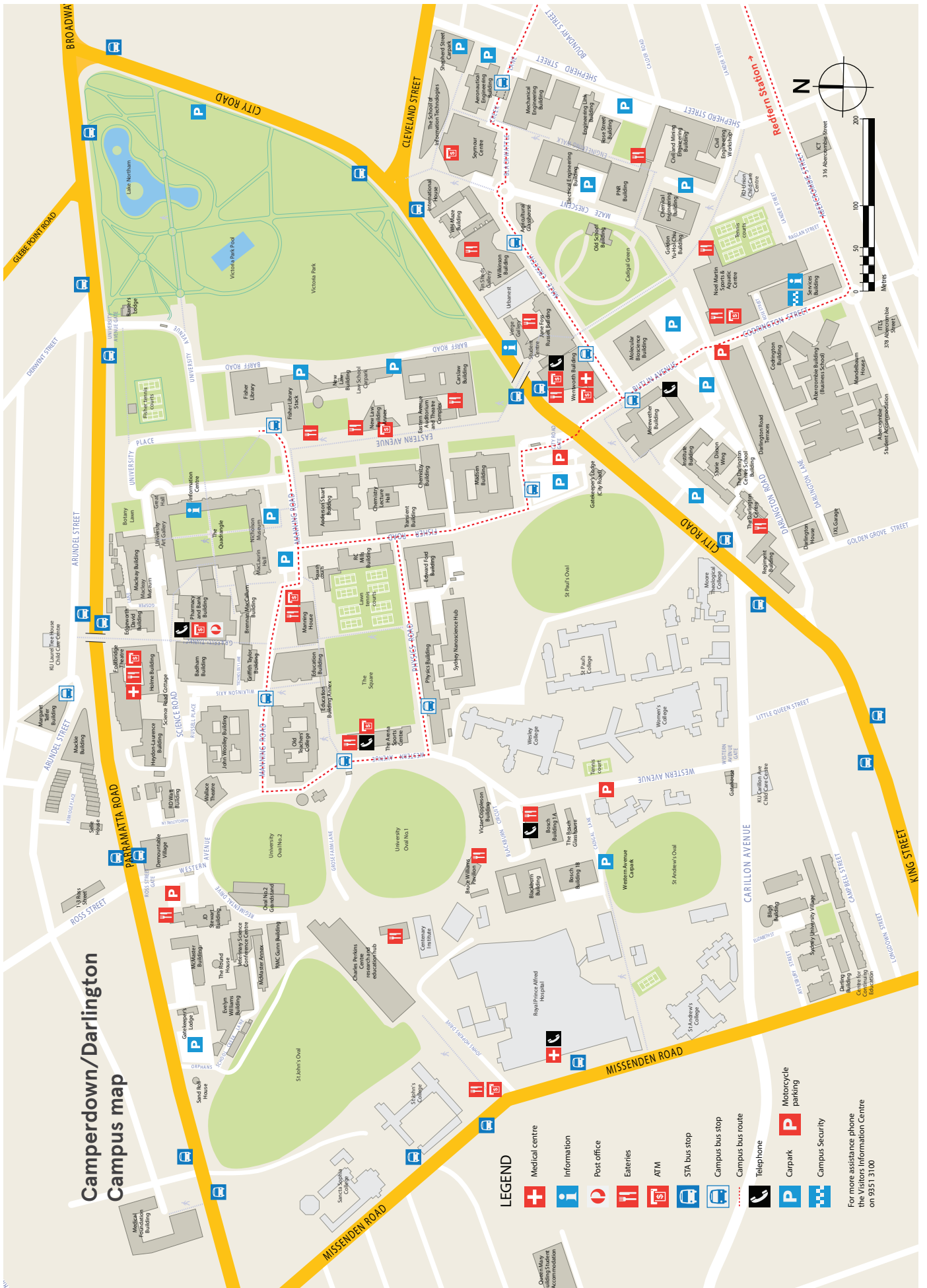
Con: a bit of a trek

Social Sciences Building - also a bit of a trek from the Law Building, but with a fair amount of space for group study. Hot water, microwaves, printers and computers available here.


Pro: nice and new with bookable group study areas

Con: a bit of a trek from most places and can get full during peak study times

Camperdown/Darlington Campus map



LEGEND

-  Medical centre
-  Information
-  Post office
-  Eateries
-  ATM
-  STA bus stop
-  Campus bus stop
-  Campus bus route
-  Telephone
-  Carpark
-  Motorcycle parking
-  Campus Security

For more assistance, phone the Visitors Information Centre on 9551 3100

LIVING ON OR OFF CAMPUS



ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

On campus accommodations are the perfect starting point for finding your first year community, especially if you're moving from overseas. With scholarships or grants that recognise and celebrate your successes and a range of unique social events within your own community, these accommodations will allow you to seamlessly make a home on university grounds.

Camperdown and Darlington Campus:

If you're looking to live on the main campus, you have the option to either live in a residential college, university residence, University of Sydney's residences.

Residential Colleges:

The University of Sydney's residential colleges are home to some of the oldest Australian university cultures and traditions that aim to support a well-rounded university experience. Though each unique in culture, environment, and the student body, the colleges encourage the development of social, sporting, and academic skills inter-college and university wide. With three catered meals everyday, the college's support gives you flexibility to partake in their social events, compete in inter-college games, or lead in student-run committees. There are even postgraduate options for those

who would like to live and learn in the heritage and tradition-rich environment.

University of Sydney's Residential Colleges:

- Mandelbaum House
- Sancta Sophia College and Graduate House
- St. Andrew's College
- St. John's College
- St. Paul's College and Graduate House
- Wesley College
- Women's College
- St. Paul's Graduate House
- Sancta Sophia's Graduate House

University Residences:

Allow for freedom in a self catered accommodation. They are perfect for the students that prefer more independence but still want to be on campus. Each accommodation has its own personality as well as amenities such as gyms, common areas, theatres, or music rooms.

University of Sydney's Residences:

- Queen Mary Building
- Darlington House
- Abercrombie Student Accommodation
- The Regiment Student Accommodation
- Terraces



St Paul's Graduate House



Darlington House

OFF CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Finding a place to live on your own or with friends is a perfect option for those looking for more affordable housing options or prefer living off-campus. Although it is a little daunting at first, suburbs surrounding the main Camperdown/Darlington campus such as Newtown, Redfern, and Glebe are all university student-friendly.

1.

Finding what you can afford then budget!

2.

Look quick and consider purpose-built student housing or student boarding houses options

Student Boarding Houses:

- Arundel House
- Epworth House
- Flor Harris Lodge
- St. Barnabas Terraces
- Xavier House

Student apartments:

- Sydney University Village
- Urbanest
- Iglu
- Stucco Student Cooperative
- Scape
- Unilodge Broadway
- Castle Student Accommodation

If you want to find your own accommodation try these websites!

- Domain
- Flatmates
- Gumtree
- Realestate.com.au
- Property.com.au
- Flatmates.com.au

NOTE

You can also use facebook groups or marketplace. These websites will give you current rental rates

3.

Ask questions and know your rights!

Questions:

- Is there parking? Does the rent cover utilities or the internet?
- Check on inspection/your rental agreement as to

whether utilities (water, gas, electricity) and the internet is included. Often times, you will be responsible for finding your own internet and utility provider if you're renting a place on your own

EXCHANGE



“A semester exchange gives you an invaluable opportunity to orientate your place and purpose in the brilliantly complex world. The blend of unique cultures both exposes the unsettling familiarity of certain aspects of life and ignites a pursuit of the great unknowns through education and adventure.”

Carol Lin,
Bachelor of Arts/
Bachelor of Laws,
University of
Copenhagen,
Denmark

Studying abroad gives you an unparalleled opportunity to travel, personally grow, and study simultaneously without prolonging your degree. There are two types of exchange programs available for law students: general University-wide exchanges and law faculty-specific exchanges.

General exchanges are administered by Sydney Abroad, so apply to the Study Abroad office if you would like to study one of your non-law units of your degree overseas. Law exchanges, however, are administered by the Sydney Law School, and are only available for fourth or fifth year law elective units.

For non-Law exchanges, a common misconception is that going on a general exchange will prolong your

degree, but this can be easily avoided by swapping your units around. See the next page for an example of how you might do this if you were going on exchange in Year 2, Semester 2.

Make sure you research and explore your options because the deadlines, criteria and available university vary for each type of exchange. Some useful starting points are bit.ly/2rZ4sWS (for general exchange) and bit.ly/2FMII67 (for Law exchange).

SWAPPING UNITS FOR EXCHANGE

Let's say that Jo is a first year Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws student and she hasn't found out about exchange yet. Her subject selection in second and third year most likely looks like this:

YEAR 2					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Senior Unit Choice	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	

Now imagine that Jo discovers the exchange program to Reykjavik University in Iceland and is instantly drawn to it – if her application is successful, she could swap Criminal Law with one of her Year 3 semester 2 units so that she does not have to prolong her degree:

YEAR 2					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Senior Unit Choice	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2 EXCHANGE	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Major Senior Unit	Criminal Law	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	

Make sure to consult the staff at Global Mobility and Faculty Services for assistance with exchange and degree progression. A list of useful contact details can be found in the Appendix.

LAW INDUSTRY BASICS



Understanding the legal profession in NSW will help you figure out where you may want to work and what role might best suit your skills and personality.

Lawyers

In NSW, there are two types of lawyers - solicitors and barristers. A solicitor is a legal professional that spends most of their time assisting clients in their everyday legal matters and affairs. They are responsible for many legal obligations and duties and provide clients with advice or a plan for handling legal issues. Solicitors can from time to time represent clients in courts, particularly in the lower courts.

Barristers spend most of their time in court, and are not involved as much in the daily legal activities of their clients. Most of a barrister's work is derived from briefs from an instructing solicitor. In NSW, they usually work as 'sole practitioners' (that is, they work alone) but share 'chambers' with other barristers.

Law Firms

A law firm is a group of lawyers that work together. They can specialise in specific areas of law or serve a specific geographic area. They can be categorised as a boutique (very small), mid-tier and top-tier. Often, people refer to the 'big six' as Herbert Smith Freehills, King & Wood Mallesons, Clayton Utz, Minter Ellison, Ashurst and Allens. Some legal professionals are known 'in house' lawyers, who are assigned to a corporation and serve their legal work.

Within law firms, lawyers may be assigned as Principal, Senior Counsel, Senior Lawyer, Junior Lawyer, Paralegal and Clerks. Whilst the distinction and range of positions are smaller in boutique and mid-tier firms, there may be very clearly defined roles in top-tier firms.

Legal Jobs

Legal jobs are very competitive and you need to have attributes that employers look for (such as a high WAM or fast typing and analytical skills). In your first few years, you should focus on working part-time in a legal office or volunteering at various legal centres.

We stress that unpaid employment (excluding work experience, volunteering and some training) is almost always illegal and you deserve to be paid for the work you perform. For more information, check out SULLS' Employment and Workplace Rights FAQ bit.ly/2E8vIWp or go to the Fair Work Ombudsman website bit.ly/2Ru8YsQ.

For legal career opportunities, see:

- SULLS Jobs Board (www.sulls.org.au/jobs-board)
- Law Society of NSW Legal Vitae (www.legalvitae.com.au)

Job applications often request a CV and cover letter. For sample CVs, refer to bit.ly/2W0ww06. Helpful tips can be found at bit.ly/2SVzuIk.

More details can be found in the SULLS Careers Guide on our website sulls.org.au/publications.

APPENDIX



SAMPLE DEGREE PROGRESSION GUIDES

Please note that these sample degree progression guides and examples are subject to change (notably due to COVID-19 circumstances), and you should make a degree progression that suits you. For assistance, contact Law Professional Programs (law.professional@sydney.edu.au), your Faculty Services department listed below or the relevant academic advisor listed here: bit.ly/2POdSPc.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRESSION

YEAR 1

SEM 1	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Torts	

YEAR 2

SEM 1	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Civil & Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Criminal Law	

YEAR 3

SEM 1	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Partner Degree Unit of Study	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	

YEAR 4

SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	

YEAR 5

SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

NOTE: You may choose, instead, to take a max. of 2 electives and complete the remaining compulsory units of study in Year 5 or Year 6 for Engineering Honours/Law.

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Full-Time)

A sample degree progression for a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws student enrolled on a full-time basis, undertaking a total of 24 credit points per semester. Please see [Sydney University Courses - Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws](#) for more information on course details, majors and minors.

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Junior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Junior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Major Junior Unit Choice	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	Arts (Part A) Major Junior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Junior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Major Junior Unit Choice	Torts	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Senior Unit Choice	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Major Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	Arts (Part A) Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Major Senior Unit	Arts (Part A or B) Senior Unit Choice	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

NOTE

You may choose instead to take a maximum of two Law electives, and complete the remaining compulsory units in Year 5. One Law elective unit must be a Jurisprudence unit.

Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws (Full-Time)

A sample degree progression for a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws student enrolled on a full-time basis, undertaking a total of 24 credit points per semester. Please see [Sydney University Courses - Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws](#) for more information on course details, majors and minors.

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	BUSS1000 Future of Business	BUSS1030 Accounting Business and Society	1000-level for major OR Elective	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	BUSS1020 Quantitative Business Analytics	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	1000-level for major OR Elective	Torts	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	BUSS2000 Leading & Influencing in Business	2000-level for major	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	2000-level for major	Elective	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	3000-level for major	3000-level for major	Elective	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	3000-level for major	3000-level for major (capstone)	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

TIP

TIP: Check out the [Sydney Business School Undergraduate Handbook 2021 - Commerce and Laws](#) for more examples of degree progression guides

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws (Full-Time)

A sample degree progression for a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws student enrolled on a full-time basis, undertaking a total of 24 credit points per semester. Please see [Sydney University Courses - Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws](#) for more information on course details, majors and minors.

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	Maths	Maths	Science Major	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	Science Elective	Science Elective	Science Major	Torts	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	Science Major	Science Major	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Science Elective	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	Science Major	Science Major	Science Major	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Science Major	Science Major	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

NOTE

Year 1-3: combination of Science and Law units of study up to 48 credit points in each year, complete a science major in the subject area of your choice, and also undertake 12 cp of mathematics degree core units and 12cp of OLE units.

NOTE

Year 4-5: Upon completion of your Science degree, you will complete the remaining nine Law core units as well as seven electives which will allow you to specialise in a particular area of the law.

Juris Doctor Degree Planner (Full-Time)

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	Foundations of Law	Torts	Contracts	Criminal & Civil Procedure	Legal Research
SEM 2	Criminal Law	Torts & Contracts II	Public International Law	Public Law	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

Juris Doctor Degree Planner (Part-Time)

YEAR 1			
SEM 1	Foundations of Law	Torts	Legal Research
SEM 2	Public International Law	Public Law	
YEAR 2			
SEM 1	Civil & Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	Criminal Law	Torts & Contracts II	
YEAR 3			
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Evidence	
YEAR 4			
SEM 1	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Equity	Real Property	
YEAR 5			
SEM 1	Private International Law	Elective Unit	
SEM 2	Elective Unit	Elective Unit	
YEAR 6			
SEM 1	Elective Unit	Elective Unit	
SEM 2	Elective Unit	Elective Unit	

Degree Progression Examples

Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws (Dalyell Stream) - Major in Finance

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	BUSS1000 Future of Business	BUSS1030 Accounting Business and Society	1000-level elective	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	BUSS1020 Quantitative Business Analytics	BUSS1040 Economics of Business Decision-Making	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Torts	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	BUSS2000 Leading & Influencing in Business	FINC2011 Corporate Finance I	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	FINC2012 Corporate Finance II	Open Elective	Dalyell Unit	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	FINC3017 Investment Portfolio Management	Finance 3000-level unit	Dalyell Unit	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	FINC3600 Finance in Practice	Finance 3000-level unit	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws - Major in Business Information Systems

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	BUSS1000 Future of Business	BUSS1030 Accounting Business and Society	Digital Business Innovation	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	BUSS1020 Quantitative Business Analytics	Digital Work Environments	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Torts	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	BUSS2000 Leading & Influencing in Business	Digital Business Management	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	People, Information and Knowledge	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Business Process Modelling & Improvement	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	Business Information Systems Projects	Enterprise Systems and Integrated Business	Diet and Nutrition for Health & Sport	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Business Information for Managers	Business Information Systems in Practice	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws - Major in Computer Science

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	INFO1110 Introduction to Programming	INFO1113 Object-Oriented Programming	MATH1021 Calculus of One Variable (or MATH1921 or MATH1931) AND MATH1023 Multivariable Calculus & Modelling (or MATH1923 or MATH1933)	Elective Unit	
SEM 2	COMP2022 Programming Language, Logic & Models (or COMP2922)	MATH1002 Linear Algebra (or MATH1902) AND MATH1004 Discrete Mathematics (or MATH1904)	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Elective Unit	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	COMP2123 Data Structure & Algorithms	COMP2017 Systems Programming	Foundations of Law	Contracts	Legal Research
SEM 2	COMP3888 Computer Science Project (or COMP3988)	Elective Unit	Torts	Public Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	COMP3027 Algorithm Design (or COMP3927)	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Criminal & Civil Procedure	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	Computer Science 3000-level major elective unit	Elective Unit	Torts & Contracts II	Criminal Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws - Major in International Relations and Minor in History

YEAR 1					
SEM 1	HSTY1001 History Workshop	GOVT1641 Introduction to Politics	GOVT1621 Introduction to International Relations	Foundations of Law	Legal Research
SEM 2	HSTY1002 Age of Empires	GOVT2991 Political Analysis	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Torts	
YEAR 2					
SEM 1	History 2000-level unit	GOVT2921 Intermediate International Relations	Civil and Criminal Procedure	Contracts	
SEM 2	History 2000-level unit	International Relations 3000-level unit	Open Learning Environment (OLE)	Criminal Law	
YEAR 3					
SEM 1	History 3000-level unit	International Relations 3000-level unit	International Relations 3000-level unit	Public International Law	Legal Research II
SEM 2	History 3000-level unit	International Relations 3000-level unit	Torts & Contracts II	Public Law	
YEAR 4					
SEM 1	Administrative Law	Federal Constitutional Law	Introduction to Property & Commercial Law	The Legal Profession	
SEM 2	Corporations Law	Equity	Evidence	Real Property	
YEAR 5					
SEM 1	Private International Law	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	
SEM 2	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	Law Elective	

FACULTY SERVICES CONTACT

If you are studying a combined degree, please contact the Faculty Services contact for your non-law degree. If you have fulfilled the requirements of your other degree and are only studying law (generally 4th and 5th year LLB and JDs and Masters students), please contact Law School Faculty Services.

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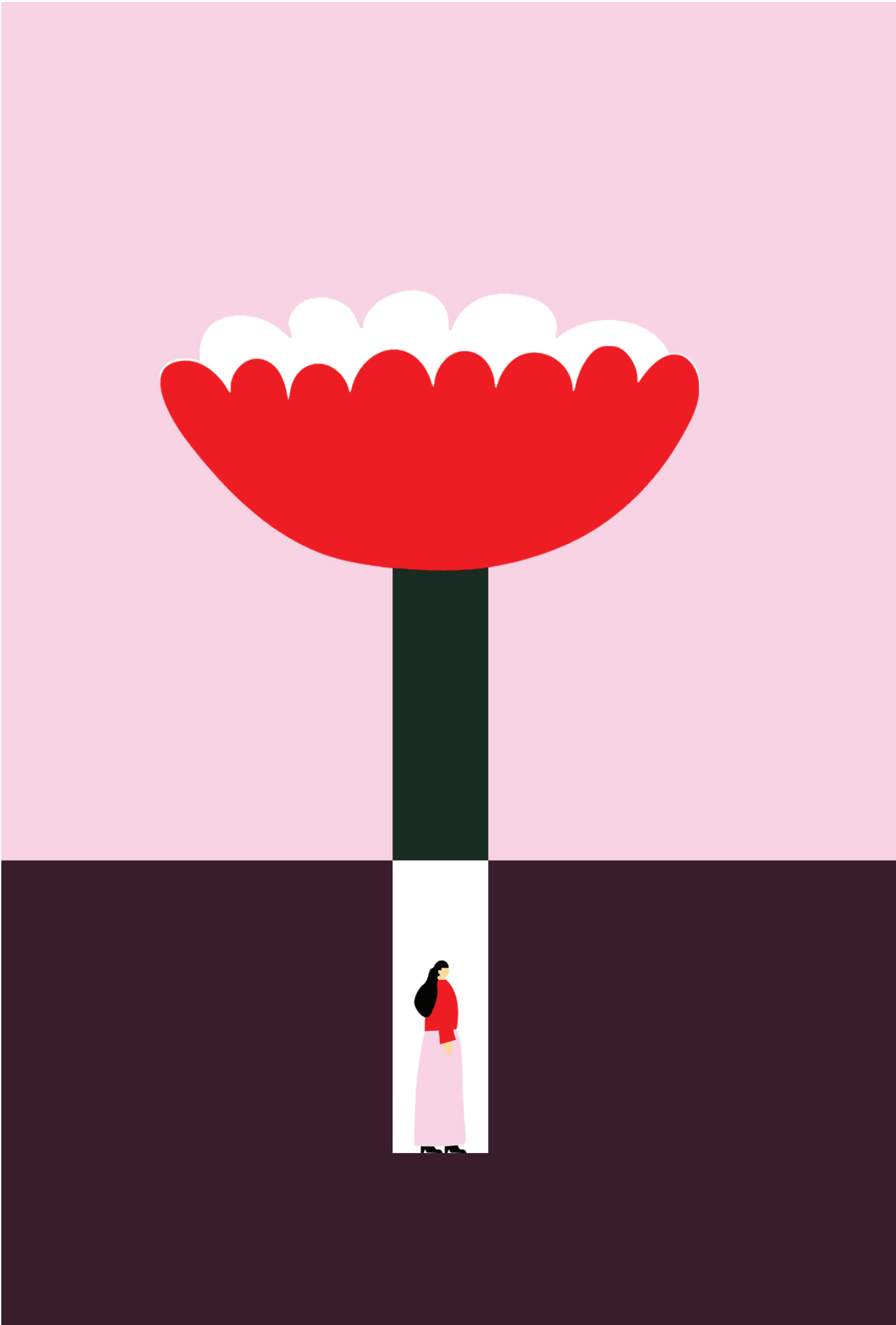
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