

# I want to be a lawyer.

There's no better place to study Law than Victoria University of Wellington's globally recognised law school, located in the legal and political heart of New Zealand.



## SAMPLE STUDY PLAN

### Foundation Studies Programme



Delivered by UP International College New Zealand

Duration:

- 6 months
- 8-9 months
- 12 months

The VUW Foundation Studies Programme ensures you not only meet Victoria University of Wellington undergraduate course entry requirements but that you are fully prepared for the challenges of degree-level study.



### Bachelor of Laws (LLB)



Delivered by Victoria University of Wellington

Duration: 4 years



### Master of Laws



Delivered by Victoria University of Wellington

Duration: 1 year



### Career opportunities



A Law degree can lead to a range of careers. As a graduate, you'll be able to work in legal practice (in New Zealand and around the world), specialising in many areas, including commercial law, criminal law, family law, international law, litigation, and mediation.

There are opportunities in business, the community, the creative arts, government (including the Crown Law Office, the Department of Conservation, the Defence Force, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), and in universities as lecturers.

## Employability

Law graduates have many career options, both within the legal profession and outside it. Students can focus on specific areas of study such as commercial, tax, criminal, indigenous, human rights or family law, however this does not mean they necessarily go on to work in these areas.

To become a lawyer in New Zealand, your next step will be to complete a Practical Professional Legal Studies course, often called 'profs', and be admitted to the High Court of New Zealand. You also need to get a practising certificate from a district law society.

Related occupations: (Some of the roles may require a higher level of skill than entry-level lawyers) Attorney, Barrister, Counsel, Judge, Law Clerk, Legal Executive, Legal Secretary, Magistrate, Solicitor.



**\$114,200**

the average annual income  
for legal professionals  
in 2019



**\$67,000**

median salary three  
years after completion of  
Bachelor Degree – Law

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

Many Law students choose not to practise law and there are multiple career pathways outside of law practice in all sectors. A few examples are policy analysis and advice, foreign affairs and trade, management consulting, arts administration, business development, content development and editing.

- Policy analysts usually earn \$68K-\$85K per year
- Senior policy analysts usually earn between \$102,000 and \$116,000
- Entry-level foreign policy officers usually earn \$63,000 to \$69,000 a year.
- Mid-level foreign policy officers can earn between \$69,000 and \$110,000

Find out more at [careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz)

Source: careers.govt.nz research and Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission, July 2022; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2020.



**Daniel Mahoney**

Victoria University of Wellington  
Graduate

## STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

*" Studying Law was also not unlike learning a new language. Alongside a new set of vocabulary, it has shaped the way I think, communicate, and see the world around me. Studying in Wellington offered an extensive range of public and international law electives. While learning about the politics of the global multilateral system, I was able to gain insight into the legal frameworks that underpin it."*



## Overview

# BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF  
**WELLINGTON**  
TE HERENGA WAKA  
NEW ZEALAND

## Why choose Laws

Designed to hone your skills in communication, problem-solving, research, and independent thinking, your Bachelor of Laws will be prized by employers in many different fields.

You'll learn to apply the techniques of legal analysis and gain a solid grounding in different aspects of law, including public law, commercial law, international law, common law, and statute law. To practise law in New Zealand you need to have a law degree.

## What you'll learn

- First year:** The core courses give you a basic introduction to the New Zealand legal system and its relationship to government, Parliament and the courts.
- Second year:** Learn how to use the Law Library and computer databases, how to refer to and cite legal sources and how to prepare legal opinions. You also get to argue a case before a judge in a mock New Zealand courtroom.
- Third and fourth year:** Will give you a deeper insight into law.



**Top 50**  
Law schools in the  
world<sup>1</sup>



**Perfect location**  
The University's Faculty of Law is housed in the historic Government Buildings and opposite Parliament, close to the courts and research libraries.



**#1**  
Law school in New Zealand  
for research quality

<sup>1</sup>2022 QS World University Rankings by Subject

## FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

Programme type	Fast-track	Standard	Standard Plus	Foundation Connect
Duration	6 months	8-9 months	12 months	6 months
Tuition fees*	\$18,750 NZD	\$23,250 NZD	\$29,900 NZD	\$15,990 NZD
Resource fee	\$800 NZD	\$800 NZD	\$800 NZD	\$800 NZD**
Exam fee	\$350 NZD	\$350 NZD	\$350 NZD	\$350 NZD**
Application fee	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD	\$400 NZD**
2023 Start dates (incl. Orientation)	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October	17 February, 28 April, 13 July, 6 October
English language requirements***	IELTS 6.0 (no band less than 5.0)	IELTS 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	IELTS 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	IELTS 4.5 (no band less than 4.0)
International entry requirements	IB: at least 4× 4 grade CIE: 2 B grades and 2 C grades	IB: at least 3× 4 grade CIE: 4 C grades	IB: at least 2× 4 grade CIE: 2 D grades and 2 C grades	Please contact UP International College at <a href="mailto:international@up.education">international@up.education</a>

\*The tuition fees quoted above are in \$NZD and are correct at the time of publication (30 November 2022). Visit [wgnt.up.education](http://wgnt.up.education)

\*\* Students starting with Foundation Connect will pay the Resource, Application and Exam fees once and will not be charged again upon progression to Foundation.

\*\*\*IELTS criteria can be substituted for assessment with an UP English Language Test (UPELT) or accepted equivalents.



## PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

To gain entry to a Victoria University of Wellington undergraduate degree from the Foundation Studies Programme:

- Successfully complete 120 credits in the Foundation Studies Programme.
- Achieve 50% or higher in all English courses and two other core subjects, equal to 60 credits.
- Achieve 50% or higher in six optional subjects equal to 60 credits (300 marks out of a possible 600).

Programme	Intake	Minimum Duration (Years)	Minimum English language proficiency	Notes
Bachelor of Laws	February	4	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II (core subjects of Foundation Studies Programme)	Entry into the second year is competitive and based on first-year results; entry to parallel third- and fourth-year Honours programme is by invitation after high achievement in second-year.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Progression Scholarships

Progression scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 are awarded towards the tuition fees of the first year of undergraduate degree study at Victoria University of Wellington.

### Pathway Scholarships

International Excellence Scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 and Fast Track Foundation Scholarships of up to NZ\$2,500 are available for the Foundation Studies Programme.

### Foundation Connect Scholarship

Student who successfully progress from Foundation Connect programme to Standard Foundation programme will be awarded up to NZ\$5,000 scholarship if they achieve top results.



Scan to learn more about Scholarships and Academic Entry Requirements



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