

Study Law in **Australia**

**A seamless route from your studies
to the practice of law in Canada**



Acknowledgement of Country

Adelaide University respectfully acknowledges the Kaurna, Boandik and Barngarla First Nations Peoples and their Elders past and present, who are the First Nations' Traditional Owners of the lands that are home to our campuses across South Australia. We also acknowledge other First Nations lands across Australia with which we conduct business, their Elders, ancestors, cultures and heritage.



A dedicated law program for Canadian students

Gain international experience and earn your Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at a world-class university ranked No. 63 in the world for Law*.

The School of Law at Adelaide University offers a seamless route from your undergraduate or high school studies to the practice of law in Canada. With more than 140 years of combined history delivering outstanding legal and research education, you'll graduate from a law school widely recognised for preparing skilled legal professionals for distinguished careers.

Adelaide University is ranked in the global top 100 for Law*, placing it in the same calibre of Canada's top law schools with only University of Toronto, University of British Columbia and McGill University ranking higher.

Studying law in Australia is similar to Canada because of our shared Common Law heritage. The Australian Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is equivalent to the Canadian JD. However in Australia, you can study a law degree directly after undergraduate university or high school studies.

You don't need an undergraduate degree to enter – although if you already hold one, the duration of your law degree will reduce to three years full-time (instead of four years).

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026.



Why study with us?

- Learn from internationally recognised professors and gain a global perspective with a law honours degree that incorporates practical preparation for a legal career in Canada.
- Join a university which is a Member of Australia's Group of Eight (Go8) universities, a coalition of the country's leading research-intensive universities. The Go8 is equivalent to the Ivy League group of universities in the US.
- Practise your legal skills in our on-campus moot court and undertake legal clinics and placements to build real-world experience.
- Access our dedicated Sir John Salmond Law Library with an extensive collection of legal materials, specialised online databases and rare historical documents.
- Become part of the Law Students' Society where you'll form a diverse network of peers, gain access to dedicated support and attend professional development events.

**Ranked 63 for Law in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026.*



An unmatched learning experience

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**Member of the
Group of Eight**



20:1

student to staff ratio



**World-class
academics**



35%

international
students^



9,500+

students^



*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026.

^across Adelaide University's College of Business and Law.

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Duration	3 years (Graduate entry) 4 years (Undergraduate entry)
Start date	February, July
Campus	Adelaide City Campus East

Adelaide University's Bachelor of Laws (Honours) is equivalent to the Canadian JD and a highly regarded degree designed to prepare you for your future legal career in Canada.

It will provide you with rigorous knowledge of the areas of substantive law necessary to undertake legal practice within a broad liberal education. You'll graduate with a sound understanding of legal concepts, processes and methods.

The program consists of a series of law courses which will provide you with a thorough grounding in common law principles and legal methodology. You'll also be able to choose from a range of elective courses aligned to your career interests.

Assessment is through a combination of class participation, written assignments, exams, research essays, oral presentations, and traditional moot court competitions.

During your studies, you'll develop real-world experience and connect with industry professionals through internships, our law clinics and mentoring programs.

Federation of Law Societies of Canada National Committee on Accreditation (NCA)

In order to gain admission to practice law in Canada, you'll need to obtain accreditation of your degree from the NCA upon returning home. Typically, this will require the completion of six subjects in Canadian content not included in Adelaide University's law degree.

Université de Montréal Specialized Graduate Diploma in Canadian Law

We have established the Specialized Graduate Diploma in Canadian Law with the Université de Montréal Faculty of Law which allows you to complete these six additional subjects in the second semester of your second or third year of study in Adelaide. This program will also count as full credit for a semester of study towards your Adelaide University law degree. An Adelaide University law graduate who completes the Montreal Specialized Graduate Diploma in Canadian Law will complete both the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and the NCA accreditation requirements in just three years.

For more information, visit:

[**droit.umontreal.ca/en/sgdnacl**](https://droit.umontreal.ca/en/sgdnacl)

NCA exams

Adelaide University's School of Law is an approved NCA Exam Centre. If you need to complete any NCA exams, you can write them on our campus according to the schedule set each year by the NCA.

Entry requirements

There is no need to sit the LSAT for entry to the Bachelor of Laws (Honours), nor will it be considered as part of your admission. You'll just need to have an equivalent minimum university GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale), or 3.00 (on a 4.3/4.5 scale).

If you are a high school graduate, you'll need a score of 80-86% (varying by province).

Fees and scholarships

Adelaide University's annual tuition fees are competitive with leading Canadian and Australian Law Schools.

Canadian students are eligible to apply for Canadian federal and provincial student loans when studying at Adelaide University.

As an international student studying at an Australian university, you can work up to 48 hours per fortnight. During university breaks, you're able to work more than 48 hours in a fortnight.

We're also committed to providing accessible educational opportunities for international students through a range of scholarships.



**For more information
and to apply**



The student experience



Campus life

The School of Law is located at Adelaide University's City Campus East. Situated in the heart of the city next to central business and shopping districts, Adelaide is renowned for its history, beauty, convenience, lower cost of living and lively atmosphere. The campus backs onto the River Torrens, the University sports fields and Adelaide parklands.

Clubs and associations

With more than 200 clubs at Adelaide University, there's a crowd for everyone.

You don't need to be on campus to experience club life – clubs are open to everyone, so you can join and engage with many communities virtually.

No matter where you come from or what your interests are, we have a club for you. As a law student, you can also join the Adelaide University Law Students' Society which offers access to dedicated support and events.



Ranked 
79
in the world*

*2027 QS World University Rankings.



Accommodation

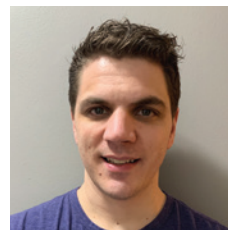
Student accommodation is more affordable in Adelaide than in many other Australian cities, and much of it is in the heart of the city. Many students can simply walk to their lectures.

We provide a wide range of accommodation options to suit different budgets and lifestyles, including university-managed accommodation, residential colleges, private rental and shared housing.

Student support

Our student support team provides a range of services for international students including:

- Appointments with international student advisers
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and health care
- Career advice
- English language support
- Wellbeing and safety support
- Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)
- Disability support
- Legal assistance
- Childcare services



“There is a magic to the University and that part of the city. The campus backs onto the river, which has kilometres of beautiful pathways to walk in either direction. Cross the street and one block over is a large outdoor mall. Just down the street is art, the courthouses, convention centres... everything that could stimulate the mind is located clustered around the campus. In many ways, I regret that my degree was only three years as I could have stayed and soaked up more of the environment and the city.”

Matthew Pender

Alberta, Canada, Law graduate

One of the world's most liveable cities





With a population of 1.5 million, Adelaide has a bustling, energetic city centre and is renowned for its festivals, cultural life and sporting events. With great shopping, beaches, a cafe culture, affordable student accommodation and friendly residents, Adelaide offers a relaxed lifestyle with all the convenience of city living.

Safe and relaxed, Adelaide is ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities* and with an average cost of living 16% lower than Sydney and 13% lower than Melbourne^, it's also one of Australia's most affordable mainland cities.

Lifestyle and climate

South Australians come from over 120 different countries, creating a wonderful mix of cultures and influences.

In the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2026 Global Liveability Index, Adelaide ranked as the world's 8th most liveable city, just ahead of Vancouver.

Adelaide is a coastal city, with pristine white sandy beaches that attract thousands for relaxation and recreation in the summer. It's easy to get around Adelaide and it takes just 20 minutes on the tram to get from the city centre to the beach.

Warm, dry summers and short, mild winters mean an average 300 days of sunshine per year.



Adelaide is one of Australia's most cosmopolitan cities, with an array of cafés, restaurants and shops reflecting the diversity of its communities. The city boasts a range of shopping experiences within the CBD and metropolitan surrounds. Rundle Mall has the largest concentration of department and chain stores, while within walking distance are trendy boutiques, bars and cafés.

Adelaide is a cultural capital and 'Festival State' of Australia, home to internationally renowned creative events including the Adelaide Fringe, the biggest arts festival in Australia.

South Australia is also the only state in the nation to feature in the Michelin Guide, one of the world's most influential restaurant guides.

*The Economist Intelligence Unit's 2026 Global Liveability Index.
^2026 Study Adelaide.



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