AK1008 BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)
Programme Information 2027

The LLB is a 480-point degree, divided into four 120-point parts. Each part represents a year of full-time study; the degree is normally completed in four years of full-time study or the part-time equivalent.
The programme consists of compulsory law courses, law elective courses, and non-law courses in Part I.

	Course Type	Points	Courses
	Law Compulsory	255	10
	Non-Law *	60	4
	Law Electives	165	11
	Total	**480**	**25**

**Usually four 15-point courses taken from another AUT degree (RPL may apply; see below)*

Bachelor of Laws Programme Structure

PART I	PART II	PART III**		PART IV**	
LAWS510 TIKANGA MĀORI AND THE SETTLER STATE LEGAL SYSTEM OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND Full-Year (30 pts)	**LAWS621 PUBLIC LAW** Full-Year (30 pts)	**LAWG720 LAW OF PROPERTY** Full-Year (30 pts)		**LAWS706 LEGAL ETHICS** Semester 1 (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)
LAWS509 LEGAL REASONING AND WRITING Full-Year (30 pts)	**LAWS622 LAW OF CONTRACT** Full-Year (30 pts)	**LAWG719 TRUSTS AND SUCCESSION** Semester 1 (15 pts)	**LAWG718 NGA WHENU RARANGA** Semester 2 (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)
60 points of non-law courses* (30 points in each semester)	**LAWS623 LAW OF TORTS** Full-Year (30 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)
	LAWS627 CRIMINAL LAW Full-Year (30 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)	**LAW ELECTIVE** (15 pts)

- Students are generally expected to complete each level of study before enrolling in courses at the next level.
- If you completed study at AUT or another university within the five years before enrolling in the AUT LLB, you may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) credit:
  * Up to 60 points may be credited towards the Part I non-law course requirement.
  ** Up to 30 points may be credited towards the law elective component or substituted with Level 7 non-law courses, subject to Programme Leader approval.
- A maximum of 30 points of non-law courses may count towards law electives. This limit includes any RPL credit or course substitutions.

PLANNING YOUR STUDY

Start with the programme structure. Then use **AUT Course Search** to find course descriptors and timetables by course code or title. Check pre-requisites, restrictions and availability before enrolling.

In Part I you study two 30-point compulsory law courses. This makes up half of Part I study (60 points). The remaining 60 points are usually four 15-points courses taken from another AUT degree, which give you the opportunity to broaden your study and enables you to enrol in one of the double degrees.

Check the list of non-law elective courses by subject area to see what's available.

Don't guess if you're on the right track – get in touch with us and we can help you map out your study

In-person course advice drop-in sessions:

City Campus, WF Building Level 1	10:30 am – 12 noon daily & 1:30 – 2:30 pm (Mon-Thurs)
South Campus, MB Building, Room 107 (During Semester Weeks)	Tuesdays 9:45 am – 12:30 pm Wednesdays 10:30 am – 12 noon & 1:30 -2:30 pm

Email: law@aut.ac.nz **Phone:** 09 921 9657 **Online:** Book a study-planning appointment

BACHELOR OF LAW 2027 COURSE OFFERINGS

Browse compulsory courses, Semester 1 & Semester 2 law electives, and intensive block course offerings below.

Compulsory LLB courses (Parts I – IV)

All compulsory courses are offered at both the City and South Campuses.
Enrolment Period Code: FY = Full-Year; **S1** = Semester 1; **S2** = Semester 2

Course Code	Course Title	Period Code	Pre-requisites	Restrictions
LAWS509	Legal Reasoning and Writing	FY	None	415102
LAWS510	Tikanga Māori and the Settler State Legal System of Aotearoa New Zealand*	FY	None	None
LAWS621	Public Law	FY	LAWS510, LAWS509	LAWS607, LAWS702
LAWS622	Law of Contract	FY	LAWS510, LAWS509	416202
LAWS623	Law of Torts	FY	LAWS510, LAWS509	416203
LAWS627	Criminal Law	FY	LAWS510, LAWS509	417301, LAWS798
LAWG718	Ngā Whenu Raranga*	S2	90 points from Part II	None
LAWG719	Trusts and Succession*	S1	90 points from Part II	LAWS605
LAWG720	Law of Property*	FY	90 points from Part II	LAWS504, LAWS604
LAWS706	Legal Ethics	S1	LAWS798	417402

* Students who started the LLB before 2025 under the previous degree structure, or entered directly into Part II may have different compulsory courses. Please check the **2027 Law Course Offerings**.
and contact Course Advice to confirm your study plan and ensure you can complete your degree requirements within eight years of your first enrolment.

BACHELOR OF LAW ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS 2027

Semester 1 Elective Courses (S1)

All courses are worth 15 points unless otherwise stated.

Course Code	Course Title	Campus	Pre-requisites
LAWG701	International Trade Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWG703	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice	City	75 points from Part II
LAWG708	Competition Law	City	75 points from Part II including LAWS622 & LAWS623
LAWG716	Pacific Regional Governance	South	75 points from Part II
LAWG723	Artificial Intelligence and the Law	City	90 points from Part II
LAWG724	NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990	City	90 points from Part II
LAWG725	Democracy and Political Conflict	City	195 points from a bachelor's degree
LAWS703	Advanced Private Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS721	Employment Law	City	75 points from Part II including LAWS622
LAWS723	Insolvency and Receivership	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS736	Supervised Legal Research (15 points)*	No classes	75 points from Part II
LAWS737	Supervised Legal Research (30 points)*	No classes	75 points from Part II
LAWS742	Youth Justice	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS755	Non-Adversarial Justice	South	75 points from Part II
LAWS777	Principles of Intellectual Property	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS778	International Human Rights Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS788	Law of Armed Conflict	South	75 points from Part II
LAWS797	Company Law	City	75 points from Part II

***LAWS736 and LAWS737 Supervised Legal Research**

- These courses develop advanced legal research and writing skills and are generally recommended for students with a **B GPA or higher**. Enrolment requests from students below this threshold may be declined.
- Before applying, identify a research topic and obtain supervision approval from a suitable supervisor. You are responsible for arranging this.
- Apply to enrol online, then email evidence of your supervisor's approval to law@aut.ac.nz. Your enrolment will not be approved until it is received.

Semester 2 Elective Courses (S2)

All courses are worth 15 points unless otherwise stated.

Course Code	Course Title	Campus	Pre-requisites
LAWS704	Public International Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS707	Prison and Parole Law	South	75 points from Part II
LAWS712	Climate Change Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS714	Law of Evidence	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS731	Problems in Patent Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS733	Resource Management Law	City	Co-req LAWG720
LAWS734	Advanced Employment Law	City	LAWS721
LAWS736	Supervised Legal Research (15 points)*	No classes	75 points from Part II
LAWS737	Supervised Legal Research (30 points)*	No classes	75 points from Part II
LAWS740	Special Topic III: Law & Foreign Policy	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS746	Commercial Transactions	South	75 points from Part II
LAWS749	Wills and Estates	City	Co-req LAWG719
LAWS753	Banking and Financial-Services Law	City	75 points from Part II including LAWS622
LAWS770	Art Law	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS776	Clinical Legal Education	City	75 points from Part II
LAWS779	Commercial Criminal Law	South	LAWS627/ LAWS798
LAWS784	Special Topic IV: Dispute Resolution	City	75 points from Part II

City Campus Elective Block Courses

Please note:

- *These courses count towards your 60-point Semester 2 study load. You may take up to 45 additional points (three 15-point courses) without an approved Variation of Study.*
- *Due to their intensive nature, only one block course may be taken per enrolment period.*

Inter-Semester Break, A2 (assessments due in S2)

Course Code	Course Title	Monday 28 June	Tuesday 29 June	Wednesday 30 June	Thursday 1 July	Friday 2 July
LAWS727	Mental Health and the Law	9:30am – 3:30pm	9:30am – 3:30pm	9:30am – 3:30pm	9:30am – 3:30pm	9:30am – 1:30pm

Mid-Semester 2 Break, S2 (assessments due in the second half of S2)

Course Code	Course Title	Monday 30 August	Tuesday 31 August	Wednesday 1 September	Thursday 2 September	Friday 3 September
LAWS710	Accident Compensation Law	9:00am – 4:00pm	9:00am – 4:00pm	No class	9:00am – 4:00pm	9:00am – 4:00pm

KEY STUDY INFORMATION

Your study	The LLB is 480 points, equivalent to four years of full-time study, or the part-time equivalent. • Courses are worth 15 or 30 points. A full-time load is usually 60 points per semester. • Allow around 10 hours of independent study per course each week, in addition to scheduled classes. • Attend your classes and submit all assessments to support your success.
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	If you have prior study or relevant learning, contact Course Advice to find out whether you are eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and what steps to take. A maximum of 90 points of non-law courses may be credited towards the LLB: up to 60 points of Level 5 non-law courses towards the Part I requirement, and up to 30 points of approved Level 7 non-law courses towards law electives.
Full-time study	• A full-time load is 60 points per semester or 120 points per year. • For StudyLink purposes, 0.8 FTE (105 points per year) is considered full-time study.
Part-time study	You can study part-time, but time limits and rules may apply to completing your degree and to student loans or allowances. Attend a course advice session to discuss your options.
Time limits	You must normally complete all degree requirements within **eight years** of your first enrolment.
Progression to Part II	The progression threshold for Part II is a **B grade average across LAWS509 and LAWS510**. After you complete your Part I courses, the Law Assessment Board will determine your eligibility to progress. You'll be contacted in December and advised whether you can progress to Part II. Other students who do not meet this threshold may also be eligible for Part II study at the discretion of the assessment board.
Fast-tracking	Part III and IV students may apply to take more than 60 points in a semester. Submit a Variation of Study application before the semester starts; a B+ average is required. You may also be able to fast-track through Summer School, subject to course availability. It runs over four teaching weeks in December and January. Each week is equivalent to three weeks of a regular semester. Preference is given to Part III and IV students nearing completion of their degree.
Course descriptors and timetables	Find course descriptors and timetables in AUT Course Search by entering the course code.
Enrolment	New students are normally enrolled by AUT. Returning students can enrol through My AUT or the AUT app before the semester starts. See the enrolment guide for details.
Class occurrences	Each course has a code and occurrence number, for example, LAWS509/**W101**, LAWS510/**M202.** The occurrence code indicates the campus or mode: **W** City Campus, **M** South Campus, **A** North Campus, and **N** online. **W1/M1/N1:** Semester 1 occurrence; **W2/M2/N2:** Semester 2 occurrence. You can change occurrences through My AUT until the end of Week 1, subject to availability.
Pre-requisites, co-requisites and restrictions	• A pre-requisite must be successfully completed before you take a course. • A co-requisite must be taken before or at the same time as a course. • A restriction means you generally cannot receive credit for both listed courses.
Progress and support	If you're struggling with a course, seek help early. Contact Course Advice to discuss your situation and find out what support is available. Students who fail a compulsory course or more than half of their enrolment will be referred to support services. Students who fail a course on their second attempt or fail more than half of their enrolment for a second consecutive semester, must apply for approval to continue.
International exchange	An exchange can help you build your network, experience another culture and develop your employability while working towards your degree. Start planning early: applications are due around six months before you go overseas, and the exchange is normally completed in your final semester of study.
Graduation	Students who complete their LLB at the end of Semester 1 will normally graduate at that year's Winter ceremony (July/August). Students who complete at the end of Semester 2 will normally graduate at the following year's Winter ceremony because external assessment usually finishes after the deadline for the December ceremony. AUT will check your eligibility and recommend you for graduation. If recommended, you'll be sent a graduation application. For more information visit the Graduation web page.

Please contact **law@aut.ac.nz** or **09 921 9657** if you have any questions regarding enrolment planning.
When emailing, please include your student ID number in the subject line.