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UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE  
PROGRAMME GUIDE 2027

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# Nau mai, haere mai ki AUT WELCOME TO AUT

E ngā mana, e ngā reo  
E te iti, e te rahi  
E ngā mātāwaka o ngā tōpito o te ao  
Ngā mahuetanga iho e kawē nei i ngā  
moemoeā o rātou mā  
Tēnā koutou katoa

Piki mai rā, kake mai rā,  
Nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei o ngā wānanga  
Whakatau mai i raro i te korowai āhuru o Te Wānanga  
Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau

Te whakatupu i te kōunga, i te mana taurite me ngā  
tikanga matatika, i ngā pūkenga ako,  
i ngā pūkenga whakaako me te āta rangahau hei hāpai  
i ngā hāpori whānui o te motu, otirā, o te ao.

To the prestigious, the many voices  
The few, the great  
To those of all races and creeds  
We who remain to fulfil the dreams and  
aspirations of the ancestors  
Greetings one and all

Climb, ascend  
Embark on the journey of knowledge  
Let us at AUT embrace and empower you  
To strive for and achieve excellence

To foster excellence, equity and ethics in  
learning, teaching, research and scholarship,  
and in so doing serve our regional, national  
and international communities.

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# He aha ai e ako ki AUT? WHY STUDY AT AUT?

Scan this QR code for details about courses, where your study could lead and stories about our graduates and students.



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1 Our law programmes are developed in close consultation with the legal profession  
2 You can also study law at the AUT South Campus 3 There are many spaces across campus for either solo study or group work 4 The City Campus is the main home of AUT's law programmes

**Think all universities are the same? That's exactly why we built something different – a place where you belong exactly as you are and where your learning connects directly to real-world impact. We don't follow the usual university playbook, because different gets better results. Ready to see how?**

## Confident in your future

Law shapes how society works and how you advocate for fair outcomes. At AUT, you'll explore complex legal questions through real cases, guided by lecturers with experience across different parts of the legal system. You'll study in one of the country's most diverse law schools, in small, collaborative classes where your ideas are heard and sharpened. You'll graduate prepared for future legal pathways with empathy, integrity and a strong sense of purpose, ready to contribute meaningfully wherever your career takes you.

## Built for the real world

Most universities teach you to think. We also teach you to do. From day one, your learning connects to real-world application. You won't just study theory – you'll have opportunities to develop your negotiation, mediation and legal drafting skills through class activities and moots. You'll use legal databases packed with cases, legislation and commentary. Through internships or other practical experiences, you can gain insight into how legal work happens in professional settings, building your confidence through meaningful, hands-on learning.

## Go beyond the classroom

Your AUT experience doesn't stop when class ends. Join the AUT Law Students' Society or Māori and Pacific law clubs to build networks and strengthen your voice. Enter mooting and negotiation competitions that put you in front of judges and industry leaders. Work alongside senior law professionals through our Shadow a Leader programme. These experiences are how you build the edge employers look for. And when you graduate, you'll join the AUT Law School Alumni Association, a network that keeps you connected and brings alumni back into the classroom to share insights.

## Research that shapes tomorrow

Real legal issues start with real people. Our researchers explore non-adversarial approaches, indigenous rights and diverse areas of public and private law. We work alongside legal professionals, community groups and policymakers on projects that contribute insight, support informed decisions and connect with issues and experiences that matter. You'll learn from academics driving these conversations, so what you study reflects what's happening now – not just what's in textbooks.

# Oranga Taura STUDENT LIFE

**We see you. We back you. Your success is our mission. It's care you can feel every day. This is AUT.**

## You're seen from day one

Orientation isn't really about maps or lecture rooms; it's about connection. This is where you'll meet the people who'll message you notes when you miss class, hype you up before a big presentation and check in when life gets heavy. It's also where you'll prep for academic success, and find out where to get help when you need it and who'll have your back throughout your time here. And that care carries on long after your first week. When you drop into the Student Hub – whether it's on campus or online – you'll find caring staff who remember your face, ask how things are going and genuinely want to help you sort whatever you need sorted.

## Find your people

Over 90 clubs covering social, cultural, creative and special interests. Sports teams. Faith communities. Sustainability projects. Whatever your thing is, there's space for it – and if there isn't, start something new. You'll find recreation spaces and gyms where you can train or clear your head, social sports leagues where you can compete with mates, and opportunities to represent AUT through University and Tertiary Sport NZ. You'll find cafés and student lounges to hang out in, and places to grab food between classes. Throughout the year there are cultural festivals, guest speakers, performances and competitions; plenty of chances to get involved, try something different and make things happen.

## Communities where you belong

At AUT we celebrate diversity. We're proud to be a Pride Pledge university and we're deeply committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Belonging isn't a slogan. It's real, everyday spaces where you don't have to explain yourself. You'll find Māori and Pacific communities where culture leads the way, rainbow spaces that feel safe and joyful; support built around what disabled, Deaf and neurodivergent students need to thrive; guidance for international students finding their place in Aotearoa, and advocacy that makes sure your voice is heard.

## Support that actually shows up

Uni is full of highs, lows and late night panic moments, and you're not expected to push through any of it alone. You'll have academic support that makes tricky assignments feel manageable, library research help when you're stuck, workshops to build your skills, counselling and medical care you can access without stress, practical help when money is tight – including food support and even laptops if you need them – and tech support that keeps your study running smoothly. Whatever you're facing, there's someone here who knows how to make it easier. And you can feel safe while you're here – our campuses are monitored 24/7.

## Your future starts now

Employability isn't something you leave until graduation – it's woven through everything you do. You'll get career advice from people who understand your industry and what it's like to move from university to the working world, events where you can meet employers throughout the year, job boards linking you to opportunities, and volunteering and leadership activities, and real-world projects that build your confidence. Whether you're exploring internships, starting your own venture with entrepreneurship support or studying overseas at one of our partner universities, you'll find momentum that carries you into what comes next.

## Want to know more?

Scan for full details on clubs, support services, campus facilities and everything else that makes AUT feel like your place.



## Support and opportunities for law students

Law school isn't just about lectures – it's about connection. At AUT you'll join law societies, get involved in projects and events that grow your skills and be part of a community that's ready with advice and support whenever you need it.

### Law School Student Support

We've got your back from day one. Our team connects you with everything studying law at AUT offers so you feel part of the community and get the most from your degree. Need course advice? We'll help you plan your study and sort issues anytime throughout your degree. From enrolment and timetables to exams and graduation – and everything in between – we'll help you sort it quickly and confidently.

Contact us at +64 9 921 9657 or email [law@aut.ac.nz](mailto:law@aut.ac.nz) if you have any questions.

### Student societies

#### AUT Law Students' Society (AUTLSS)

Law careers start with connections – and AUTLSS makes them happen. As a fully integrated member of the New Zealand Law Students' Association, AUTLSS champions AUT law students. We run events all year, organise law competitions and connect you with mentors who know the industry. We also work with external partners and the local legal community to bring you speaker sessions and workshops.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/autlss](https://www.instagram.com/autlss)

#### AUT Moana Nui

More than a club – it's a whānau. AUT Moana Nui supports Māori and Pacific business and law students with study help, industry connections and a community that backs you to succeed.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/aut.moananui](https://www.instagram.com/aut.moananui)

#### AUT Mooting Society

Think fast. Argue smarter. The AUT Mooting Society gives you practical insight into mooting. You'll get hands-on training, compete in national competitions and build oral advocacy skills and confidence – while connecting with leading firms.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/autmootingsociety](https://www.instagram.com/autmootingsociety)

#### AUT Pasifika Law Students' Association (AUTPLSA)

Success takes more than hard work – it takes a network that backs you. AUTPLSA is that network for Pacific Island law students. We're here to support, challenge and push you to aim higher every step of the way as you move through law school.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/autplsa](https://www.instagram.com/autplsa)

#### AUT Women in Law (AUTWIL)

Law needs more women leading – and AUTWIL is here to make it happen. We'll connect you with mentors, guidance and opportunities that help you lead with confidence. Build relationships, gain insight and take steps that put you ahead in your studies and career.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/autwomeninlaw](https://www.instagram.com/autwomeninlaw)

#### AUT Māori Law Students Society (Te Aro Ture)

Te Aro Ture is where Māori law students find more than study – they find strength. This roopu backs you to achieve your best academic outcomes while weaving tikanga values and principles into your journey. Throughout the year you'll join mentoring sessions, workshops and professional meet-and-greet events that connect you to the legal world.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/tearoture](https://www.instagram.com/tearoture)

#### South Auckland Law Students' Association (SALSA)

Your law journey doesn't have to be a solo mission. SALSA is where South Auckland law students find their people. It's a space to connect, share ideas and back each other through the highs and lows of study. Looking for support, social events and a network that gets what you're aiming for? SALSA welcomes law students from every year and background – because success is better together.

To find out more visit [instagram.com/salsa.aut](https://www.instagram.com/salsa.aut)

### Student exchange

Your law degree can take you further – literally. With AUT Global you'll spend a semester overseas at a leading law school, gaining global insight and connections that give your career an edge from day one.

#### Ireland

- Trinity College Dublin

#### Spain

- Universidad Pontificia Comillas (School of Law)

#### Sweden

- Stockholm University (Department of Law)

#### United Kingdom

- Exeter University



"I highly recommend studying at the AUT South Campus, where I was primarily based. The campus fosters close relationships between students, lecturers and staff. It's a more relaxed and approachable environment, which made a big difference in my learning experience. I'm also grateful to the AUT Law Students' Society and the AUT Pasifika Law Students' Association for organising exam preparation workshops. These sessions were incredibly helpful and provided a solid foundation for my exam strategy. AUT is a place that welcomes diverse experiences – and if you're willing to work hard, you'll find people who believe in you and will help you succeed."

**Shimpei (Peter) Sato**  
Parry Field Lawyers, Christchurch  
Bachelor of Laws



"My time at AUT was filled with valuable achievements that shaped my career. I participated in moot competitions, which helped me develop my advocacy and public speaking skills. Additionally, I took part in internships that provided practical experience and allowed me to apply my learnings in real-world settings. These experiences not only enhanced my understanding of law but also built my confidence. I loved the courses that had a strong emphasis on the practical application of law in real-life scenarios. The courses that included simulations, case studies and visits from guest lecturers gave me a valuable glimpse into what to expect after graduation."

**Karishma Zafar**  
Solicitor, Wynn Williams  
Bachelor of Laws & Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management  
and Employment Relations

## Prizes and awards

The Dean's List Awards recognise outstanding achievement in law courses each year. We also present named prizes, made possible by the support of firms, organisations and individuals who champion our students. AUT Law School is grateful for this partnership in celebrating excellence.

### Part I awards

- Law School Prize for the top student overall in Part I courses – City Campus
- The College of Law New Zealand Prize for the top student overall in Part I courses – South Campus

### Part II awards

- Law School Prize for the top student in:
  - Criminal Law
  - Law of Contract
  - Law of Torts
- LexisNexis Prize for the top student in Public Law
- LexisNexis Prize for the top student overall in Part II courses
- Meredith Connell Prize for the top student in Criminal Law

### Parts III and IV

- Law School Prize for the top student in:
  - He Raranga: Tikanga Māori Me Ngā Ture o Aotearoa
  - Law of Property
  - Trusts and Succession
- The College of Law New Zealand Prize for the top student in Legal Ethics

### Other awards

- ETPC Prize for Trusts and Fiduciary Obligations
- New Zealand Insurance Law Association Prize for the top student in Insurance Law
- SBM Legal Prize for the top student in Employment Law
- The Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLAANZ) Prize for the top student in International Trade Law

### Overall awards

- Meredith Connell Prize for the top all around Māori law student
- Pacific Lawyers' Association Pacific Island Law Student Excellence Award for the top graduating Pacific student
- Law School Honours Award for the student with the best mark in the honours dissertation
- The Law School Award for the student with the best undergraduate record in the LLB or LLB(Hons)

### Special awards

- The Matt Weber Memorial Prize for Commercial Transactions
- Law Dean's Outstanding Contribution Award to a Graduating Student who has made an outstanding contribution to the Law School
- Law Dean's Alumni Award to recognise a graduate's continued contribution to the Law School



"Law school really pushes you to your limits, and I've enjoyed that challenge because it's shown me I can achieve more than I thought I could. I've loved gaining new insights into politics, law and criminal justice. The proudest moment for me was at the AUT Law Awards, where I received four awards, including the award for the top Part I student overall, completing my Part I courses with an 8.875 GPA. My family didn't know what I was going to be awarded, and they were all so proud when my name was announced. My grandfather was especially proud to see our surname shown on the screen. I'm the first in my family to pursue a law degree, and sharing that moment with my family was incredibly special."

**Jade Daniella Siaoloa**  
3rd-year student, Bachelor of Laws



1 At AUT, you have access to everything you need to succeed, including employability support  
2 & 5 AUT's City Campus is located in central Auckland – just minutes from the courts  
3 Enjoy a variety of spaces around campus for studying or socialising  
4 AUT South Campus in Manukau has modern facilities and large open spaces  
6 You'll have access to an extensive range of law textbooks, including those written by your lecturers



# Bachelor of Laws

## Overview

LLB | AK1008

### QUICK FACTS

Level	7
Points	480
Duration	4 years full-time, part-time available
Campus	City & South <sup>1</sup>
Starts	22 Feb 2027

Law is about much more than learning legal rules. It's about developing the skills to listen attentively, read critically and communicate clearly. At AUT, you'll construct coherent arguments, express yourself confidently in writing and speech, and take a systematic approach to analysing problems and suggesting practical solutions. You'll investigate challenging legal questions based on real-life scenarios in a collaborative learning environment, supported by lecturers with extensive knowledge and understanding of the rules and how they apply in practice. You'll graduate prepared for roles in law firms, commercial businesses, charities, government agencies and other organisations that value strong communication and sound judgement.

### Entry requirements

#### Minimum entry requirements

University Entrance or equivalent

#### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) of 6.0 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher; or equivalent

#### Useful New Zealand school subjects

Subjects that develop a very good standard of reading, oral and written English including (but not limited to) Art History, Classical Studies, Drama, English, Geography, Health Education, History, Media Studies, Social Studies, Te Reo Māori or Te Reo Rangatira

#### Don't meet the entry requirements?

Consider starting with our Diploma in Business.



"At AUT it's not just about theory – it's about gaining real-world experience, which has been essential in shaping my understanding of the law and reinforcing the bigger picture. For example, Shadowing in the High Court for our Immigration and Refugee Law course was a standout moment – it reminded me why I chose to study law in the first place. Being on the Mooting Society executive led to even more exciting experiences, like joining the Auckland Women's Lawyers' Association as a student and attending the CBA conference. The networking and hands-on experience I gained through AUT are invaluable in my role now. It was through these opportunities that I realised making a meaningful contribution to society is a non-negotiable for my career. AUT helped me identify what I want from my career and gave me the tools to pursue it."

**Stephanie Young**  
Employment Claims Coordinator, Peninsula  
Bachelor of Laws

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### What this qualification covers

#### PART I

Your first year gives you a real look into Aotearoa New Zealand's legal system – showing you what law is about and how it works in practice. You'll take two full-year compulsory courses: Legal Reasoning and Writing, and Tikanga Māori and the Settler State Legal System of Aotearoa New Zealand. Together, these make up half of your first year (60 points). The other 60 points come from courses in another AUT degree, giving you the chance to broaden your study – many students use this to start a double degree. Complete Part I with at least a B average in the compulsory law courses and you're guaranteed a place in Part II. Other students may also be eligible for Part II.

#### PART II, III and IV

After your first year, you'll move into more specialist areas of law while continuing to build your analytical and communication skills. You'll take a mix of compulsory courses and electives. The second year covers Public Law, Law of Contract, Law of Torts and Criminal Law. Your third year includes He Raranga: Tikanga Māori Me Ngā Ture o Aotearoa, Law of Property, Trusts and Succession, plus three electives. In your final year you'll study Legal Ethics and choose seven electives, shaping your degree around the areas that interest you most.

### Becoming a barrister and solicitor

Want to practise law in New Zealand? After your Bachelor of Laws you'll need to:

- Complete the Professional Legal Studies Course at either the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS) or the College of Law; and
- Obtain a certificate of completion from the New Zealand Council of Legal Education (NZCLE); and
- Obtain a certificate of character from the Law Society; and
- Be admitted to the roll of barristers and solicitors of the High Court of New Zealand; and
- Hold a current practising certificate issued by the Law Society

Complete your Professional Legal Studies course (Profs) and you're ready to be admitted to the bar – to practise as a barrister and solicitor and call yourself a lawyer.

1. All courses are available at the City Campus. Most compulsory courses are also available at the South Campus.

# Course planner – Bachelor of Laws

	PART I			PART II				PART III			PART IV								
SEMESTER 1	Tikanga Māori and the Settler State Legal System of Aotearoa New Zealand	30 PTS		Legal Reasoning & Writing	30 PTS			Non-law courses from any other AUT degree programme	60 PTS										
SEMESTER 2																			

■ Core courses    PTS: Points  
 \* Proposed new course. More details will be available once this course has been fully approved. Visit [aut.ac.nz/law](http://aut.ac.nz/law) for more information.

## Direct entry to Part II

The AUT Law School considers applications for direct entry to Part II of the Bachelor of Laws. You'll normally need to:

- Have successfully completed Part I of the law degree at another New Zealand law school
- Achieved a minimum B grade average in your first-year law courses

If you're offered direct entry, you'll usually receive cross-credits for:

- Tikanga Māori and the Settler State Legal System of Aotearoa New Zealand – 30 points
- Legal Reasoning and Writing – 30 points
- Plus 60 points of non-law courses in the first year of the AUT law degree.

For more information visit [aut.ac.nz/law](http://aut.ac.nz/law)



You can study at the AUT South Campus in Manukau



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# Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Stand out where it counts. Build advanced legal research and writing skills and give your CV the edge for competitive clerkships and law roles. The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) is for high-achieving students ready to deepen expertise and take their legal thinking further.

## Entry requirements

### Minimum entry requirements

- Completed Bachelor of Laws Parts I and II to the academic standard for honours

Students will be invited to join the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) programme if they have at least a B+ grade average in their Part II Bachelor of Laws courses.

### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 6.5 overall with all bands 6.0 or higher; or equivalent

### What this qualification covers

The Bachelor of Laws (Honours) includes a research course and a dissertation, and usually adds an extra semester to your Bachelor of Laws.<sup>2</sup>

#### Parts I and II

Complete the Bachelor of Laws to the required academic standard.

#### Part III and IV and additional semester

Complete the Bachelor of Laws plus a research methods course and a dissertation on a topic you choose, supervised by AUT Law School staff.

- The 540 points include 480 points from the LLB.
- Most Bachelor of Laws (Honours) students complete the Research Course in Part III, and most students complete the dissertation course in February of the year following Part IV.
- Students will be invited to join the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) programme if they have at least a B+ grade average in their Part II Bachelor of Laws courses.

LLB(Hons) | AK1009

## QUICK FACTS

Level	8
Points	540 <sup>1</sup>
Duration	4½ years full-time <sup>2</sup>
Campus	City
Starts	22 Feb 2027

## Career opportunities

Law opens doors to a wide range of roles. You might practise in areas like corporate, commercial, intellectual property, family, environmental, criminal, taxation or general practice. Law graduates also move into roles that include:

- In-house counsel for major New Zealand and multinational organisations
- Patent attorneys
- Policy advisors for central and local government
- Senior management positions in business
- Taxation specialists in accountancy firms



"AUT caught my attention. There was a variety of law electives available, and a diverse range of students and alumni, which was very attractive. Another bonus was that the AUT South Campus was close to home and work in South Auckland. The learning experience was great. All the lecturers brought their own unique personality and experience to the classroom. This made them relatable, and learning was fun and interactive. I also loved having the opportunity to give back. I provided exam workshops for law students, tutoring and mentorship. This meant a lot to me because I knew the struggles that came with studying, and I wanted to help others get through."

**Gloria Rapoto**  
Lawyer, Bell Gully  
Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with First Class Honours

## Certificate in Legal Studies

Scan this QR code for course details and where this qualification could lead you.



Law shapes how society works – and this is your way in. The Certificate in Legal Studies gives you an introduction to New Zealand’s legal framework in less than a year. You’ll study courses from the Bachelor of Laws and build a strong foundation in law and the legal system. It’s ideal if you’re not ready to commit to a full law degree or if you have an overseas law qualification and need to meet New Zealand Council of Legal Education (NZCLE) requirements to practise here. This certificate also prepares you for further study in the Bachelor of Laws.

### Entry requirements

#### Minimum entry requirements

University Entrance or equivalent

#### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 6.0 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher; or equivalent

#### Useful New Zealand school subjects

Subjects that develop a very good standard of reading, oral and written English including (but not limited to) Art History, Classical Studies, Drama, English, Geography, Health Education, History, Media Studies, Social Studies, Te Reo Māori or Te Reo Rangatira

### What this qualification covers

You’ll complete 60 points from the Bachelor of Laws. If you’re new to law, you’ll build a foundation in tikanga Māori, the settler state legal system and legal reasoning and writing – skills that shape strong legal thinking. If you’ve studied law before and need to meet Council of Legal Education requirements, you’ll complete level 6 and 7 courses to position yourself for practising law in New Zealand.

CertLegalSt | AK2601

### QUICK FACTS

Level	5
Points	60
Duration	½ year full-time, 1 year part-time
Campus	City & South
Starts	22 Feb & 12 July 2027

## Postgraduate Certificate in Law

Scan this QR code for course details and graduate stories.



Your degree got you started – now make it count. The Postgraduate Certificate in Law is for graduates – whether your first degree was in law or another field – who want advanced legal knowledge and sharper research skills. You’ll gain practical and theoretical insight into law and legal issues, and integrate this with your existing expertise and experience.

Practising lawyers can also earn credit towards compulsory Continuing Legal Education requirements by completing courses in this programme. In exceptional circumstances, students who don’t meet the usual entry criteria for the Master of Laws but complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Law may be considered for admission to the master’s programme.

### Entry requirements

#### Minimum entry requirements

- A Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Laws (Honours); or
- A bachelor’s degree; or
- A relevant professional qualification or professional experience approved by the Dean of Law to be equivalent to a bachelor’s degree
- Applicants must demonstrate to the Dean (or representative) an ability to undertake advanced study and research in law

#### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 7.0 overall with 7.0 or higher in Writing and Reading, and 6.5 in Listening and Speaking; or equivalent

### What this qualification covers

You’ll complete 60 points from courses in the Master of Laws, including the Legal Research Methodology course. These courses are designed to deepen your understanding of advanced legal concepts and strengthen your research skills, giving you the foundation for higher-level study or specialist roles.

PgCertLaw | AK1050

### QUICK FACTS

Level	8
Points	60
Duration	½ year full-time, part-time available
Campus	City
Starts	22 Feb & 12 July 2027



Scan this QR code for course details and graduate stories.

# Master of Laws

Law doesn't stand still – and neither should you. A Master of Laws takes your legal knowledge and research skills to the next level, giving you the flexibility to study in a way that works for you. Complete the degree entirely by thesis, entirely by coursework or combine both. You can also tailor your learning with a range of specialisations or focus areas, so your study reflects your ambitions and the impact you want to make.

## Entry requirements

### Minimum entry requirements

- A Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Laws (Honours) or equivalent
- In exceptional circumstances, an applicant who does not meet the requirements above but who has extensive professional or scholarly experience of an appropriate kind, may be considered for admission
- Applicants must demonstrate to the dean (or representative) an ability to undertake study at postgraduate level in the proposed course of study

### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 7.0 overall with 7.0 or higher in Writing and Reading, and 6.5 in Listening and Speaking; or equivalent

### Other requirements

Will normally be required to complete an approved research methods course.

LLM | AK1044

## QUICK FACTS

Level	9
Points	120
Duration	1 year full-time, part-time available
Campus	City
Starts	22 Feb & 12 July 2027

## Career opportunities

A Master of Laws can boost your professional prospects, open up academic pathways and give you the edge to move your career forward.

## What this qualification covers

### Master of Laws by Thesis

- 120-point thesis (around 40,000 words) OR
- 90-point thesis (around 30,000 words) and 30 points from courses
- The thesis question has to be approved before enrolment.

### Master of Laws by Dissertation

- A dissertation of 60 points (around 20,000 words) AND
- 60 points from additional courses
- We suggest you start by completing the courses. The topic for your dissertation has to be approved.

### Master of Laws by Coursework

- 120 points from courses

## Specialisations and focus areas

### Specialisations

You can complete the Master of Laws with 90 points<sup>1</sup> in one of these specialisations:

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law
- Environmental and Resource Management Law
- Intellectual Property
- Property and Development
- Regulation and Competition

### Focus areas

You could also choose one of these focus areas and include courses from one of the following:

- Climate Change Law
- Human Rights Law
- Indigenous Rights and Law
- International Law
- Jurisprudence
- Non-Adversarial Justice
- Private Law
- Public Law
- Trusts and Fiduciary Obligations

1. This may include points from a thesis, dissertation or research project.



"I wanted to further my understanding of specific aspects of the law, improve my legal research skills and establish a strong academic foundation as I progress in my legal career. I had previously completed a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at AUT and thoroughly enjoyed my time there, so AUT was my natural first option to pursue further postgraduate study. I enjoyed engaging with academics who are at the top of their field and being given the opportunity to structure my programme in a way that suits me and my interests; enabling me to pursue areas that I'm interested in. I consider AUT a positive and practical learning environment with down to earth, knowledgeable and supportive academic staff."

**Ryan Marsich**  
Barrister, Emily Chambers  
Master of Laws  
Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with First Class Honours



"I was working as a principal legal officer dealing with investment activities for the Fiji National Provident Fund in Suva, and was promoted to the role of board secretary before I came to New Zealand to study at AUT. I chose to study a Master of Laws because I could specialise in corporate and commercial law. The law courses really taught me a lot about the importance of legal research and the significant role this plays in making effective laws and policies across the globe. This is very relevant to my work, and I look forward to putting into practice the skills and knowledge I gained while studying at AUT."

**Anamaria Rogovakalali**  
Board Secretary, Fiji National Provident Fund, Suva, Fiji  
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# Master of Philosophy

Scan this QR code for details on the application process and to browse academic supervisors.



Big questions don't fit in small assignments – they need space. The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) gives you that space. It's a one-year, research-only degree where you take on a topic that matters to you and push it further than coursework ever could. You'll work alongside experienced supervisors, sharpen advanced research skills and produce work that makes a real contribution. If you're aiming for doctoral study, this is the ideal next step.

## Entry requirements

### Minimum entry requirements

Must have completed one of the following with the equivalent of a B grade average or higher:

- Four-year bachelor's degree; or
- Bachelor's honours degree; or
- Bachelor's degree and postgraduate diploma; or
- Bachelor's degree and at least three years of experience relevant to the proposed research
- An interview may be required for particular research areas

### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) of 6.5 overall with all bands 6.0 or higher; or equivalent

### Other requirements

May be required to complete an approved research methods course

## What this qualification covers

You'll spend the year focused on an original thesis that reflects your interests and ambitions. You'll have expert supervisors on hand to guide you, with AUT academics available across a wide range of research areas – check out [aut.ac.nz/law](http://aut.ac.nz/law) for current research and supervision.

MPhil | AK3720

### QUICK FACTS

Level	9
Points	120
Duration	1 year full-time, 2 years part time
Campus	City
Starts	1 Feb, 3 May, 5 July & 4 Oct 2027

### Career opportunities

A Master of Philosophy shows you're ready for serious research. It opens doors to academic and research careers and is a strong pathway to a PhD. Your specialist topic can also position you as the go-to expert in your field.

# Doctor of Philosophy

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Ready to lead the conversation? A PhD is the highest qualification a university offers – and it's your chance to shape thinking in your field and influence how the world solves problems. This is research-only study where you go deep into a specialist area and make a significant original contribution to knowledge in your discipline. You'll work alongside supervisors who are recognised experts in their area, guiding you through every stage of your thesis and helping you meet international standards.

## Entry requirements

### Minimum entry requirements

Must normally have completed the following in a discipline appropriate to the proposed research:

- Master's degree with first-class or second-class (first division) honours; or
- Bachelor's degree with honours (equivalent to four years of study), normally with first-class or second-class (first division) honours

The degree should include advanced learning in research, execution of a research project and a written report on the research.

### English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) of 6.5 overall with 7.0 in Writing and no band less than 6.0

### Other requirements

Acceptance is subject to the availability of staff for supervision, prior research preparation and appropriate facilities.

## Planning your PhD

You'll need to prepare a brief proposal outlining the research area you want to explore. Our academics supervise projects across a wide range of topics – check out [aut.ac.nz/law](http://aut.ac.nz/law) for current research and supervision. PhD research allowances are normally available, covering costs like data collection, analysis, conferences and other essentials. You can also apply for research scholarships and graduate assistantships to support your journey.

PhD | AK3518

### QUICK FACTS

Level	10
Points	360
Duration	3–6 years
Campus	City
Starts	1 Feb, 3 May, 5 July & 4 Oct 2027

### Career opportunities

A PhD opens doors to influence. Graduates lead research that shapes industries, drive innovation and take senior roles in public or private sectors. Whether you aim for academia or want to apply your expertise in business or government, your skills create change far beyond the university.



## University admission to AUT bachelor's degrees

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If you're a New Zealand citizen or resident – or an international student finishing high school here – you'll need University Entrance to start a bachelor's degree. Some programmes ask for extra steps like certain subjects or an interview, so check what applies to you.

### Admission categories

You may be granted University Entrance under:

- NCEA University Entrance
- Ad Eundem Statum admission (at an equivalent level) – this includes Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)
- Discretionary Entrance
- Special Admission

To find out more about entry requirements, including entry requirements for international students, scan the QR code on the opposite page.

## English language requirements

If you don't have English as your first language, you may have to show evidence of your English language skills. Visit [aut.ac.nz/englishrequirements](http://aut.ac.nz/englishrequirements) for details about English language testing and recognised English tests.

## International students

Contact us for information regarding studying at AUT if you're not a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand or Australia, or a citizen of the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau islands.

Visit [aut.ac.nz/int/entryrequirements](http://aut.ac.nz/int/entryrequirements) for entry requirements for specific countries. If you have any questions, you can contact us at [aut.ac.nz/enquire](http://aut.ac.nz/enquire)

## UniPrep programme

Want to ease into university life? UniPrep runs for five weeks every January and February, giving you the best possible start. You'll advance your study skills, make friends, join team activities, find support and complete your first university course. Once you're part of our UniPrep whānau, we've got you.

Visit [aut.ac.nz/uniprep](http://aut.ac.nz/uniprep)

## NCEA university entrance

You must achieve all of the below:

Level 3 (60 credits)	UE Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Within the 60 credits, you need to at least achieve the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 credits in approved subject 1</li> <li>14 credits in approved subject 2</li> <li>14 credits in approved subject 3</li> <li>18 credits from any Level 3 standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Reading credits (Level 2 or 3)</li> <li>5 Writing credits (Level 2 or 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 Numeracy credits at Level 1, 2 or 3</li> </ul>

To find out more visit [www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-secondary-quals/university-entrance](http://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-secondary-quals/university-entrance)

This guide is for students in Year 10 or above in 2026. If you're in Year 9 or below, NCEA is changing. You'll work towards the New Zealand Certificate of Education and the New Zealand Advanced Certificate of Education instead.

## Getting UE through CAIE or IB? Here's what you will need:

CAIE	IB <sup>1</sup>
<p>120 points on the New Zealand CAIE Tariff at A or AS level in any subjects that are broadly equivalent to NCEA approved subjects</p> <p>D or above in at least 3 different subjects (excluding Thinking Skills)</p>	<p>E or above in English Language, Language and Literature in English or Literature at AS or A level</p> <p>D or above in IGCSE or GCSE Mathematics, or any mathematics subject passed at AS or A level</p>
<p>IB Diploma with a minimum 24 points</p>	<p>Literature or language and literature (SL or HL) – IB Group 1, with English as the language</p> <p>Any mathematics subject – IB Group 5</p>

1. New Zealand residents who have taken IB but have not been awarded the diploma may apply for discretionary entrance.

# Ngā utu whakauru, ngā karahipi FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Your education is an investment worth making. Here's what you need to know about AUT tuition fees and how to fund your degree – from scholarships and student loans to allowances and financial support when life gets complicated.

To give you an idea of approximate costs, the 2026 tuition fees are shown below (based on full-time study and completing 120 points per year). All fees are in NZ dollars and include GST. The 2027 tuition fees will be advertised on [aut.ac.nz/fees](http://aut.ac.nz/fees) as soon as they have been set. You may also need to pay additional fees for course materials or elective courses (check with your faculty if there are additional fees for your programme).

## Domestic student tuition fees

### Undergraduate programmes

**Fee (per year):** \$4,706.80 (for 60 points)–  
\$9,411.60 (for 120 points)<sup>1</sup>  
(\$4,096–\$8,190 tuition fees  
+ \$610.80–\$1,221.60 student services levy)

### Postgraduate programmes

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Fee (per year):** \$9,623.60 (for 120 points)  
(\$8,402 tuition fees + \$1,221.60 student services levy)

#### Master of Philosophy

**Fee (per year):** \$9,623.60 (for 120 points)<sup>1</sup>  
(\$8,402 tuition fees + \$1,221.60 student services levy)

### Other postgraduate programmes

**Fee (per year):** \$5,925.80 (for 60 points)–  
\$11,851.60 (for 120 points)<sup>1</sup>  
(\$5,315–\$10,630 tuition fees  
+ \$610.80–\$1,221.60 student services levy)

1. Part-time students pay a proportion of the fee based on the number of academic points they are studying.

## International student tuition fees

### Undergraduate programmes

**Fee (per year):** \$19,010.80 (for 60 points)–  
\$40,021.60 (for 120 points)  
(\$18,400–\$38,800 tuition fees  
+ \$610.80–\$1,221.60 student services levy)

### Postgraduate programmes

#### Doctor of Philosophy

**Fee (per year):** \$9,623.60<sup>1</sup>  
(\$8,402 tuition fees + \$1,221.60 student services levy)

#### Master of Philosophy

**Fee (per year):** \$46,521.60 (for 120 points)  
(\$45,300 tuition fees + \$1,221.60 student services levy)

### Other postgraduate programmes

**Fee (per year):** \$21,010.80 (for 60 points)–  
\$41,821.60 (for 120 points)  
(\$20,400–\$40,600 tuition fees  
+ \$610.80–\$1,221.60 student services levy)

1. The fee shown is for candidates conducting the majority of their study within NZ. Where the majority of studies is conducted outside NZ an international tuition fee of \$47,321.60 will apply.

Please note that you must pay your fees in full by the date specified on your fees invoice.

To find out more about fees call **+64 9 921 9779**  
or **0800 AUT AUT** (0800 288 288).

## Student loans and allowances<sup>1</sup>

If you're studying full-time as a domestic student, you could get a student loan or allowance through StudyLink to help with your costs. We know sorting finances can feel stressful, so start early – the process can take time. The good news? You don't have to wait until your AUT enrolment is complete.

To find out more call **0800 88 99 00**  
or visit [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz)

## Free fees for your university study<sup>1</sup>

If you're a domestic student, you might be able to get your final year of full-time study fees-free. To check if you're eligible for fees-free study [aut.ac.nz/fees](http://aut.ac.nz/fees)

1. Domestic students only, not available to international students.

## Financial assistance

We know life doesn't always go to plan and money worries can make study feel tough. That's why we're here with practical help – from grocery or fuel vouchers to support with those unexpected bills.

## StudyLink

Visit [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz) for tools, tips and information to help you plan and understand the costs you will have while studying.

## Scholarships and awards

Scholarships can cover anything from accommodation costs to full tuition – and they're worth applying for. AUT offers scholarships at every stage of study, including ones specifically for school leavers. Some reward academic achievement, others recognise leadership, cultural contribution, community involvement or sport. Don't assume they're not for you.

For the full list of what's available, application forms and closing dates visit [aut.ac.nz/scholarships](http://aut.ac.nz/scholarships)

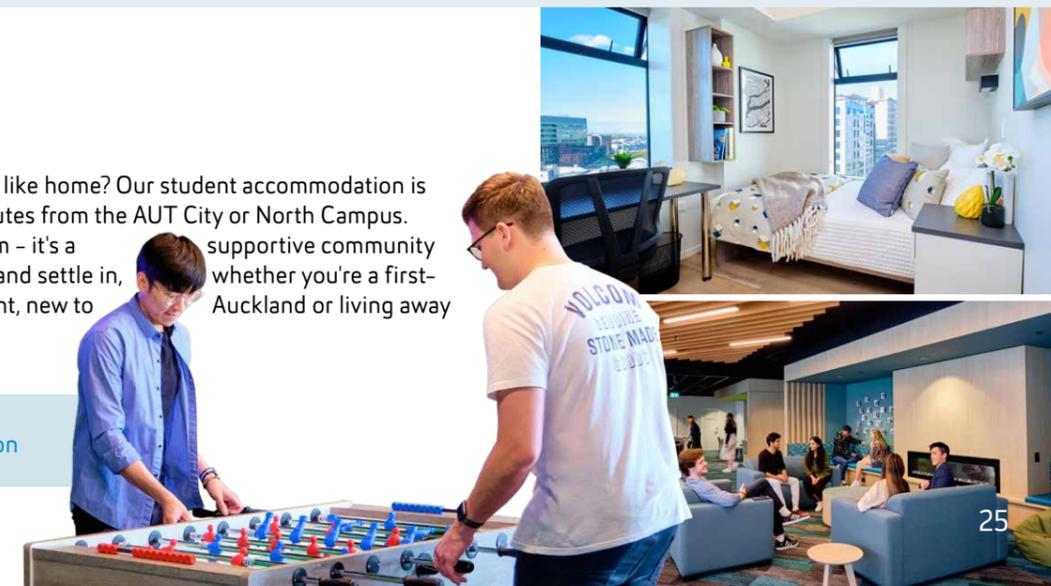
### Tips for applying

- Start early – deadlines can be months ahead
- Apply for more than one – cast your net wide
- Check you meet the requirements first
- Get someone to review your application
- Tell your story – show who you are, not just your grades

## Accommodation

Looking for a place that feels like home? Our student accommodation is modern, secure and just minutes from the AUT City or North Campus. It's so much more than a room – it's a supportive community where you can make friends and settle in, whether you're a first-year or a postgraduate student, new to Auckland or living away from home for the first time.

Visit [aut.ac.nz/accommodation](http://aut.ac.nz/accommodation)



# He pēhea te tono

## HOW TO APPLY

Below is the step-by-step guide to the application process.  
For more information visit [aut.ac.nz/apply](http://aut.ac.nz/apply)

### 1 APPLY EARLY

Places often fill up. Get your application in well before semester starts – earlier is always better.

APPLYING FOR 2027

- Semester 1  
– apply by 7 December 2026
- Semester 2  
– apply by 3 May 2027

**Applying for the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

If you're planning to enrol in a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at AUT, email the Graduate Research School [doctoral.and.mphil.admissions@aut.ac.nz](mailto:doctoral.and.mphil.admissions@aut.ac.nz)

### 2 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

- Apply online
- Indicate your programme(s) of choice and major (if known)

International students can also apply using an AUT approved international agent. For a list of AUT registered agents visit [aut.ac.nz/international-agents](http://aut.ac.nz/international-agents)

### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

#### WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR APPLICATION

You'll get an acknowledgement email explaining how to track your application. If we need more information, we'll reach out.

### WE ASSESS YOUR APPLICATION

- We assess your application to ensure you have met the entry criteria for the programme(s) you are applying for
- We consider your academic history and relevant experience to ensure you can succeed in your programme
- We let you know if your application has been successful

#### POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

**CONFIRMED** We would like to offer you a place to study at AUT

**PROVISIONAL** You have met some of the criteria for entry to your chosen programme of study and we would like to offer you a provisional place to study at AUT. If you don't meet the rest of the requirements, then this offer will be withdrawn

**CONDITIONAL** You have to meet the conditions and approvals listed in your conditional offer to be able to secure a formal offer of place

**DECLINED** If you don't meet the entry requirements or all places are taken, we may offer you an alternative programme

### 3 ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

It's important that you respond as soon as possible, particularly if you've been offered a place in a programme with limited places.

Once you've accepted your offer of place, we'll let you know how to enrol in the courses for your programme, and you can start to get excited about joining AUT.

Ready to apply?  
[apply.aut.ac.nz](http://apply.aut.ac.nz)

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FIND OUT MORE



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## Need some help?

Visit [aut.ac.nz/enquire](https://aut.ac.nz/enquire), ask us your question and we'll call you back. Or phone **0800 AUT AUT** (0800 288 288) to speak to one of our friendly advisors. We can help with anything you need – questions, course counselling sessions, campus tours.

## Campuses

### City Campus

55 Wellesley Street East, Auckland Central

### North Campus

90 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland

### South Campus

640 Great South Road, Manukau, Auckland

Connect with us now:



## AUT LIVE

Join us at our open day, AUT LIVE, on the City Campus and see everything AUT has to offer to help you make an educated decision about university study.

[aut.ac.nz/live](https://aut.ac.nz/live)





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