

LAWS103-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)

Legal Method (20 points)

An introduction to the skills of legal reasoning and legal writing through practical exercise and lectures. The paper will include a series of case analyses of decisions of courts at all levels: the application of rules of statutory interpretation to selected Acts and Regulations; an introduction to computer skills, including database searches. A moot will also be required.

Internal assessment/examination ratio: 3:1

LAWS106-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)

Legal Systems & Societies (20 points)

An introduction to the sources and institutions of law in Aotearoa/New Zealand, with particular reference to statute, custom as illustrated by Māori customary law and the common law, and the distinctive position of the Treaty of Waitangi. The paper will survey the institutions of law and their roles in the making and enforcement of law in their social and historical contexts.

Internal assessment/examination ratio: 2:3

LAWS201-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)

Public Law A (20 points)

This paper examines principles of constitutionalism and the framework of the New Zealand system of government, including the structure, processes and functions of key public institutions such as the Legislature, the Executive, and the Judiciary, and their interrelationship. The importance of the Treaty of Waitangi, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act, and the Human Rights Act, their impact on the public sector, and their impact on the relationship between the citizen and the state will be examined in relation to the overall constitutional framework.

Internal assessment/examination ratio: 2:3

LAWS204-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)

Contracts (20 points)

An introduction to the theory of contract; the general principles relating to the operation, formation and discharge of contract; the general principles of agency.

Internal Assessment/examination ratio: 2:3

LAWS207-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)

Torts (20 points)

An analysis of the general principles of civil liability; interests protected by the law of torts; negligence; specific torts such as nuisance and defamation; and the law relating to compensation for personal injury by accident in New Zealand.

Internal assessment/examination ratio: 7:13

***LAWS203-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)**

Jurisprudence (20 points)

An analysis of theories of law, especially modern approaches to law and legal ideology which emphasise the variety of ways of thinking and the relationship between theory and practice, illustrated by concepts such as sovereignty, liability, ownership, justice, rights and personality.

Internal assessment/examination ratio: 1:1

***LAWS206-12Y (TGA) & 12Y (HAM)**

Administrative Law (20 points)

An examination of the exercise and control of executive power in New Zealand and the relationship between the state, its agencies, and the individual. The institutions and processes of review and redress, both nonjudicial and judicial are examined. Particular attention is paid to the role of the courts in regulating the administrative process through the medium of judicial review.

Internal assessment/examination ratio: 2:3

*LAWS203 AND LAWS206 are optional papers for the Diploma in Law. Refer to Programme Structure.



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Student Profile

Rita Nabney

Becoming a lawyer will provide me with the opportunity to merge my both my career and personal aspirations. I have a background in Mental Health and Human Resources with a Nursing Degree and an MBA and believe law will round my past educational and work experiences. My future plan is to work in Tauranga as a Barrister with my husband. Whilst the volume of work has curtailed my social life it has been a privilege to study the theory of the law in context and to be able to do so largely from my home in Mt Maunganui whilst having the support of class mates and tutors at the Tauranga Campus.



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The Diploma in Law – the qualification to prepare for your new future.



The Diploma in Law programme has been designed to meet the needs of a wide range of students. If you are seeking to enhance your present career or exploring opportunities for a new career direction, the Diploma programme will provide you with an insight into the legal system and valuable skills in legal research and writing. Flexible full-time and part-time study options allow you to accommodate work and family commitments, while studying for your new future.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Diploma requires 120 points, comprising:

- » LAWS103 Legal Method and LAWS106 Legal Systems and Societies (40 points at 100 level)
- » LAWS201 Public Law A, LAWS204 Contracts and LAWS207 Torts (60 points at 200 level)
- » and an additional 20 points in law at 200 level.

The Diploma is normally a two year programme of study, with most students studying LAWS103, LAWS106 and LAWS201 in the first year of study and LAWS204 and LAWS207 in their second year of study, with the other Level 200 additional paper. The Admissions Committee may allow students, who are sufficiently academically prepared, to enrol in all of the law papers in one year.

PROGRAMME DELIVERY

The programme is offered through a combination of videod lectures and face to face tutorials.

Lectures are offered on the Hamilton Campus. Video recordings of these lectures are viewed online, by students enrolled in the Diploma in Law. The videod lectures will be available online approx 4 hours after the timetabled lecture in Hamilton.

Tutorials are held both in Hamilton and Tauranga. Tutorials in Tauranga are held in the evening commencing at 6pm. Attendance of tutorials is compulsory.

A course book of reading materials (cases, articles etc) will need to be purchased and students will have access to a range of Web-based legal research databases.

Tauranga students enrolled in LAWS103 Legal Method will need to attend up to two workshops at the Hamilton campus, on a Saturday.

In order to access the online material including video recordings of lectures, we recommend Broadband capable of 400k/second and a minimum capacity of 2GB per paper per month.

CREDIT TOWARDS THE BACHELOR OF LAWS DEGREE

On successful completion of the Diploma in Law, you are welcome to apply for entry into the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree which is only offered at the Hamilton campus. If you have completed and passed your Diploma in Law papers you will be guaranteed entry into the LLB degree.

The Diploma of Law papers can be credited towards the first and second years of the LLB programme. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws degree can complete their level 300 and 400 papers at the Hamilton campus.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Faculty of Law Admissions Committee, giving consideration to an applicant's academic preparedness to undertake this programme of study.

Please provide:

- » a written statement (letter of application) of approximately 200-300 words, with full details of any work experience (paid or unpaid) and/or community involvement,
- » details of any previous study (and an academic transcript), and
- » reasons for wishing to undertake the diploma programme.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications can be submitted on-line: www.waikato.ac.nz/enrol/ or by paper application form. Please contact us if you require an application form.

Please submit:

- » your written statement (letter of application),
- » verified copies of academic records (transcripts) of any previous studies,
- » a verified copy of your birth certificate or current passport.

UNDERGRADUATE LAW PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Laws and Law Conjoint Degrees

Students who successfully complete the Diploma in Law programme are invited to apply for entry into the Bachelor of Laws degree.

The LLB programme has 100 points in non-law papers, including:

- » 60 points at 100 level (of which 30 points must be in the same subject), and
- » 40 points in the same subject at 200 level.

Law Conjoint Degrees

Conjoint degrees combining law with Management, Social Sciences, Arts (Humanities) and Science are available.

DEGREE PLANNER					
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)		COMPULSORY PAPERS	LAW 400 Level Options	ELECTIVE PAPERS Optional papers must be taken from outside Te Piringa-Faculty of Law	HONOURS The Bachelor of Laws with Honours has an additional 60 points in 500 Level papers
100 LEVEL		Legal Method Legal Systems and Societies Constitutional Law	LAWS103* LAWS106* LAWS107**	100 Level	
200 LEVEL		Jurisprudence Contracts Administrative Law Torts	LAWS203 LAWS204* LAWS206 LAWS207*	200 Level	
300 LEVEL		Crimes Corporate Entities Commercial Transactions	LAWS301 LAWS305 OR LAWS426	Dispute Resolution Land Law Equity and Succession	LAWS306 LAWS307 LAWS308 Law 4 Option
400 LEVEL			Law 4 Option		Honours paper (60 points) 500 Level

*Credits can be approved from the Diploma in Law programme. **LAWS201 Public Law A from the Diploma will count as LAWS107 Constitutional Law for credit purposes.