



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY FOR TE PIRINGA-FACULTY OF LAW?

You apply online at www.waikato.ac.nz/enrol/

» *If you have studied elsewhere:*

You will need to supply transcripts from previous studies along with a personal statement.

» *If applying from NCEA:*

You need to make these results available along with a personal statement.

DO WE HAVE OPEN ENTRY INTO THE FACULTY?

No, each person's application is individually considered by our Admissions Committee. If the Committee decides to admit you to study in the Faculty, it is then up to you to achieve passing grades of C or above to progress towards the completion of your LLB degree. This means your place in future years is guaranteed, so long as you continue to meet our standards, versus other Law Faculties where about 20% of year one students are admitted to year two.

HOW MANY YEARS DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE AN LLB?

This is normally a four year degree, but takes longer if it is combined with another degree. If you have studied previously you may receive credit for some or all of the elective papers required by the degree. Many of our students pursue another degree conjointly with our LLB.

HOW MANY PAPERS ARE THERE IN THE LLB DEGREE?

The LLB degree requires 19 law papers and 6 non-law elective papers (four Level 100 electives with at least two in the same subject area, and two Level 200 electives, both in the same subject area).

WHAT PAPERS DO I STUDY IN THE FIRST YEAR?

First year students take Legal Method, Legal Systems and Societies, and Constitutional Law, plus their four Level 100 non-law papers.

The law papers are full year papers (from Feb/March to Oct/Nov) and the non-law papers are taught over either A or B semester. It is wise to choose two non-law electives for each semester to balance your workload.

WHAT NON-LAW PAPERS SHOULD I SELECT?

We recommend papers that are of interest to you, because if you are interested in them, then you are going to enjoy studying them and do well.

CAN LAW BE STUDIED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME?

Yes, it can be studied either full-time or part-time, depending upon how many papers you wish to do in any given year.

WHAT IS THE WORKLOAD WHEN STUDYING LAW PAPERS?

You can have up to three hours contact time per week for each paper you are enrolled in. You will also need to do significant reading, spend time in the library, work on assignments, and revise your studies. For every hour in class, you will be spending at least the same amount of time outside of class in preparation and revision. The speed at which people read and do their academic work varies, so you need to schedule enough time for your own pace of work. Overestimate rather than underestimate, as the workload is challenging.

CAN I START THE LAW DEGREE IN B SEMESTER/JULY?

Law papers are all full year papers for the first two years so you cannot start a law degree in B semester. You can, however, start some of your non-law papers under another qualification and if you receive B grades or higher in these papers you can be considered by the Admissions Committee for entry into the LLB the following year. You may also receive credits from these papers towards the non-law component of the LLB.

CAN I STUDY LAW ONLINE?

The LLB degree as such is not able to be studied online, but we do offer a Diploma in Law. This programme covers six law papers, which can be all transferred to the LLB, upon completion, if you wish to then study an LLB. You view these lectures online with Broadband access, but you still have to attend tutorials on campus in Hamilton or Tauranga.

For more information:

Law Handbook or our website:
www.waikato.ac.nz/law/

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