

STUDENT FOCUSED PROGRAMMES

- » The Waikato programme is focused on quality legal education: All first year law papers, second and third year papers, are all taught in lectures and small group tutorials.
- » Our staff are accessible and available to assist students.
- » Flexible learning opportunities include full-time and part-time study options.
- » Conjoint degrees (earning an LLB at the same time as earning a degree in another discipline) are possible, except the LLB may not be conjoined with the Bachelor of Education.
- » The Faculty of Law has a quality and comprehensive Law Library and excellent computing facilities.
- » Te Piringa-Faculty of Law is committed to providing the highest quality legal education with an emphasis on practical skills; teaching law in a broad context; and advancing biculturalism and respect for the Treaty partnership.
- » Extensive student support services are provided within the Faculty and University. Individualised and on-going support is provided through our orientation programme, our academic advisor system Maori liaison staff, and the Waikato University Law Students' Association (WULSA) and Te Whakahiapo (Maori Students Association) and Pacific Law Students Association (PLSA). The student groups actively promote a range of social activities and competitions for law students as well as a mentoring programme.
- » The University brings together a great mix of study and leisure opportunities. The campus has beautiful spacious park-like grounds, with sports fields, modern technologies, along with cafes, a gym, free student parking, Halls of Residence and a 10 minute drive to the central city.



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Why study law at Waikato?

PROFESSIONALISM - LAW IN CONTEXT – BICULTURALISM

Te Piringa-Faculty of Law's foundation goals of providing professional education in preparation for the practice of law, teaching law in the context in which it is made and applied and developing a bicultural approach to law and the legal system make it the trend-setter for legal education in New Zealand. These founding goals attract an exciting and diverse range of staff and students to our innovative and dynamic Law Faculty.

WAIKATO OFFERS A DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAMME – WITHOUT AN INTERMEDIATE YEAR

Approximately 250 students are given direct entry admission each year, after being considered by our Admissions Committee, with a total student body of approximately 1000 law students. The direct entry programme and smaller numbers enables the Faculty to provide a student focused degree structure, curriculum and teaching, along with fostering a sense of community among students and staff. All students admitted will have a full opportunity to complete the LLB degree successfully, as opposed to other Law schools that will select a small percentage of students to advance into their second year.

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) PROGRAMME

- » A four year degree programme. This may be reduced to a three year degree programme for students who have a degree or prior tertiary study.
- » Students with high academic performance are invited to enrol for the Bachelor of Laws Honours programme, which comprises of two additional papers. The honours selection takes place at the end of the Law 2 programme and again at the completion of Law 3.
- » A typical first year programme, commencing in Feb/March each year includes: Legal Systems and Societies, Legal Method, Constitutional Law and four first year non-law papers.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

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

- » If you are applying from NCEA: You need to supply your results from these studies, and any other achievements you may have received and a personal statement.
- » If applying from studies at another University: You will need to supply any transcripts from previous studies
 - Any references you may have.
 - A personal statement of 200 to 300 words, saying why you wish to study law, what you have done previously in relation to studies, employment, community involvement or other achievements, and information in regard to hobbies, sporting interests and any other information you wish to provide with your application.

The entry criteria is academic preparedness. The Admissions Committee will consider your application on a case by case basis.

Applications are considered and accepted any time in the year for the following year of study as all Level 100 papers are full year papers and there is only one intake per year, at the start of the academic year.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

4 years - 480 points Major Subject: Law

DEGREE STRUCTURE

		LAW PAPERS (380 Points)				NON-LAW PAPERS (100 Points)						
						Another Subject	Two Other					
YEAR 1	LAWS103Y Legal Method 20 points	LAWS106Y Legal Systems & Societies 20 points	LAWS107Y Constitutional Law 20 points			30 points at 100 Level in a single non-Law subject	15 points at 100 Level in a non-Law subject	15 points at 100 Level in a non-Law subject				
	YEAR 2	LAWS203 Jurisprudence	LAWS204 Contracts	LAWS206 Administra- tive Law	LAWS207 Torts				40 points at 200 Level papers in a single non- Law subject			
YEAR 3	LAWS301 Crimes	LAWS305 Corporate Entities or LAWS426 Commercial Transactions	LAWS306 Dispute Reso- lution	LAWS307 Land Law	LAWS308 Equity and Succession	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">HONOURS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Honours paper 500 Level</td> <td>Honours paper 500 Level</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				HONOURS		Honours paper 500 Level
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YEAR 4	LAWS 4 Option	LAWS 4 Option	LAWS 4 Option	LAWS 4 Option	LAWS 4 Option							

NOTES

- » MOST 100 LEVEL PAPERS ARE WORTH 15 POINTS AND MOST 200 AND 300 LEVEL PAPERS ARE WORTH 20 POINTS. 100 LEVEL LAW PAPERS ARE WORTH 20 POINTS.
- » 100 POINTS ARE REQUIRED FROM OTHER SUBJECTS – STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY 100 LEVEL PREREQUISITES.
- » The Honours programme comprises an additional 60 points that must be completed within two years from the commencement of Law 4.
- » To satisfy NZ Council of Legal Education requirements, students wishing to proceed to the Professional Legal Studies programme and admission as a Barrister and Solicitor must complete a 400 level paper in Legal Ethics (10 points).

Student Profile



Sam Fellows

Studying: Conjoint degree (LLB/BSPLS) (Law and Sport & Leisure Studies)
High School: Otumoetai College

Sam Fellows has managed to combine two career paths into one degree. With a keen sporting interest and a passion for Law, Sam hopes to take his law degree to a national or international scale, as well as become a professional rugby union referee. Sam says the practicality of his degree gave him motivation to work harder. "The dispute resolution paper was one I found particularly interesting. This is because it has a practical component so it feels like you're doing real law work. The practical side was a highlight of my first year legal method paper where we had to undertake a moot."

Sam enjoys the relaxed atmosphere at Waikato University, and the opportunity to study what he loves. His advice to new students finding a career path is: "Figure out what will make you want to get out of bed every morning and make you happy for the rest of your life."