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Welcome to the UTS Faculty of Law

We are delighted to welcome you to the Faculty of Law. Our Faculty Welcome is the beginning of your journey in Law at UTS. The orientation evening is the perfect opportunity to get a head start in your studies, become familiar with the campus, build social networks and get to know your lecturers and Faculty staff.

On the evening, you will be introduced to the world of Law at UTS. This includes an introduction to key Faculty staff, the structure and options available within your degree, an outline of initiatives to get involved in, and insight into career opportunities.

We hope that you find this session informative, useful and above all, fun. We look forward to seeing you around campus and in class.
Finding Your Way Around Campus

There are dozens of buildings and hundreds of seminar and tutorial rooms spread across the UTS City campus. However, once you understand the UTS Building and Room Identification Standard outlined below, finding your way around UTS is quite straightforward.

Location codes consist of building, level and room numbers.

Can’t find your classroom?
Download wayfinding.uts.edu.au

Checkout UTS Maps to orientate yourself with the different UTS Buildings: maps.uts.edu.au.

Your classes will be located all over campus. However you may like to orientate yourself with the Broadway Campus which is where UTS Central (Building 2 is located).
UTS Broadway Campus
UTS Central – our new Faculty home

With its gleaming façade and striking curved design, UTS Central (Building 2) has become an unmissable landmark on Broadway.

But we all know it's what's inside that counts -- so here's your guide to what's on offer in our newest campus building.

Be sure to familiarise yourself with what's on each level, including the sustainable Food Court (level 3), student spaces (levels 3 – 7), UTS Careers (level 4) and the UTS Library and famous Reading Room (levels 5-9).

Our Faculty of Law administration, reception area and a few exclusive Law facilities are located between levels 14-16.

From 2020, UTS Law students will have access to state-of-the-art trial court rooms and a new Moot Court along-side purpose built study spaces and common areas.

The court rooms include specialist audio-visual facilities with technology such as video conferencing to allow witnesses to present evidence remotely.

Student legal teams have access to prep spaces nearby, where they can collaborate on research and legal arguments.

The trial courts and the carefully designed Moot Court offer an experience as close as you can get to the legal facilities of the Supreme, District and Local courts.

The modern, light filled and versatile new home for Law also includes new student learning spaces, a higher degree research work hub and offices for the UTS Law Students’ Society.
Coursework Essentials

Graduate Attributes

UTS Law has graduate attributes for undergraduate and postgraduate courses. The graduate attributes reflect the overall educational aims of courses at each level, allowing current and prospective students, staff, employers and the community to gain an understanding of the intended professional, personal and intellectual attributes of graduates.

THE EIGHT UTS LAW POSTGRADUATE GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

Graduate Attribute 1: Legal Knowledge
An advanced and integrated understanding of a complex body of legal knowledge including the Australian legal system, impacts of historical and ongoing Anglo-Australian laws, social justice, cultural and international contexts, the principles and values of ethical practice, and contemporary developments in law and its professional practice.

Graduate Attribute 2: Ethics and Professional Responsibility
An advanced and integrated capacity to value and promote honesty, integrity, cultural respect, accountability, public service and ethical standards including an understanding of approaches to ethical decision making, the rules of professional responsibility, an ability to reflect upon and respond to ethical challenges in practice, and a developing ability to engage in the profession of law and to exercise professional judgment.

Graduate Attribute 3: Critical Analysis and Evaluation
A capacity to think critically, strategically and creatively including an ability to identify and articulate complex legal issues, apply reasoning and research to generate appropriate theoretical and practical responses, and, demonstrate sophisticated cognitive and creative skills in approaching complex legal issues and generating appropriate responses.

Graduate Attribute 4: Research skills
Specialist cognitive and practical skills necessary to identify, research, evaluate and synthesise relevant factual, legal and policy issues and demonstrate intellectual and practical skills necessary to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, legal methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions and to apply ethical research practices.

Graduate Attribute 5: Communication:
Well-developed, professional and appropriate communication skills including highly effective use of the English language, an ability to inform, analyse, report and persuade using an appropriate medium and message and an ability to respond respectfully.

Graduate Attribute 6: Collaboration:
Advanced and integrated collaboration skills in working together to achieve a common goal in a group learning environment or the workplace, including the capacity to give and receive feedback, appropriate professional and interpersonal skills in working cooperatively and the ability to develop strategies to successfully negotiate group challenges.

Graduate Attribute 7: Indigenous cultural capability
A well-developed capacity to: work with Indigenous peoples in a professional context; respect, recognise and advocate for Indigenous strengths and self-determination; identify and challenge the deficit narratives and biases of Anglo-Australian laws towards Indigenous Australians.

Graduate Attribute 8: Self-management
A high level of autonomy, accountability and professionalism, the ability to implement appropriate self-management and lifelong learning strategies including initiating self-directed
work and learning, judgment and responsibility, self-assessment of skills, personal wellbeing and appropriate use of feedback and, a capacity to adapt to and embrace change.

Professional Legal Training Program Graduate Attributes

1. **Critical Thinking**
An advanced level of independent thinking, creativity and critical analysis.

2. **Analysis and Evaluation**
A developed ability to strategically analyse issues of law, evaluate options and viewpoints to reach and implement decisions.

3. **Spoken and Written Communication**
Advanced oral and written communication skills that demonstrate an ability to communicate in ways that are effective, appropriate and pervasive for legal and non-legal audiences.

4. **Legal Research and Technological Literacy**
A developed ability to use appropriate research techniques to acquire, distil and utilise legal information in a professional context.

5. **Disciplinary Knowledge**
Advanced applied knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well developed judgment, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner.

6. **Life Long Learning**
A developed ability to reflect, practise and integrate knowledge, skills and awareness.

7. **Ethics**
A developed ability to exercise professional judgment and to recognise and reflect on ethical issues and the professional responsibilities of lawyers in service to the community and in promoting justice.

8. **Self and co-operative work management**
A developed capacity to exercise self and priority management skills including cooperative work and a capacity to participate in, and engage with, the legal profession.

9. **Cultural Awareness and Social Justice**
A developed awareness and acceptance of social responsibility within the profession and a capacity to deliver legal services to a culturally diverse community.
Legal Theory Options

The study of traditional and contemporary approaches to legal theory provides an essential framework to better understand the implementation and operation of laws and legal institutions and participate in related ongoing processes of renewal and change. As part of your course, you will be required to undertake one legal theory subject from a choice of subjects listed at handbook.uts.edu.au/directory/cbk90921.html

As individual subjects are offered in different teaching periods, you should plan ahead if you wish to undertake a particular legal theory subject. The legal theory subject is undertaken during the final stage of a course. Please see the Handbook for course progression and subject description handbook.uts.edu.au/law

Practical Legal Training

The study path for entry to the legal profession in NSW begins with undertaking a NSW accredited law degree. Then, in order to be eligible for admission to practice, it is necessary to complete an accredited program of practical legal training (PLT). Completion of PLT is a requirement of the NSW Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) for admission as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of NSW and by mutual recognition to the Supreme Courts of other Australian states.

UTS was the first university to offer an accredited PLT program in Sydney, commencing in 1996.

The UTS PLT program can be undertaken by students within the Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice, or by students enrolled into the integrated Juris Doctor Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice. PLT at UTS offers:

- University-standard qualification accredited by the LPAB
- Practical Experience, ability to concurrently accumulate Practical Experience hours with academic studies
- Flexible delivery, three intakes per year (Summer, Autumn and Spring), on-campus and online study subject delivery, full-time and part-time options
- Work-based assessments that reflect legal practice, such as client files, letters and document drafting, court appearances, interviewing, negotiating, trust accounting and ethical problem-solving
- No exams
- Competitive fees based on 18cp of studies, all LLB and graduates receive an automatic 6cp exemption. UTS graduates are also eligible for a 10% saving on the PLT course fee.

For more information go to uts.edu.au > Current students > Law > Practical Legal Training
The Juris Doctor with Distinction

The Juris Doctor may be awarded with Distinction. To qualify, you must complete the subject 77740 Research Paper, obtain a Weighted Average Mark of 75.00, and not fail any subjects within your course after the first session of study. 77740 Research Paper is completed within the Juris Doctor and allows you to research in depth an area of law you are passionate about. While other subjects in the Juris Doctor expose you to a wide range of topics and problems, in a research paper you have the opportunity to articulate an original argument within an area of the law of particular interest to you.

Successfully completing a research paper signals to potential employers (including law firms) that you have gained:

- Advanced research and written communication skills
- Research techniques needed to acquire, distil and utilise legal information
- The ability to analyse the law strategically, and to evaluate legal and policy options and viewpoints
- A high level of independent thinking, creativity and critical analysis
- Extensive knowledge of an area of the law

The research paper may also provide you with the opportunity to:

- Practice sustaining an argument across a longer piece of writing
- Engage in cross-disciplinary scholarship between law and other degrees studied, e.g. communications law, health law, international law, business law, etc.
- Gain the skills required to apply for a position as a Judge’s Associate, TipStaff or Research Assistant at UTS
- Qualify for further postgraduate academic study

For more information go to uts.edu.au/current-students > Law > Honours and Research
UTS Global Exchange Program

The Global Exchange Program provides you with an opportunity to boost your employability, gain intercultural competence, travel and develop a global network, all while gaining credit towards your UTS degree. If you choose to participate in the UTS Global Exchange Program, you'll study a session of your course at one of 240+ exchange partner institutions located in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa. It's more affordable than you might think with scholarships and loans available. You'll receive a tuition fee waiver at the overseas institution and continue to pay or defer your tuition fees as usual at UTS.

For further information, visit uts.edu.au/global-exchange or email the Global Exchange Team at studyabroad.exchange@uts.edu.au

Paul Cooper – Juris Doctor
Destination: Uppsala Universitet, Sweden

1. Why Sweden?
I chose Uppsala specifically because I wanted to do exchange in a smaller university town. Having gone on exchange before, I knew from experience that the intimacy and lifestyle of small university towns in Europe is such a welcome change to the traffic and chaos of Sydney! Uppsala is also just a short distance from Stockholm, meaning I could easily visit that beautiful city whenever I pleased. Uppsala is also only a short distance from Stockholm Arlanda Airport, which made travel around Europe cheap and easy. During one semester of exchange I travelled to 12 different countries! Sweden as a whole is such a fascinating country with a breathtaking natural environment, thriving economy and most of all a very welcoming and hospitable culture. As an Australian it's easy to be terrified of Sweden's freezing winters, but learning to live in -20°C temperatures with knee-deep snow was honestly such a fun and memorable experience, and one I can brag about for the rest of my life!

2. What was it like settling in as a student?
Uppsala Universitet did an amazing job of welcoming international students. I choose to arrive several weeks early by opting in to the one-month intensive Swedish course – I cannot recommend this enough. I had the opportunity to learn Swedish with a fantastic group of people from around the world and made lasting friendships before most other students had even arrived! On arrival, the university provided us with plenty of information and even a shuttle-bus direct to our new apartments. Uppsala also offers a buddy program – this was a particularly great way to meet Swedish people, as many of your friends will most likely end up being other exchange students. Sweden is a very well-organised and (mostly) efficient society, so settling in and dealing with the various administrative and legal hurdles wasn't too much trouble.
3. How has the experience enhanced your studies of law?
Uppsala offered an interesting range of different elective law subjects for international students. For the first half of the semester I chose to study European Union law. It was really rewarding to study this in a European Union member state with a range of European and non-European students. Although it was only an introductory course, I really feel that I learned a lot from it and now have a solid foundation in a legal system that is remarkably different to that of the common law world.
My second subject was Comparative Legal History and Jurisprudence, which was more of a legal theory subject. This was also great in an international environment, as students could share their knowledge of their own legal systems with one another. I came away from this semester with a much stronger knowledge of European law, as well as a greater appreciation for the common law system of the English-speaking world and what makes it unique. Given the sheer size and influence of the European Union, a knowledge of EU law is invaluable even here in Australia, where EU regulations such as the GDPR have had an enormous impact.

4. Would you recommend exchange and why?
I can’t stress enough how rewarding the exchange experience is. My only regret was that one semester seemed too short! I got to call the wonderful country of Sweden home for half a year, travelled across half of Europe, expanded my legal knowledge beyond Australia and the common law world and best of all, made lasting friendships with people from all over the world.

A Juris Doctor degree is only three years long and as a postgraduate student, it could very well be your last time studying at university. Although the prospect of saving and preparing for an entire semester abroad when you’re already juggling university, work and gearing up for the beginning of your legal career may seem daunting, don’t be dissuaded! Spending a semester on exchange transformed my JD into one of the most memorable experiences of my life, and I promise it will do the same for you!
Internships

UTS Law's creative, innovative and practical approach to learning whilst building strong industry links has led to the development of experiential local and international learning opportunities for our students.

What is an internship?

Internships offer you the opportunity to gain local or international experience and develop practical skills through work on a 'real-world' legal project. Internships may be hosted by public or commercial organisations who offer either paid or un-paid work experience. Students may gain academic credit by enrolling into specialist subjects.

Why are internships valuable?

UTS Law is committed to ensuring that graduates are equipped with future-focused capabilities and the skills needed to be engaged professionals with a global outlook. Internship subjects build on your studies and involve work of an appropriately demanding standard to model professional work or practice. They give you the opportunity to build upon your theoretical knowledge in an applied setting.

How can I enrol?

There are local and international internship subjects on offer at both the undergraduate and postgraduate level. Information on applications for entry into the subjects is available on the website.

You must submit an application prior to being granted permission to enrol.

For more information go to uts.edu.au/current-students > Law > Internships
Support & Resources

UTS Online

UTSOnline is a web-based tool providing online learning to students. Subjects offered by the Law Faculty have a UTSOnline site (online.uts.edu.au). You can use your student ID and webmail password to login. In accordance with the UTS Environmental Sustainability Policy, the Faculty no longer provides printed subject materials. All subject outlines and other relevant materials are available to download from the respective subject site on UTSOnline. In addition to the subject materials, UTSOnline also provides:

- Announcements via the JD noticeboard
- Lecture slides/presentations
- Lecture recordings (if arranged by the subject coordinator)
- Assessment results
- Any other administrative matters.

The UTSOnline subject site is normally live a few days prior to the beginning of the session. It is your responsibility to ensure you can access your subjects’ sites and to regularly check UTSOnline for announcements. If you have difficulties accessing UTSOnline, contact the ITD Service Desk by phone on (02) 9514 2222 or by logging a job through Service Connect at servicedesk.uts.edu.au.

Canvas Learning Management System

Canvas is an open-source learning management system (LMS) used by educators around the world. Some subjects in the Intellectual Property programs, offer subjects online via Canvas.

Canvas offers a rich teaching and learning environment featuring text, video, and discussion options with learning activities designed to explore and consolidate legal knowledge and skills. It will also allow the provision of an e-book of the subject materials to students at the completion of each subject. Canvas is accessible online and on mobile devices.

The following Juris Doctor subjects will be offered through Canvas this year:

- Electives within the Juris Doctor
- Subjects within the Practical Legal Training (PLT) course.
Safety and Wellbeing Essentials

UTS is committed to providing a safe and healthy study environment for all students. To ensure you are made aware of health and safety procedures and resources at UTS, students are asked to:

Familiarise themselves with the Safety and Wellbeing information for students website which is located at uts.edu.au/about > Safety and wellbeing > Safety and Wellbeing at UTS

View the Escape From UTS video. The clip is designed to show students and staff how to evacuate University buildings in the event of a fire or other emergency and it is accessible at uts.edu.au/about > Maps and facilities > Safety and security > During an emergency

Undertake the Safety and Wellbeing Essentials online training module via UTSOnline.

Accessing the Safety and Wellbeing Essentials training on UTSOnline

Log in to UTSOnline and select the Safety and Wellbeing Essentials item under the Course Information section of any subject you are enrolled into, and then click the “Begin” button to commence the training. Please note that the passing grade for this module is 80%. While the module is available within the UTS Online site for each subject you are enrolled into, you need only attempt the module once.

Please note that you should turn off any pop-up blocking option in your web browser

Law Student Guidebook

All Law subject outlines must be read in conjunction with the Faculty’s Law Student Guidebook – Making the most of your studies at UTS Law.

This guidebook presents a range of information that all students need to be aware of. In some cases, the information is only provided in summary form, with an indication of where further details can be found.

You can download a copy of the guidebook from UTSOnline on each subject site or alternatively online at uts.edu.au > Current Students > Overview
UTS Law Website

You will find lots of useful links and information at uts.edu.au > Faculties > Faculty of Law
Scroll down and click on the 'Current Students' button as pictured below to find details on:

• Assessment
• Student support and mentoring
• Practical Legal Training (PLT)
• Specialisations and electives
• Honours and research
• Brennan Justice and Leadership Program
• Career
• Graduate Attributes
• Competitions and prizes
• International opportunities
• Internships
• Faculty contacts
• The UTS Law Students’ Society
• UTS Law events for current students
• Short courses and professional development

UTS Law is a dynamic and innovative law school that has achieved great success for the quality of legal education and research.

Law News →
Law Events →
Current Students →

Student Support

To help you make the most of your time at university, UTS provides a range of services and programs to support different aspects of your life and learning, including:

• Counselling services
• Health services
• Mental Health support services
• Careers services
• Financial assistance
• Special needs services
• Academic Support
• HELPS (Higher Education Language & Presentation Support)
• Peer Tutoring

Visit uts.edu.au > Current Students > Support
RESPECT. NOW. ALWAYS

We believe everyone has the right to live, study and work safely. UTS is proud to be an active member of the national Respect.Now.Always. Campaign that aims to eliminate sexual assault and harassment on Australian campuses.

While you’re at UTS, you’ll come across a number of initiatives that are related to the Respect.Now.Always. Campaign, including:

- Activations at O’Day, Summerfest and throughout the year that are likely to service ice-cream as part of our "Wanna spoon? Ask first!" Campaign.
- Volunteer opportunities for you to give feedback and work with us to reduce these behaviours on campus
- Practice positive intervention and don’t stay silent when things don’t look right

And if you’re not sure how to do that, complete your mandatory online training about healthy relationships, appropriate behaviour and how to look out for people around you.
“Who is batyr? batyr is a ‘for purpose’ preventative mental health organisation, created and driven by young people, for young people. batyr aim to smash the stigma surrounding mental ill health and empower young people to reach out for support. We help create communities that support young people’s mental health and wellbeing.

batyr UTS achieves this in the following ways:

- **batyr@uni programs**: trained speakers share their lived experiences with mental ill health, alongside trained facilitators who deliver vital educational information in a fun, safe and engaging way
- **Being Herd Workshop**: people learn how to share their story of mental ill health in a safe and effective way
- **batyr UTS Student Executive**: UTS students can join the batyr UTS Student Executive who are responsible for running events, activations and awareness campaigns on campus. The team aim to create a culture of inclusion, self-awareness and resilience, where students are empowered to have positive conversations about mental health and reach out for help when they are going through a rough time.
- **Volunteer**: batyr UTS is always looking for volunteers to help run our events at UTS or get involved with batyr in other ways

**Social Media**: Want to find out more about batyr?

Follow @batyrUTS on Facebook and Instagram
UTS Law Centres

Anti-Slavery Australia
antislavery.org.au
mybluesky.org.au

Anti-Slavery Australia is the only specialist research, policy and legal centre in Australia, dedicated to the abolition of human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices, including forced labour and forced marriage. Led by Professor Jennifer Burn, human rights and immigration law specialist, the Centre supports trafficked and enslaved people by advocating for law reform and policy change, conducting leading research, delivering online and face-to-face training and providing access to pro-bono legal representation for trafficked and enslaved people. The Centre developed the popular postgraduate law elective subject The Law of Slavery & Human Trafficking. Anti-Slavery Australia welcomes volunteer law students interested in research and policy development and also provides practical legal training for UTS law students as well as placement opportunities for students engaged in law elective subjects and other volunteer programs such as the Brennan Justice and Leadership Program.

Australasian Legal Information Institute
austlii.edu.au

The Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII) is the country’s most comprehensive and popular online free-access resource for Australian and international legal information, with over four million searchable documents. AustLII is a joint initiative of the Faculties of Law at the University of Technology Sydney and the University of New South Wales. AustLII's broad public policy agenda is to improve access to justice through better access to information and collaborates with industry on a variety of research initiatives.
The Centre for Media Transition works across disciplines to explore and develop responses to the dramatic and ongoing movements wrought by digital disruption to the media industry, the role of journalism in Australian democracy and the world more widely, and the business models that support a diverse and prosperous industry.

The Centre is an interdisciplinary initiative of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law. It was launched in July 2017.

Through research and analysis, it will identify those elements of the old media landscape worth preserving; through industry engagement and policy analysis, it will develop the case for adapting these elements for contemporary media business and practice.

The Centre for Media Transition sits in a cross-section of media, technology, regulation and business. Working with industry, the academy and other stakeholders, the CMT explores:

- The changing nature of journalistic practice;
- ways in which citizens and media interact and how regulatory and ethical frameworks might adapt for this environment;
- the ingredients of a competitive commercial media sector, built on sustainable business models and informed by the experience of other disrupted industries;
- the development of a diverse media environment that embraces local, international and transnational issues and debate; and

contemporary formulations of public interest informed by established and enduring principles such as accountability and the public right to know.
Co-curricular Programs

Brennan Justice and Leadership Program

The Brennan Justice and Leadership Program is a free, voluntary program for UTS Law students that seeks to strengthen the justice consciousness, idealism and sense of service that participants bring to their studies and later professional work. The program aims to develop each student’s capacity for personal and professional leadership, offers an outlet for students to find a sense of wellbeing, fulfilment and satisfaction in their studies and future career while emphasising social justice awareness.

The Brennan Program is a joint initiative of the UTS Faculty of Law and UTS Law Students’ Society, and is named for Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and UTS Chancellor.

The two components of the Program are:

- **Reflections on Justice (ROJ):** where students engage with the themes of justice and its social contexts. Gain exclusive access to our lectures and events where you can hear the likes of Professor Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, US Ambassador Stephen Rapp and The Hon. Michael Kirby AC. Watch premieres of documentaries on social justice issues and engage with our expert panellists on current affairs. Join a discussion group, enter the photography competition and personally reflect on your journey with the program. Students need to accrue 100 ROJ points to qualify for the Award.

- **Leadership through Service (LTS):** where students contribute voluntary service. Give back to the community by volunteering your time at a not-for-profit organisation in a legal or non-legal capacity. Students have volunteered for organisations from the Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS) to Surf Life Saving NSW. The Brennan Program advertises a variety of opportunities throughout the year via their Leadership through Services webpage and new Brennan Collective Facebook Group! Students need to complete 40 LTS hours per year of law enrolment to qualify for the Award.

Register now – it’s free and there’s no obligation to complete the Program.
Registration does not involve a commitment to complete the Program, however, if you do complete the Program requirements you are eligible to receive the Brennan Justice and Leadership Award.

Completion of the Brennan Award will be recorded on your Australian Higher Education Graduation (AHEG) statement. You will also be featured in the annual Brennan Yearbook, acknowledged at the annual Brennan Celebration Evening, and receive a letter from the Faculty Dean in recognition of your achievement. The program is highly regarded by the legal profession and other employers.

There is no other Award of this nature at any other Australian law school.

Register via CareerHub at careerhub.uts.edu.au. Click on “Dashboard, then the ‘Brennan Justice and Leadership Program’ workflow on the left hand side of your screen. Fill out the registration form and you will gain access to the program.

Gain 5 ROJ points today by reflecting on The Idea of Justice!

Kick-start your journey now. Think about Professor Paul Redmond’s telling of Amartya Sen’s flute analogy. “Whom would you give the flute to? On what basis?” Upload your answer to the ‘Ad hoc’ section of ‘Reflections on Justice” component in 500 words or less and you will gain 5 ROJ points!

Missed Professor Redmond at orientation? Here’s another video on the flute analogy.

Hear from Sir Gerard and our members!

“To see...future lawyers concerned about law and justice and leadership is an assurance that the future of the rule of law in this country is in good hands. I congratulate the Law Students’ Society and the UTS Faculty of Law on their initiative in creating this program.”

Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE (speaking at the Program Launch, 17 March 2011)

“The Brennan Program has added a much needed extra dimension to my university degree with valuable lessons I will carry into my legal work.”

- Peter Tryfonopoulos (Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Business)

‘The Program engaged and built on my understanding of the law in a way that can’t be achieved in a classroom.’

- Diana Semaan (Juris Doctor)

Full program information

For more information and to hear more experiences from our current members and alumni visit: law.uts.edu.au/brennan

Stay in the loop with Brennan news, events, initiatives, ROJ and LTS opportunities by following:

- Brennan Program Facebook Page: @UTSBrennanProgram
- Brennan Collective Facebook Group: Join here once signed up to the program.
UTS Law Students’ Society (UTS LSS)

The UTS Law Students’ Society (UTS LSS) is the peak representative body for UTS Law students and the largest student-run organisation on campus. For over 35 years, the UTS LSS has existed to enrich the student experience, acting as a support network and offering a diverse range of initiatives, events and publications which cater towards the social, educational and vocational needs of UTS Law students.

The UTS LSS operates in seven key areas:

EDUCATION

This portfolio exists for two fundamentally important reasons:
(1) to support your transition into self-directed (legal) studies and university life and
(2) to provide our quality publications and raising awareness of mental health and supporting student wellbeing.
Initiatives and events include Peer Mentoring, the Buddy Project, Speaker Series and the official academic journal of the UTS LSS, The Full Bench. The UTS LSS also facilitates renowned professional mentoring programs through its deep connections with solicitors and barristers in Sydney’s larger legal network, allowing eligible law students to be paired with personal mentors at leading commercial law firms, chambers, in-house legal roles, and beyond.

ACTIVITIES

Although the academic rigours of law are a rewarding pursuit in and of themselves, when combined with part-time/casual employment and competitions, it is important to have a student-run program of law student socials to mix, celebrate, and have fun.

With this in mind, UTS LSS throws the best social events on offer at UTS. In a typical calendar year, the UTS LSS will organise Camp for first year law students, the Semester 1 Law Cruise during Vivid, the unmissable annual Law Ball, Start of Semester Party, End of Semester Party. They also organise a number of postgraduate-exclusive events such as the Post Graduate Law Drinks aimed solely at enriching this section of their member base.

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SPORT

Sport is a great way to get active, get outside and have some fun outside of the classroom. The UTS LSS organises a weekly bootcamp called KickStart to help get students fit in a fun and enjoyable way and also runs the City2Surf. However, if you’re looking for team sports, the Law Society forms teams to participate at intervarsity and interfaculty events in sports such as netball and touch football.
COMPETITIONS

Getting involved as a volunteer, competitor, and eventually judge, with 1 of 7 legal competitions the UTS LSS runs is a fantastic way to polish your legal skills, develop your skills as a future practitioner, and strengthen your employability.

The UTS LSS runs several Mooting competitions (steppingstones to intervarsity/international moots) as well as the Witness Examination, Client Interview, Negotiation, Mediation, Advice Writing and Paper Presentation competitions.

Open Competitions are open to all members – whereas Junior Competitions (Semester 2) are just for junior law students. Subject Moots are open to all law students.

High achievers in Open Competitions are invited to apply for selection to represent UTS at the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Conference in July. This is by far one of the most popular portfolios.

As a first year, get your comps journey started by:
1. Competing in The Gauntlet
2. Attending the grand finals in ‘Grand Final Week’ to see our brightest law students in action
3. Volunteering as a client or witness (you’ll get a big head start on preparation for your own shot at the comp).

Client Interview
Learning about a client’s legal issue is an imperative skill and hinges on the quality of your working relationship with them. A client comes to you, a solicitor within a firm, with a problem and seeks legal advice. This competition requires little preparation and only basic legal knowledge. The emphasis is placed on your ability to engage with your client and build a strong working atmosphere and relationship with them to ensure they feel at ease.

Negotiation
There are two teams representing opposing parties in a simulated legal dispute. The objective is to reach an outcome that satisfies the goals of their individual client but also reflects consideration for the interests of the other party. Skills in negotiation are becoming increasingly essential for lawyers as clients are more included to settle disputes away from the court.

Witness Examination
Acting as either a Prosecution or Defence barrister in a criminal matter, competitors must lead their witness in an examination in chief, followed by a brutal (all in the spirit of good fun) cross-examination of the opponent's witness. Your objective is to establish a factual scenario beyond reasonable doubt, hopefully in your witnesses’ favour.

Mooting and Subject Mooting
Teams of two or three are given a legal problem within a factual matrix. The teams must first identify the legal issues, research and compose a written argument in the form of written submissions. Then teams must formulate a persuasive oral argument to put to the court. Mooting is the most demanding competition in terms of man hours; however, a Mooting Mentoring Program runs during the Junior Competition to assist first-time competitors. In addition to the junior and open competitions there are also subject specific moots, which run over the year. Success in mooting can lead to intervarsity opportunities at the local, national & international level.

Gauntlet
The Gauntlet is a bootcamp-esque weekend competition hand tailored for first year students. Students first attend a workshop that outlines how to effectively compete in the diverse
competitions and then in teams of two, students can attempt each of the competitions. It is an invaluable opportunity to experience each competition and gain strong foundation skills before competing in the junior or opens competitions.

**Intervarsity Competitions**
The UTS LSS participate and host a number of intervarsity competitions. These competitions allow experienced competitors to compete at a local, national and international level. For updates on the divergent intervarsity competitions, follow the UTS LSS Facebook Page and check out the UTS LSS website for more updates.

**Paper presentation**
Paper Presentation is an individual competition that involves researching and writing a legal essay (between 3,000 - 5,000 words in length) and then presenting it to a panel of judges. The presentation component of the competition is 15 minutes in length followed by up to five minutes of questions from the judges. Students may present a paper they have previously used for an assessment at university. The top competitor wins the right to represent UTS at the ALSA Conference that is held in July of each year. The winner of the National Paper Presentation Final will have their paper published in ALSA’s Academic Journal.

**Advice Writing**
Advice Writing involves the individual submission of written advice for a client's legal problem. This is a highly practical competition, replicating a skill needed by all lawyers in practice, and all students in answering legal problem questions at law school.

For more information or enquiries regarding LSS competitions visit utsslss.com > Competitions

Students signed up to the Brennan Program can also claim Leadership through Service hours by volunteering as a client, witness, student judge, or for their time in question and scenario writing. Limits per round or question.

If you have any further questions about the differing UTS LSS Competitions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mark Joseph Samuel, our Vice President (Competitions) at vpc@utsslss.com.
CAREERS

The UTS LSS is committed to ensuring that UTS law students are informed of the incredible range of career options available to them -- not just after graduation, but throughout their degree as well. The UTS LSS runs regular events throughout the year and produces publications to make Careers information easily accessible for everyone.

In the Autumn Semester, our most notable events are the Clerkship Seminar Series (a series of on-campus presentations from corporate firms in Sydney), the Clerkship Networking Evening (a networking event with 15+ firms and their representatives), and Skills Workshops (firm-led workshops on essential Careers skills such as CV writing). In the Spring Semester, we explore a variety of non-corporate Career paths through events such as our Pro Bono Panel, Women in Law Panel, and Legal Technology Panel.

This year, we are also introducing ‘Breaking into Law’, a brand new event geared towards first-third year students and helping them kickstart their legal career.

It's never too early to start thinking about your career! Join us in 2020 for a riveting schedule of events covering Clerkships, internships, graduate roles, and everything in-between.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice portfolio is a stand-out part of UTS LSS’ and UTS Faculty of Law’s commitment to develop you into a well-rounded law student as one that understands the importance of giving back to the community in the work you’ll do as a lawyer and as an active citizen. To enrich your law journey by offering opportunities to partake in social justice, we offer the Brennan Justice and Leadership Program courtesy of the joint partnership of UTS LSS and UTS Faculty of Law- a landmark program, which upon completion, is listed on your transcript (and recognised by many employers).

UTS LSS runs social justice events for credit to this Program including visits to Westmead Children's Hospital as well as the Social Justice Conference, Charity Trivia Nights, Gender Conference and more!

UTS LSS Social Justice also offers initiatives for financially disadvantaged students, most notably the Textbook Equity Scheme and Law Camp/ Law Ball subsidies. Under the Textbook Equity Scheme, financially disadvantaged students can loan core law textbooks for free. Further, financially disadvantaged students can receive discounted Law Camp and Law Ball tickets so everyone can have an opportunity to experience these memorable LSS events! The Social Justice portfolio also runs the Justice Action Committee (JAC) and remain focused on charitable works with funds raised at a range of fundraisers for law students – like the Charity Trivia Night.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The UTS LSS has been expanding its commitment to health and wellbeing and now positions these outcomes at the forefront of what it does. Under the Wellbeing Directorship, the LSS leads initiatives including The Smile Project and the Student Wellbeing Blog, proving a commitment to the wellbeing conversation. Additional pre-exam stress targeting initiatives are in the works for 2020 as well. Also, excitingly in 2020, UTS LSS’ sport director is helping launch weekly yoga classes, alongside the sell-out KickStart group PT sessions.
GET INVOLVED

UTS Faculty of Law are close partners of the UTS LSS. We suggest that you:

- **Become a UTS LSS member**

  Membership is completely free for UTS Law Students. Becoming a member will provide you with access to all of the opportunities offered by the UTS LSS, as well as discounted prices on ticketed events and merchandise. To obtain your free UTS LSS membership, visit: [https://forms.gle/LTXxQMXbAtHnusJTA](https://forms.gle/LTXxQMXbAtHnusJTA)

- **Keep yourself updated**

  To stay in the loop about what’s been happening as well as information on the different opportunities available, make sure to follow the UTS LSS on social media and sign-up to UTS LSS’s fortnightly newsletter, *The Buzz*, at [utsrss.com](http://utsrss.com).

- **Get involved**

  Once you’ve signed up for your free membership, take some time to browse through the various opportunities available throughout the year!

  The perfect way to kick-start your law degree would be attending the UTS LSS First Year Law Camp in Broken Bay from 27-29 March 2020. It’s the best opportunity to meet like-minded peers who you’ll be spending the next few years at law school with, and form friendships that will often last a lifetime.

  There are also various other events and programs which cater towards first-year law students specifically, including the Buddy Project and Peer Mentoring program.

- **Give back as a Councillor**

  Taking on a leadership role on the UTS LSS Council is a great way to give back! As a UTS LSS Councillor, you’ll be able to work behind the scenes with a number of highly passionate people to deliver the various events and initiatives offered by the UTS LSS.

  There will be an opportunity to nominate yourself for one of two First Year Representative positions at the UTS LSS First Year Law Camp.

  Otherwise, there will be several opportunities to join sub-committees throughout the year, and the opportunity to nominate for a Director or Executive position at the end of the year during the annual election period.

  For more information, visit the UTS LSS website at [utsrss.com](http://utsrss.com) or feel free to contact the UTS LSS President, Sam Guzman at [president@utsrss.com](mailto:president@utsrss.com) if you have any questions.
Faculty Legal Competitions

UTS LAW MOOTING PROGRAM

The UTS Faculty of Law supports an extensive mooting competition program. These competitions are a great ‘next step’ once you have begun your mooting experience through the various LSS competitions on offer.

Competitions are held both nationally and internationally, giving students the opportunity to gain a global perspective on the practice of law. Mooting is an exciting way to gain high-level advocacy skills, research experience, and is funded by the faculty (incl. airfares, accommodation and competition expenses).

Applications are open to all students who meet the academic requisites for the program. Teams will have the opportunity to participate in competitions across the globe including:

- The Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition
- Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot
- The Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot

For more information and details of each mooting competition visit:

uts.edu.au > Current Students > Overview > Law > Competitions and Prizes > Mooting
Careers

UTS encourages students to start thinking about their career from the moment they start university. As such, Careers offers a number of resources to help you start planning for your future career visit uts.edu.au > Current Students > Opportunities > Career Development

CareerHub

CareerHub is your one stop shop for all things career related. With thousands of job opportunities, exciting events, and useful resources, this platform makes it easy for you to develop your future career. Plus, once you create your customised profile, CareerHub will even recommend events and jobs to suit you!

CareerHub can help you to:

- Ask career-related questions;
- Find jobs that are relevant to you;
- Register to participate in exciting events to help increase your employability;
- Participate effortlessly in programs offered by the Careers team.

So what are you waiting for?

To get started, create your profile now using your UTS login at careerhub.uts.edu.au. If you have any questions regarding this platform, contact careers@uts.edu.au.

SUMMER CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

Interested in gaining professional experience while on break? Apply for a summer clerkship. Summer clerkships are paid employment experiences in major commercial law firms over the summer break for Australian law students in their penultimate (second last) year of study.

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

If you’re a final year student and you haven’t secured full-time employment in a law firm for once you graduate, you can apply for the Graduate Employment Scheme. Each year, a range of law firms participate, with the aim of helping students secure employment upon graduation.

PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Unlike other Sydney-based universities, UTS is the only university to offer Practical Legal Training (PLT) for students to undertake as part of their studies. PLT is an essential study requirement for any person wishing to practice law in NSW. Completion of PLT is a requirement of the NSW Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) for admission as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and by mutual recognition to the Supreme Courts of other Australian states.

UTS Careers

If you’re ever stuck and in need of some career-related guidance, Careers is there to help! They work closely with graduate recruiters and faculties to facilitate programs and events that equip UTS students with key employability skills, as well as the knowledge and confidence vital for success.
Careers can help you with:

- Resume and cover letter reviews;
- Work-ready programs;
- Planning resources;
- Job search strategies;
- Careers events;
- Interview preparation;
- Employability skill building.

So if you need anything from a resume review, to help improving your interview skills, drop by Careers in UTS Central, Building 2, Level 4, Room 221 (CB02.04.221) or visit their website: uts.edu.au/current-students/opportunities/careers

CAREER EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS
There are many events on and off-campus throughout the year where you are able to hear from, meet with and network with potential employers. Careers host and facilitate employability workshops where you can learn how to write a resume and cover letter; learn effective interview skills; and set up your profile on LinkedIn.

CAREERS FAIR
Interested in networking with industry-leading organisations? Or maybe you want to learn about where your degree could take you? Then be sure to come along to the annual UTS Careers Fair, and discover what opportunities are available to you!
The UTS Law Alumni Community

Becoming a student at the UTS Faculty of Law is the start of what we hope is a life-long connection with the Faculty.

Our alumni support UTS Law students through scholarships, mentoring, work place experiences, judging competitions, and more.

Be proactive and sign up for Career Services workshops to learn the skills and resources to tap into our network of alumni in Australia and throughout the world. You’ll have the opportunity to engage with our alumni at campus events and online.

Upon graduation, you’ll join a network of 15,000+ UTS Law alumni contributing to society in a wide range of industries and sectors around the globe.

Visit uts.edu.au/about/faculty-law/engage/alumni-connections and alumni.uts.edu.au to learn about some of our amazing alumni and the opportunities ahead of you as one of our UTS alumni!

If you choose later on to continue your studies with UTS, keep in mind eligible alumni will receive a 10% saving on tuition fees for full fee paying courses. Full details about the Alumni Advantage Program can be found here: https://www.alumni.uts.edu.au/benefits/alumni-advantage.
Prizes and Awards

Dean's Merit List

The Dean’s Merit List Award recognises and rewards the outstanding academic achievements of students in the single and combined Bachelor of Laws, Juris Doctor, Master of Intellectual Property, Master of Laws and Graduate Diploma in Migration Law and Practice.

 Appearing on the Dean’s Merit List for Academic Excellence places you amongst the highest achieving students within the UTS Faculty of Law, and is a respected mark of academic excellence across all universities and in the employment sector.

Students are not required to apply for this award. Selection is based on achieving a WAM (weighted average mark) of 80 or higher for all law subjects and:

- Single and combined Bachelor of Law students must have completed a minimum of 50% law subjects in the year of the award;
- Students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit points in law subjects in the year of the award.

A Certificate of Award and Letter of Commendation is presented at the Faculty's annual prize-giving event. The Award will be included on the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS) which accompanies graduates’ Testamur.

Award Ceremonies

UTS Faculty of Law recognises the accomplishments of our high performing students each year with the generous support of our donors, who join with us in recognising the efforts of our high achievers.

By recognising and encouraging outstanding academic achievement, these awards help build the personal and professional confidence of our students and add prestige to their curriculum vitae.

The Faculty holds an awards ceremony annually.
Contacts & Directories

UTS Student Centre

The Student Centre facilitates student enquiries on behalf of faculties and Student Administration. The building five and ten Service Centres support UTS Law students.

Building 10 - Broadway
Level 2, 235 Jones Street
Ultimo, NSW 2007

Building 5 - Haymarket
Block C, Level 1
Cnr Quay Street and Ultimo Road
Haymarket, NSW 2000

UTS Student Centres can help with:

- Subject and course information
- Study plan, enrolment and class allocation enquiries
- Progression and academic caution
- Exam related and academic progress applications
- Leave of Absence and concurrent study applications
- Recognition of prior learning and subject substitution applications
- Graduation matters

Normal hours (AEST): Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 4:30pm, closed Wednesday 9am – 11am. Online enquiries and eRequests can be submitted via ask.uts.edu.au

If you have an urgent enquiry, you can call 1300 ASK UTS (1300 275 887), Monday-Friday, 9am – 5pm.
UTS Law Reception

UTS Law Reception staff happily assist with submission and collection of UTS Law assignments. They cannot assist with course or student administration enquiries; these should be directed to the UTS Student Centre. Your student ID will be needed to collect assignments and you’ll be notified when your assignment is ready to collect.

Level 16, Building 2 (CB02.16)
Building 2, 61 Broadway
BROADWAY, NSW 2007

The UTS Maps webpage is a super useful resource to navigate around UTS and UTS Central (Building 2).

Mailing address:
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Broadway NSW 2007
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Opening hours:
Teaching weeks: Monday - Friday, 12noon - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Non-teaching weeks and Summer session: Monday - Friday, 12noon - 2pm and 4pm - 5pm

- If electing a proxy to pick up your assignment on your behalf, you'll need to email Law.reception@uts.edu.au ahead of time stating the assignment to be picked up, subject name and the full name of the person collecting this on your behalf.
- In the rare occasion you are seeking an extension on an assignment, refer to the key information on the UTS Law website before applying.