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WELCOME

FROM
CLS DEAN, CORRS & CSLS EXECUTIVE



DEAN'S WELCOME

PROFESSOR ROBERT CUNNINGHAM DEAN AND HEAD OF CURTIN LAW SCHOOL

We live in an era of confused political discourse fuelled by disinformation. The dynamics underpinning are encapsulated by reference to "post-truth". The reasons we live in a politically confused, post-truth world are many and varied. The profit-motive of Big Tech accompanied with algorithms has no doubt played a role. Political actors have leveraged the discord, often for their own personal benefit.

What does the contemporary political landscape have to do with studying law? The answer is that the law does not exist in a social vacuum, but is constructed through human institutions, for all of the good and bad that flows. As a budding legal practitioner, it is important to pay close attention to the political landscape and contemporary events because that is the soil upon which the law grows.

In the cold-war era the demarcation between differing political ideologies was clearer than present. The politically confused, post-truth world establishes fertile soil for unsavoury tendencies. While we need to be careful about establishing false causation when comparing history with the present, the 20th century offered humanity important lessons, which we would be foolish to ignore. Some of those lessons flowed from precursors to World War II – and remind that any seduction towards authoritarianism or totalitarianism should be steadfastly resisted.

Using experimental methods that would no longer be accepted by university ethics committees, in the 1960's, Stanley Milgram – a Yale University psychologist – highlighted the willingness of human beings to obey authority figures, even when the instructions conflicted with personal conscience. Although authority is an important dimension of the legal system, it is critical that legal practitioners have the ability to exercise independent and critical judgment as to the validity of purported authority. It is for this reason that the checks and balances provided by the judicial system are so crucial within liberal economic democracy.

In many ways, the liberal economic democratic system is built not just to facilitate action but also to place obstacles in the way. Some citizens become frustrated with democratic roadblocks; but these roadblocks serve to foster systemic resilience. Similarly, the doctrine of precedent establishes a useful springboard for common law development. That is, both democracy and the common law system facilitate incremental change or evolution, rather than radical overthrow or revolution. None of this matters, until it does.

When you venture into the world of legal practice, you should remain mindful of the age-old pro bono tradition. Engaging in pro bono work reminds the legal practitioner of their own privilege; and also reminds that an important aspect of being a legal practitioner is not just to serve private interests, but also the interests of the public. This is why the first duty owed by a legal practitioner is not to the client, but to the administration of justice.

On behalf of Curtin Law School, I wish you all the best with your studies and all of your future endeavours that follow.



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CORRS WELCOME

NANCY ZHAO
CURTIN ALUMNI AND 2021 GRADUATE
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Welcome to the beginning of your career in law – a journey which can be both rewarding and challenging at the same time. As a Curtin alumni who was in your position only a few years ago, I can confirm that a degree (and ongoing career) in the legal industry is an opportunity to achieve valuable personal and professional growth.

I can attest to the advantage of practical work experience in partnership with academic studies, and I have benefited from clerkship and graduate programs at Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Corrs). As Australia's leading independent law firm, Corrs provides exceptional legal services across the full spectrum of matters, including major transactions, projects and significant disputes, offering strategic advice on our clients' most challenging issues.

I am currently a member of the firm's 2021 graduate cohort, undertaking my second rotation in the projects (disputes) practice group. So far I have benefited from their high-quality professional development program, which is giving me the skills and experience needed to succeed in a career in commercial law. Additionally, I am enjoying the comradery amongst my fellow grads, the inclusive firm culture and the opportunity to shape my experience with options such as pro bono legal work.

The program focuses on development through practical day-to-day work experience and dedicated support, which has given me the opportunity to learn first-hand through undertaking substantive work.

Although still in the early stages of my career, I have already had opportunities to support the firm as it acts at the forefront of some of the most high-profile public international law matters in our region, assisting governments and corporations with the resolution of highly complex cross-border disputes.

At Corrs, I have experienced a culture built on excellence, collaboration, commitment and respect. It makes me proud to work within a firm, and an industry, where so many people share a commitment to outstanding quality and service. There is a real commitment to the professional growth and development of young lawyers, and I have received structured support from my first day. In (what feels like only a short time!) I have built a professional support network which includes partners, mentors, my fellow graduates and a dedicated People and Performance contact – who have helped support the start of my career in law.

If you are looking for a start where you can learn quickly through on-the-job training, receive ongoing feedback and benefit from mentoring from our leading experts – maybe Corrs is the right firm for you also! And finally, best wishes as you commence your studies and embark on this exciting journey into the world of law!



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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Hello to our future associates, barristers, defence attorneys, prosecutors, judges, professors and so much more!

Welcome to the Curtin Law School! My name is Harley and I am the 2022 President of the Curtin Student Law Society (CSLS). I am a final year Law and International Relations student, and this is my fifth year being part of the CSLS. I can remember just how daunting it was to walk into my first year at the Curtin Law School. Fortunately, the CSLS made the journey all the more bearable.

The CSLS is the official law student's society of Curtin University. It aims to represent the educational and social interests of all Curtin Law students and strives to improve your experience in the law school. The CSLS is made up of five main portfolios: Education, Careers, Competitions, Equity and Wellbeing, and Social. With the help of our Sponsorship and Communications teams, these portfolios seek to organise and compose a variety of events and publications to spice up your time at law school, keeping your mental health in check, and ensuring you are prepared for your future careers in the legal profession. From balls, sundowners, and wine tours, to cover letter writing, interview workshops and Court excursions, the CSLS is here to make your law school experience as practical and enjoyable as it can be. We do all of this whilst working tirelessly behind the scenes to represent your interests at the Australian Law Students Association, the Law Society of Western Australia, and at some of the nation's largest law firms!

While I will not lie and tell you that law school is going to be easy, it will also be some of the best years of your lives, so please make the most of it. I encourage you to get involved from the onset: use the advice presented to you in the guide and attend some of our first-year-tailored events. Attending events is the best way to meet new people and become comfortable at law school, and they are extremely valuable and lots of fun! Later in the First Year Guide, you will also see an advertisement for First Year Representative applications and I strongly recommend you put your hat in the ring for a position! Being part of the CSLS is a great opportunity and we would love to see you at our next meeting, representing your cohort.

If you have any questions or feel like a chat, my door and inbox are always open and I'd love to meet as many of you as I can. Until then, best of luck for your first few weeks at law school!



VICE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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Hi First Years!

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Curtin Law School to all of you.

My name is Rachel and I am the 2022 Vice President of the CSLS. I am a penultimate Law and International Relations student (meaning I am in my second last year of university), and this is my fourth year as a CSLS committee member. It feels like yesterday that I attended my first lectures and tutorials, feeling totally overwhelmed by the idea of starting university. But as every law student nearing the end of their studies will tell you, these will be some of the most memorable years of your life.

I know it can be nerve wracking, but I encourage you all to embrace the uncertainty and make the most of your first year. Try and meet as many of your peers as possible, I know I personally made my best friends in my first semester of Law. I strongly recommend attending as many CSLS events as you can as they are invaluable to building your network and professional skills. I also suggest that you consider applying for a First Year Representative position on the CSLS if you think you'd like to get involved. Lastly, amidst the madness of your first year, I encourage you all to take the time to check in with yourself and prioritise your mental health; you can't pour from an empty cup.

The CSLS is essentially here to make your Law School experience as beneficial and enjoyable as possible. If you have any questions or queries, please reach out to us. Please feel free to send me an email, add me on Facebook or come say hi if you see me around the Bentley or city campus. I can't wait to meet you all and I hope you enjoy the first few weeks of uni - you've got this!



EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hello and welcome to this exciting new chapter!

My name is Lara and I'm the Education Director for 2022. I'm in my penultimate year of my Bachelor of Laws (second last year) and this is my 3rd year on the CSLS. My role along with the amazing Education team is to plan, execute and distribute a range of events and materials (such as this guide) to help make your time studying as enjoyable and beneficial as possible. Some of our first-year events include the First Year Q&A which will be coming up in a few weeks and the First Year Court Excursion. We're really looking forward to helping you settle in and make your first year the best as it can be.

My biggest piece of advice is to get involved in your studies and the university experience. I know it's daunting but don't be afraid to have a go by contributing to answers and asking questions. Remember this content is new for most students, and you'll quickly find there rarely is only one right answer.

Introduce yourself to other students, sit next to someone new, these are the people on the same journey you are. I made some of my best friends in first year and I promise having people to bounce ideas makes studying much more enjoyable. I highly recommend applying for the CSLS position of First Year Representative, it's a great way to have an input into events and meet people in all different stages of their degree.

Something I wish I could say to my first-year self is to not be so hard on myself. Remember law isn't easy, these concepts and types of assessments completely new, and it takes time to get a grasp of it. I carried over the pressure from high school to have high grades in my legal studies and when I got some of my first marks back, I was really disappointed in myself. I promise you if you stick with it, you'll see the fruits of your efforts. Be kind to yourself and welcome all feedback.

I wish you all the very best for your legal studies and looking forward to meeting you all very soon! Please feel free to send me an email or shoot me a message on fb.





WELLBEING AND EQUITY DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hi First Years and a warm welcome to Curtin Law School!!

I hope 2022 has treated you kindly so far and you are prepared for a challenging, yet exciting few years ahead!

My name is Meg, and I am in my final year of my law degree. I lead the Wellbeing and Equity Portfolio, alongside our wonderful officers – Judd & Danielle. We look forward to crossing paths with many of you this year!

The primary purpose of our portfolio is to advocate for all Curtin Law students' wellbeing and equity concerns. We care about you as people, and we hope our portfolio is approachable and accessible to funnel any concerns that may confront you. We are here to improve your law school experience.

In doing so, our portfolio hosts several events each year. In October, we celebrate Mental Health Week with our annual Minds Count Quiz Night at the Curtin Tav, and a Mental Health Fair at 57 Murray Street. You can imagine the fun that is a quiz-night - a pub full of ready-to-argue, type-A law-students battling out trivia. On the other hand, the fair boasts exciting activities as a chance to create some mindful space in your week - last year included a petting zoo, terrarium making, board games & smoothies! Also, keep your eyes peeled for our wellness-oriented coffee-catch ups with firms, and meditation sessions hosted by our very own Dean of Law!!

On an equity-front, we are launching an Equity-in-Law Social Justice evening this year - a must-attend for anyone interested in advancing social justice or an equity-minded career. Every May, the CSLS also participates in the Law Access Walk for Justice. This initiative involves our fundraising efforts to support Law Access - a charity who coordinates free legal services with vulnerable individuals who cannot afford legal advice. The CSLS are proud to join the refreshing morning walk along the city foreshore, as well as be amongst the top fundraisers each year!!

My advice for all first years - find your people and do your best not to miss any opportunity available! While student-life has its challenges, it's also one the simplest times we get. Enjoy it!



COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hi First Years!

Huge welcome to Curtin Law School. I hope you are excited to begin this new chapter in your life. My name is Lapo, and I am the Competitions Director for 2022. At the end of 2022, I will have finished my law degree and I will only have 3 units to go to complete my Bachelor of Commerce in economics in semester 1 of 2023.

The purpose of having a Competitions Portfolio is for you to benefit from some real advocacy experience whilst still being in a safe learning environment. Participating in competitions will boost your confidence, improve your skills/marks, and make your resume stand out from other law students. Competitions may also give you a general idea of what area of practice you might be interested in for your future career. Throughout the year, there will be several competitions open to students who have completed 8 or less law units, including a client interview, negotiation, and a 'moot' or mock court proceedings. Make sure to keep an eye out for these competitions, dive right in and get some experience under your belt! Competing will allow you to network with other students, professors, and in some instances, lawyers from some of the top firms in Perth!

My words of advice for someone commencing their law degree this year is to focus on their own growth without caring at what pace everyone else is travelling. It is true that law is a hyper-competitive field and I find the best way to succeed is by taking steps towards focusing on the basics i.e., legal writing, speaking and problem solving. Please also remember that marks only define how good your studying technique is and not how good of a person/student you are.

Best of luck and I look forward to seeing you at competitions



JUNIOR COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hey first years, want to get high distinctions on all your assignments? READ THIS!

My name is Richard, and I am the 2022 Junior Competitions Director for the CSLS. I am in my third year of a law and finance double degree, and this is my third term on the committee.

I am extremely excited to be running junior competitions this year. Junior competitions are designed to provide first year law students with a supportive, judgement free, and beginner-friendly environment to compete in real life scenarios that lawyers encounter every day! These include client interviews, negotiations, and moots.

In my first year of law, I spectated the open competitions and competed in the junior competitions which allowed me to excel in my practical assignments. We coordinate the competitions with your assignments specifically for this purpose, so seize the opportunity! If that isn't enough, the grand finals are held at prestigious law firms (or the Supreme Court of WA), and the winners get prizes!

My advice is to compete in as many competitions as you can, there is NOTHING to lose and EVERYTHING to gain. If you're feeling shy, come along and spectate to see how they work and hear the judges' valuable feedback.



Energy & Resources Law Association (ERLA) Mining Law Moot winners
Nicholas Anastas and Nikki Lyttle.



CAREERS DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hi there first years!

Welcome to Law School! I hope you are all enjoying Orientation and your first few weeks at Curtin! My name is Meghann Leavy and I am the Careers Director for the CSLS for 2022. I am currently in the third year of my law degree. The Careers portfolio aims at providing invaluable careers related information and opportunities directly to students. Think of us like the middle man between students and possible future employers.

We host an array of different skill building and informative workshops in conjunction with law firms. We also publish a Careers Guide which will be your 'one stop shop' for everything you possibly need to know about starting/furthering your career after the graduation caps come off. This guide will include articles from the student perspective as well as articles that are straight from the profession (when it comes to the tail end of your degree this guide will be your bible!) We also host a Mini Careers Fair towards the end of the year which allows students to engage with various firms and government agencies in a more intimate setting.

However, as First Years, the event that will be most beneficial for you will be our First Year Crash Course. This will involve a combination of mini workshops about important law school skills and a panel discussion with a few recent Curtin Law graduates who will be imparting all their wisdom and advice to ensure that the transition into law school will be as smooth as possible. I encourage all of you to come along to this unmissable event!

I truly believe that Curtin Law School is a magical place. It may not feel like it at times and we have all definitely felt the crunch. However, the CSLS creates a very wholesome and supportive environment for students to come together, whether that be for careers or education purposes, or to wind down at wellbeing and social events. My biggest piece of advice for you guys is to embrace everything that the CSLS has to offer. The people that you will meet and the friends that you will make will be invaluable during your time at Curtin Law School and will make your time here that much better!

I am always happy to chat and answer any questions. Best of luck!



JUNIOR CAREERS DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hey first years!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready to kick-start your Curtin Law School journey with refreshed minds.

My name is Helen and I am in my second year of law school. I am the Junior Careers Director of the CSLS this year.

Deciding on your future aspirations may seem daunting because of the many career pathways out there, but don't feel pressured to dash to the finish line. The Careers Portfolio is here to provide exposure to the many different pathways in law that you can walk. My job is to guide you to the XP boosters available to first years, so that you are fully prepared to start walking.

The greatest advice I can give you is to ask questions! Studying is best with a settled mind. Whether it's your tutors, friends, the CSLS or myself personally, we are all looking out for your success. If you've got an itch in your bright, beautiful brains you'd like to scratch, come have a chat with our directors and officers at a Careers event. Our first event, specially catered to first years, is the First Year Crash Course! Hope to see your lovely faces there!



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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Ciao first years!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the wonderful Curtin Law School. I'm Annabel, your Social Director for 2022. I am in my third year of a double degree in Law and International Relations.

Myself, along with the two Social Officers (Paris McNeil and Giovanna Bongiorno) and our Sports Officer (Sami Abbas), will be in charge of coordinating all the CSLS social events this year. These events will give you the opportunity to make new friends and develop existing friendships, both of which are essential to creating a worthwhile university experience. The pinnacle of our social calendar is the annual Law Ball—an event not to be missed. I can speak on behalf of many students when I say that it is one of the highlights of the year—I look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor!

The friendships that you make at university will be ones that you cherish for a long time to come. You will be surrounded by like-minded individuals who will revel in your jubilations and comfort you in your moments of pain. My role is to facilitate you meeting these special people by organising fun social events! I met some of my closest friends at the first year dinner (which you should 100% attend) and I hope that you too will have the opportunity to do so through events such as this.

One of my favourite maxims reads, "you get out of life what you put in". Whether that's how much effort you put into a particular assignment (flukes won't get you far in law school) or how many new people you talk to at an event, just remember that your university experience is only as good as you make it! Therefore, I challenge you to push yourself outside of your comfort zone, whatever that is to you.

As many people will tell you, law school is not a walk in the park by any stretch. It is challenging and difficult, but if you're reading this, I know that you are capable of anything you put your mind to. You should be commended on making it this far.

I wish you all the best for your upcoming endeavours, I am just a message away – my door (and inbox) will always be open, as is that of all the social officers.



COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

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Hi Freshers!

My name is Tanika, I am a third-year law student and I am the Communications Director for 2022!

My role involves all things social media and tech! With the help of my Publications Editor - Rachel Simmonds (publications@csls.asn.au) - I run the CSLS Facebook and Instagram pages, the CSLS website and the newly founded CSLS Newsletter. The Communications Portfolio is committed to student engagement and keeping everyone updated on what's going on around the Curtin Law School. We share upcoming events, workshops, competitions, job opportunities and the occasional meme. Give us a follow so you don't miss a thing!

My greatest word of advice for those starting out in law this year is to be social! It's so easy to get caught up in your studies or be too nervous to talk to your peers (especially when classes go online), but your peers will be your biggest supporters and lifelong friends. As law students, you are likely highly intelligent and often competitive individuals, but you should not let this get in the way of saying hello or attending the First Year CSLS Events. It can be daunting but you will not regret it. I for one have met some of my closest friends simply by saying 'hi' in tutorials and at the First Year Dinner (don't miss it). Your time at law school will be some of the best years of your life if you give it the chance.

If you have any questions (even if it's just course related), feel free to contact me at communications@csls.asn.au or find me at any CSLS event. I'm always here for a chat.

So until next time, you know you love me.

Xoxo, Gossip Girl.



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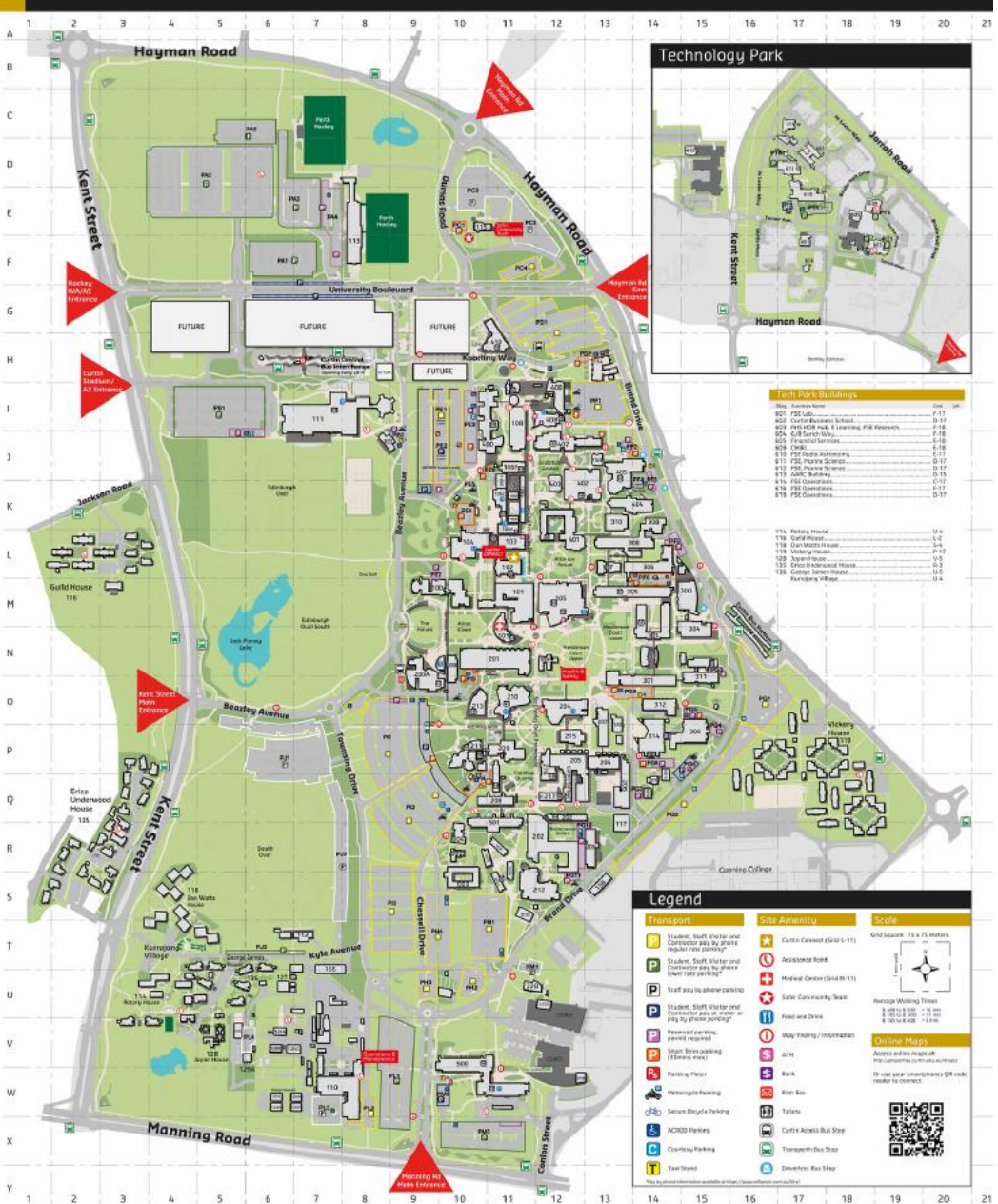




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OVERVIEW & ESSENTIALS

BENTLEY CAMPUS MAP



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Transport	Site Amenity	Scale
Student, Staff, Visitor and Contractor bus stop (regular route parking)	Curtin Classes (G14-11)	Grid Square: 15 x 15 meters
Student, Staff, Visitor and Contractor car or motor or cycle (short-term parking)	Assistance Point	Average Walking Times: 0-5 min: 0-100m 5-10 min: 100-200m 10-15 min: 200-300m 15-20 min: 300-400m
Staff only (no phone parking)	Scaffolding Team	North
Student, Staff, Visitor and Contractor pick up or drop off (short-term parking)	Food and Drink	Online Maps
Reserved parking (parent reserved)	Wayfinding / Information	Access all the maps all the time on your mobile phone. QR codes can be used as a backup reader to connect.
Drop-Off and Pick-Up (DROPPED)	ATM	
Restroom	Bank	
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ACCESS Parking	Tobacco	
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	Disabled Bus Stop	

CURTIN LAW SCHOOL

Founded in 2013, Curtin Law School (CLS) is a young, vibrant law school grounded by a commitment to providing students with a legal education that places professional skills development at the centre. This commitment is reflected in situating the law school in the Perth CBD and offering students real world opportunities, such as the John Curtin Law Clinic and the Legal Internship unit. In the field of law, Curtin University is ranked first in Western Australia in the area of skills development and has been highly regarded for its teaching quality. Read below to find out a bit more about each of our campuses along with some travel and transport tips to make the journey there easier!

BENTLEY CAMPUS

Your first eight law units will be held at the Bentley campus. Thousands of students fill the campus grounds every day of semester, which creates a vibrant and multicultural atmosphere. The sprawling grounds can be overwhelming, so don't be surprised if you find yourself lost from time to time - a rite of passage for every uni student! Try to get to your classes early during the first few weeks and make sure to download the 'Lost on Campus' app. There is plenty of paid parking available at different entrances and ends of the campus, so if you are planning on driving just know you won't have to trek from one side to the other and back from the one carpark! As for public transport, Curtin has two bus stations on campus, Curtin University Bus Station and Curtin Central Bus Station. You can view the countless routes and timetables of these buses on the Curtin University website.



CITY CAMPUS

The latter part of your degree will be studied in trimesters at the city campus. Located within the charming heritage-listed building at 57 Murray Street, Perth, the city campus is only a short walk away from the main law courts. The building boasts modern teaching facilities, a moot court and great spaces to study and socialise. The intimate setting facilitates a collegial, friendly atmosphere where you will form lifelong friendships. There is a City of Perth (CPP) parking complex less than a five minute walk from the law school itself and parking at this complex can then be validated from within the Law school, meaning you'll be paying a cheaper rate. Being in the heart of the city means the law school is within close proximity to the train station as well as countless bus routes, and often navigating the city via public transport is a cheaper, less stressful option!



A glimpse into...

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BACHELOR OF LAWS

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BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) DEGREE

The Curtin Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is an approved qualification under Rule 8 of the Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2009 (WA) and satisfies the academic requirements for admission to legal practice in Western Australia. Graduates will be eligible for membership of the Law Society of Western Australia.

Degree Structure

The LLB undergraduate degree at CLS is delivered in a combination of semesters and trimesters. As elaborated in the table below, if you are studying a single LLB degree, you will complete your first year at the Bentley Campus in a semester format while your second and third years will be studied in trimesters at the city campus. If you are studying a double degree, you will complete your first three years at Bentley in a semester format while subsequent years will be studied in trimesters in the city.

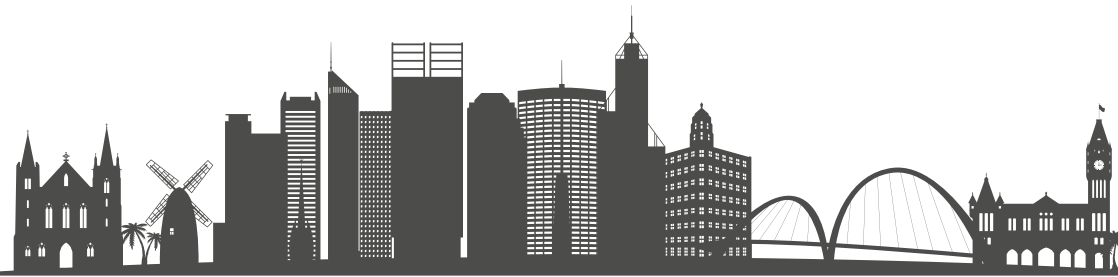
Degree Length

A single LLB degree can be completed in three years and a double degree in four and a half years. However, these timeframes are contingent upon studying four units each trimester. Many law students choose to study three units – or in some cases, less than three units – each trimester, to have more time for internships, volunteering, and family and friends. Of course, selecting units in this way extends the length of your degree.

Core & Optional Units

The LLB degree consists of 21 compulsory core units and a number of optional law units. Single-degree students are able to select 11 optional law units while double-degree students are entitled to three optional law units. You can find a list of these units in the Courses Handbook 2021 at

<http://handbook.curtin.edu.au/courses/31/319279.html>.



STRUCTURE OF SINGLE AND DOUBLE-DEGREE LLBs

	SINGLE DEGREE		DOUBLE DEGREE	
	LOCATION	DELIVERY	LOCATION	DELIVERY
FIRST YEAR	BENTLEY	SEMESTERS	BENTLEY	SEMESTERS (HALF LAW, HALF NON-LAW DEGREE)
SECOND YEAR	CITY CAMPUS	TRIMESTERS	BENTLEY	SEMESTERS (HALF LAW, HALF NON-LAW DEGREE)
THIRD YEAR	CITY CAMPUS	TRIMESTERS	BENTLEY	SEMESTERS (YEAR OF NON-LAW DEGREE)
FOURTH YEAR	N/A	N/A	CITY CAMPUS	TRIMESTERS (LAW DEGREE)
FIFTH YEAR	N/A	N/A	CITY CAMPUS	TRIMESTERS (LAW DEGREE)

If you still have questions about your degree, please refer to the Courses Handbook 2021 at <http://handbook.curtin.edu.au/courses/31/319279.html>, or alternatively contact Curtin Law School at CBS.Law.Students@curtin.edu.au.

AN INTRODUCTION TO FIRST YEAR UNITS

Semester One

LEGAL FOUNDATIONS



Legal Foundations is a key unit for all new law students. This unit covers our legal history and current Australian legal systems and helps create an understanding of how laws are formed and upheld. Learning how to read, interpret and understand primary sources of law are vital components of the unit which will help build the necessary knowledge needed for the rest of your law degree.

While the unit may seem like an influx of information, the key takeaway is to understand how to interpret the law and cases which will be the crux of the unit's assessments. The lectures and tutorials give students excellent insight on how to understand and apply the legal maxims.

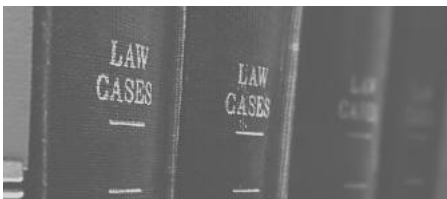


TIPS:

- If possible, whether you are studying full-time or part-time, take the Legal Research and Writing unit concurrently as these units complement each other in teaching fundamental skills and act as core pre-requisites for future units.
- Don't just rely on the lecture slides for the unit's content. The tutorials are invaluable to understanding the content and the expectations of students for the exam.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

Legal Research and Writing will teach new students the fundamentals of legal writing and set the standards expected from law students moving forward in their degree. The writing skills you will pick up from this unit will follow you through the rest of your degree and career. Furthermore, you will learn how to conduct effective research through the relevant legal databases and sources.



TIPS:

- While there is no exam for this unit, don't overlook the assignments. The Client File Preparation assignment will be one of your first law school assignments. It may seem easy but ensure you put in a lot of effort as it will set your benchmark for the rest of the unit.
- You will often hear the term 'clear and concise writing', take this on board with assignments as you will invariably find yourself struggling to stay within assignment word count restrictions.
- Check, check and recheck your work. Don't let those grammatical mistakes cost you valuable marks.

INTRODUCTION TO TORT LAW

Torts is one of the two civil wrongs students will learn in their first year, with the other being contract law. In this unit, students will learn how to identify and apply several categories of tort law into given scenarios. With torts being driven heavily by common law and some legislation, it will provide students with the opportunity to learn and understand how these are applied in real life scenarios.

Additionally, students will be given a chance to experience a taste of what it is like to be a real lawyer through the client interview assessment. This assessment endeavours to help students realise there is more to being a lawyer than just understanding legal principles.

TIPS:

- Be sure to familiarise yourself with the action of negligence as you will find it continues through to Advanced Torts.
- Make sure to pick up a copy of the essential textbook; it is incredibly helpful for this unit.
- Familiarise yourself with the key cases discussed in the unit as you will find scenario questions will occasionally be analogous.
- When preparing for your client interview assessment, be sure to view the resources provided showcasing examples of client interviews.



INTRODUCTION TO CONTRACT LAW

In the introduction to the Contract Law unit, students will learn about what a contract is and the elements which make up a legally binding contract. You will come to realise contracts exist in day-to-day life and through completing this unit, you will come to understand how complex contracts can be.

Similar to Intro to Torts, Intro to Contracts will also teach students practical skills revolving around contracts through the negotiation assessment. Students will learn negotiation skills and will be given the opportunity to use these skills against a fellow peer.

TIPS:

- Contract law is heavily based on common law, be sure to start making summaries of key cases from the very beginning as they will be crucial for the exam.
- While it may not be essential text, An Introduction of the Law of Contracts by Stephen Gray provides excellent case summaries.
- When you generate arguments for your assessment questions, be sure to view it from different perspectives and try to argue the points you have made, it may help in discovering alternative arguments.



Semester Two

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, LAW AND JUSTICE

Indigenous Peoples, Law and Justice will be different from the other units taken up to this point. The aim of this unit is not so much focused on the law or legal principles, but on how various laws affect Australian Indigenous peoples. This unit will drive discussion around positive and negative impacts that particular laws have had on Indigenous peoples. In this unit you will also critically examine concepts of justice, culture, race and colonialism.



BUSINESS, LAW & REGULATION

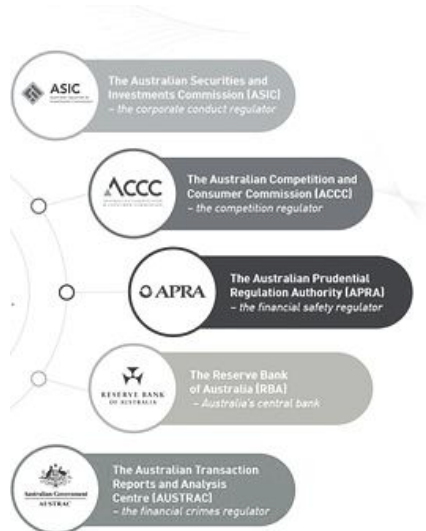
The Business, Law and Regulation unit focuses on some specific areas of commercial law and the legal bounds in which businesses operate within. This unit focuses on the Australian regulatory bodies, the areas of laws they cover and the powers granted onto them. Students will be exposed to further understanding legislative law as this unit revolves heavily around Federal and State legislation.

TIPS:

- Start writing notes from week one for this unit as good notes are essential for this units' exam.
- The tutorials are essential to help understand the impacts of each area of commercial law explored and their effects on the different aspects of society.
- Be sure to write detailed and concise notes based on the lectures and reading materials for the exam.
- While you want to ensure you have the information you need on the regulators, you don't want to be using up valuable time during the exam having to find it.

TIPS:

- You may find the weekly readings heavy for this unit but keep up with them as they help drive discussion and debate in tutorials.
- One of the unit's assessments will ask students to present on an aspect of the cultural immersion activities included in this unit.
- Ensure you attend the full cultural immersion program as this is designed to promote an understanding of Indigenous 'ways of being, knowing and doing' and as it will be an integral part of the assessment.



ADVANCED TORT LAW

The Advanced Tort Law unit is a continuation of Introduction to Tort Law. It explores additional areas of tort law such as defamation, nuisance, vicarious liability, breach of statutory duty and the calculation of damages, as well as building on other aspects of the negligence action, from semester one, such as pure economic loss and pure psychiatric harm.

Additionally, like with Intro to Torts, there is a practical aspect of this unit in the form of mooting. This assessment allows students to experience what it is like to be in an advocacy role and what it would be like in court in front of a judge presenting legal arguments against opposing counsel.

TIPS:

- The tutorials will provide a lot of mooting and submission writing practice for the assessment.
- Practice your moot submissions in front of friends or family to familiarise yourself with your content and flow.
- The final answer you give to the assignment questions may not be as crucial as your argument to back up your reasoning.
- Learn to love canola farming.



ADVANCED CONTRACT LAW

Following the same structure as Torts, the Advanced Contract Law unit is a continuation of Introduction to Contract Law. This unit focuses on what follows after a contract is established, exploring areas such as breach of a contract, what remedies are available to the innocent party and things which may invalidate a contract. One of the most practical assessments of the year will give students an opportunity to draft an agreement, putting both contract units' knowledge into use.

TIPS:

- Answer all the tutorial questions through the semester; they will be invaluable for the exam.
- If certain laws have multiple case authority, ensure you know them as the facts will generally be analogous to the scenarios.



So, You're Studying Law?



The act of studying is something we all do differently. Some people can only study at night, some people study in small chunks, some need to be with other people, and some people need flash cards and prompts. Although you need to figure out what works best for you here are some study tips that are specific to studying law. Let's dive in!

UNIT STRUCTURE

Most of the units that you will study are structured in a similar way. Therefore you can adopt a similar approach or method to studying each unit.

**BROAD AREA OF
LAW**

**VARIOUS CAUSES
OF ACTION**

LEGAL PRINCIPLES

APPLY

NOTE PREPARATION

Start your preparation early. Almost every law unit ends with an open book exam or a take-home exam. Law is complicated, but it's not rocket science. With enough time, you can prepare yourself a set of notes that neatly and concisely set out everything you've learnt during the semester (carefully and perfectly crafted, like a fine wine). Then, all you have to do is carefully read the facts and apply the correct principles to the problem question. Voila!

READINGS

It's no secret that in law school, teachers prescribe a lot of reading each week. Although tedious and often daunting, these readings are an extremely useful resource. So do them (or at least skim read). However... one **dirty secret** of law school is that no one does **ALL** of the readings. If you're unable to complete the readings one week, skim read them to get the gist of what the content is - this will help in your weekly tutorials. You can then revisit and perfect your understanding of the content later.

ALGC4 — YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

Become familiar with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation 4 (or AGLC 4). We know it is only a referencing guide, but people underestimate its true power. Picture this. You're marking a first-year's assignment and that assignment is submitted in perfect compliance with AGLC 4. IT LOOKS LIKE A WORK OF ART. You instantly think, 'Wow, this person really cares about their work and ensuring that their assignments are of a high quality. *Chef's kiss*.' If you care about your work and if the content is good, only good marks can follow.

TAKING A BREAK

Know when to take a break. Mental health is extremely important and staying mentally healthy will help you to always be at your best. If it's late at night and/or you're not making any progress with your study or an assignment, go to sleep, watch some Netflix, or take a breather. You'll likely find that you'll casually waltz through any work that was giving you trouble before.

LAW ASSESSMENTS

Assessments at law school comprise take-home assignments, oral presentations/oral advocacy and exams.

Case Note

Case notes involve summarising or analysing a court judgment. At first, you might find reading judgments extremely painful and confusing – again, practice makes perfect! These assessments focus on your ability to comprehend legal material and identify the key elements of a judgment. Thus, it is important that you develop a comprehensive understanding of the case. Where you can, try to explain the judgment in your own words.

Oral Presentations

Similar to oral presentations that you might have done at school, these legal assessments usually require you to prepare a fairly short speech to your tutorial class on a legal topic or case. Some units also have oral advocacy assessments which are essentially a simulation of court proceedings, similar to a moot competition.

Exams

Most law units have a final "exam" typically worth about 50% of your final grade. This may be a take-home exam where you have several days to complete the questions, or a proper seated exam. Exams can comprise short or extended answer questions, problem questions or essay questions. Law exams can be intense as you are expected to push out a lot of information within a limited time frame (usually 2–3 hours). Most law exams are open book. The key to success in exams is preparation, preparation, preparation – don't leave your study until the end of semester!

Problem Questions

Problem questions are a common law school assessment which involve applying the law to a set of facts. Don't worry if you don't get them right the first time, the more you do, the better you become. Make sure to read the problem question more than once to ensure that you do not miss any important facts. You are expected to research the law by reading and citing, even quoting from the cases – this is where your textbook comes in handy! In structuring your answer, most lecturers recommend that you follow the IRAC structure (Issue, Rule/Relevant Law, Application and Conclusion). You will learn more about this in Statutory Interpretation (a second year law unit).

Essays

Legal essays are not like those which you would have written at school. They are almost always take-home essays which involve conducting in-depth research and crafting a thesis in response to a particular legal question or case. The content of these essays is often not covered exhaustively in class and so comprehensive research is required to demonstrate sufficient knowledge on the topic. As you conduct your research of primary and secondary material, identify the dominant arguments and prioritise them by strength.

An essay should generally include an introduction (contextualising your topic, addressing the question, stating your thesis and providing a roadmap for your essay); body (providing arguments supported by primary or secondary material and linking them back to your thesis statement); and conclusion (restating your thesis and summarising your arguments).

GETTING TO KNOW AGLC4



WHAT IS AGLC4?

The Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th edition (AGLC4) lays out the citation practices to be used by academics, law students, and legal practitioners.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

You are required to use AGLC4 referencing in essentially all assessments throughout your legal degree. Most marking keys have marks allocated to your compliance with AGLC4, so get familiar with the rules! Stand out in your first assessments by following AGLC4.

WHERE DO I GET IT?

You can download a PDF copy of AGLC4 from The University of Melbourne or alternatively purchase a copy through their website (<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/mulr/aglc/about>)

HEADING LEVELS (Rule 1.12.2/ pg 34)

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(a) <i>Heading Level Four</i>	Lower-case letter and heading italicised and left-aligned.
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INTERNET MATERIAL (Rule 7.15/ pg 130)



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Eg: Kate Jones, 'Top three tips for balancing work, life and studying law' *RMIT University* (Web Page, 20 April 2020) <<https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/postgraduate-study/why-rmit/top-three-tips-for-balancing-work-life-and-study>>.

CASES (Rule 2/ pg 39)

Case Name - Year - Volume - Law Report Series - Starting Page, Pinpoint

Example: *R v Tang* (2008) 237 CLR 1, 7

See rule 2.1.4 - 'the King' or 'the Queen' is abbreviated to 'R' if it is the first party, while if they are the respondent it should be written in full.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (Rule 5/ pg 91)

Examples	Harold Luntz,	'A Personal Journey through the Law of Torts'	(2005)	27(3)	<i>Sydney Law Review</i>	393	.400
	Lord Woolf,	'Droit Public: English Style'	[1995]	(Spring)	<i>Public Law</i>	57	.60
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ALSA VICE PRESIDENT (ADMINISTRATION)

Hi first year law students!

Welcome to such an exciting time in your lives.

My name is Niamh Wilkins and I am the Vice President (Administration) of the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) for the 2021/2022 term. I am also a Curtin Law School alumna, having completed my double degree in Law and Commerce (Marketing) at the end of 2021, and spent two of those years on the Curtin Student Law Society (CSLS).

ALSA is the voice of 40+ law student organisations and over 40,000 law students nationwide. Whilst the CSLS has an active and direct role in your law school experience, ALSA's role is to advocate for the interests of law students across the country.

ALSA holds triannual council sessions, aimed to connect all law student societies and associations together for knowledge sharing, networking and, well, just socialising! In July, ALSA is hosting its annual conference in Meanjin (Brisbane), which will be our first in-person event since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through being involved in the CSLS, you have the option to engage with ALSA through competitions, council or conference attendance; all very rewarding and worthwhile experiences for your skill development.

Whilst we are still living in somewhat unprecedented times, ALSA continues to be consistent in our advocacy and messaging. This year, ALSA is focused on:

- continuing to promote diversity and inclusion amongst our LSS/A's, law schools and the legal profession;
- targeting bullying and sexual harassment in the legal profession; and
- supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all law students.

We're also helping students through a variety of initiatives, including our partnership with Legal Super to offer free mental health first aid training to law students, awareness raising weeks and other valuable seminars and publications.

I remember how it feels being a very small fish in a very large pond. If I could give you any advice, it would be to take each and every opportunity to be involved with the CSLS and ALSA. Student societies provide a means to learn more about the law, build your professional network and make a great range of friends: some who may even become your future colleagues! ALSA has connected me to an incredible network of people Australia-wide, and I am glad I made the leap to apply to attend conference way back in October 2019.

ALSA is proud of our relationship with the CSLS and looks forward to helping you have the best possible experience at law school. Good luck with your studies, and don't hesitate to reach out.





THE INDUSTRY

BASICS

PATHWAYS

EXPERIENCE

SKILLS



THE BASICS

LAWYERS AND BARRISTERS

A solicitor meets with clients, provides legal advice, negotiates on behalf of clients and prepares letters, contracts and court documents. Solicitors will sometimes instruct a barrister to appear in court for a client. A barrister is a lawyer that specialises in court work and advocacy and normally only takes on cases referred to them by solicitors. In WA, the professions of barrister and solicitor are fused. Because of this, every lawyer in WA who has been admitted to practice is both a barrister and solicitor. However, in practice, most lawyers work either solely as a solicitor or as a barrister.

LAW FIRMS

Law firms come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some firms have incorporated, although the majority are still partnerships. Law firms include: General practices – both city and suburban – which undertake a mix of legal work such as property, wills and estates, tax, family and criminal law. Specialist boutique firms – which offer specialist legal services in a specific field, such as construction, information technology, family, criminal and employment/industrial relations law, to name a few. The 'top-tier' firms – both national and international – which offer legal services across a range of practice areas, such as banking and finance, corporate and commercial law, local government and environmental law, intellectual property, information technology, competition law, dispute resolution, construction and infrastructure, etc. Often, people refer to the 'big six' law firms of Herbert Smith Freehills, King & Wood Malletsons, Clayton Utz, MinterEllison, Ashurst and Allens. The positions within law firms may include Principal, Senior Counsel, Senior Lawyer, Junior Lawyer, Paralegal and Clerks. Whilst the distinction and range of positions are smaller in boutique and mid-tier firms, there may be very clearly defined roles in top-tier firms.

CAREER PATHS

The possibilities of where you can go with a law degree are endless. Here is a brief list of some, but by no means all, of the career paths you may wish to consider.

LAW FIRMS

Working as a solicitor at a law firm has long been the traditional starting point in the career paths of many law graduates. Each firm differs in terms of size and the nature of their services.

CORPORATIONS

Most large corporations have a dedicated in-house legal team. In-house counsel may advise the business and management on the various legal matters affecting the company. In-house legal teams are found in most sectors – from banks and financial institutions, to construction, pharmaceutical, resources and media companies.

GOVERNMENT AND POLICY

Lawyers working in government and public policy areas are at the forefront of law reform and public administration. There are legal opportunities across a variety of State and federal government agencies, including the WA Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and State Solicitors' Office and federal government departments such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

BARRISTER

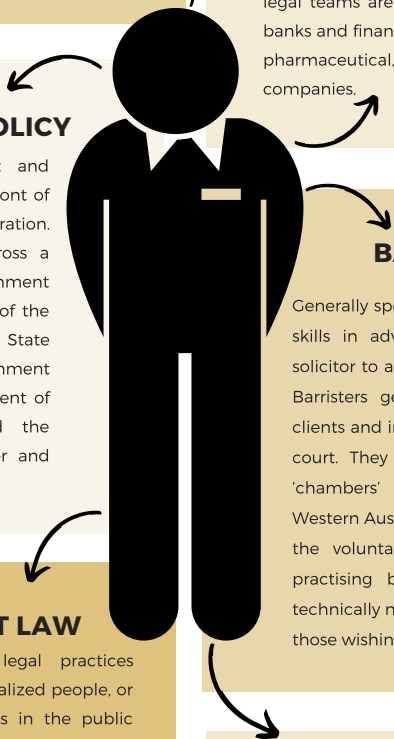
Generally speaking, a barrister has specialist skills in advocacy and is engaged by a solicitor to argue or present a case in court. Barristers generally do not interact with clients and instead do most of their work in court. They often carry on practice from 'chambers' and are members of the Western Australian Bar Association (the Bar), the voluntary professional association of practising barristers. However, there is technically no compulsion to join the Bar for those wishing to practise solely as barristers.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Public interest law refers to legal practices undertaken to help poor or marginalized people, or to effect change in social policies in the public interest. It encompasses a diverse field of legal areas including criminal, human rights, environmental, Indigenous, immigration, employment, health, tenancy, administrative and commercial law. Some public interest law organisations include community legal centres, non-government organisations (NGOs), government (at all levels, including the United Nations) and the Bar.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES

- Management consulting
- Professional services firms
- Investment banking
- Media
- Academia
- Politics (Mark McGowan has a law degree!)



CLERKSHIPS



WHAT IS A CLERKSHIP?

The term 'clerkship' is one of many examples of jargon that you will come across as a new law student. So, what is it? In short, a legal clerkship (also known as simply a clerkship, or legal internship) is an integral part of recruitment in Australia. It is a short period of about two to four weeks where a law student works at a law firm. The clerkship serves as an extended interview for both parties. Clerkships are offered by all top-tier firms, a significant number of mid-tier and medium sized firms, some government departments and some small firms. You may be set on a specific area of law or specific firm that does not offer clerkships – don't sweat, there are other opportunities for work experience that may better suit your interests such as working part-time or volunteering at a community legal centre. However, you may wish to consider applying for clerkships to increase the options available to you at the end of your degree.

WHY ARE CLERKSHIPS IMPORTANT?

Clerkships are important because they are an exceptional opportunity to gain exposure to the legal profession and develop skills. Undertaking a clerkship can also increase your chances of receiving a graduate offer at firms, especially top-tier firms which prioritise law graduates who have completed a clerkship with them.

APPLYING FOR CLERKSHIPS

At this stage in your degree, it's understandable to be more worried about finding your classes than even thinking about applying for clerkships. Fair enough, because law students usually apply for clerkships in their penultimate (second last) year of university. Nevertheless, it is fantastic for you to start thinking about the clerkship process and make the most of your time building your CV. This will save you a lot of agony in the long run!

CLERKSHIP TIMELINE

The clerkship application period usually opens in July and closes in August. It is followed by the interview process and offers being made around October. Clerkships usually take place over the summer or winter breaks.

If you would like to know more about all things clerkship, keep an eye out for the clerkship seminars that the CCLS Careers Portfolio will be hosting in the middle of the year.

HOW TO BECOME A PRACTISING LAWYER

To become a lawyer in Australia, it takes more than just graduating with a law degree. As a new law student, you are among those fortunate enough to have been accepted into law at Curtin — congrats! From here, there are three simple steps to become a practising lawyer.



01 COMPLETED AN APPROVED ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (EG. CURTIN'S LLB)

You will study for about three to five years — depending on whether you study a single or double degree — during which you will complete core units covering key areas of legal knowledge — known as the 'Priestley 11' — as well as optional (elective) units.

02 COMPLETED AN APPROVED PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING COURSE (EG. CURTIN'S GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL PRACTICE (GDLP))

Practical Legal Training (PLT), also known as a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, is a structured training program designed to help you develop the practical, day-to-day skills you will need as an entry-level lawyer. PLT comprises a 'formal coursework' component and a 'work experience' component. Try not to think of it like completing another degree but more like finishing the final few kilometres in a marathon! Many law graduates complete their PLT whilst working full-time at a law firm. Completion of PLT is needed to officially admit you into the law profession in Australia. Curtin is the only Western Australian university to offer a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. To learn more about the Curtin GDLP, search GDLP on the Curtin website or email Curtin.PLT@curtin.edu.au for more information.

03 SATISFIED THE LEGAL PRACTICE BOARD THAT YOU ARE A 'FIT AND PROPER PERSON' TO BE ADMITTED.

Once you have completed your PLT you can then apply for admission into practice. This is the final step in your transition to a career as a lawyer. To be admitted to the legal profession, you must not only be eligible for admission, but also be a 'fit and proper person'. This requirement is essentially one of ethics — it imposes a duty on you to disclose any criminal, academic or general misconduct that may reflect on whether you are a fit and proper person.

GAIN PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING WITH CURTIN LAW SCHOOL

Curtin's Practical Legal Training program has a strong emphasis on technical legal skill development, with practical training conducted through the John Curtin Law Clinic.

Taught by experienced legal practitioners with extensive legal experience, the program is highly flexible, delivered through a blend of face-to-face teaching and online self-directed learning.

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HOW CAN I DEVELOP MY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS?

JOIN THE CSLS COMMITTEE

Being on the CSLS committee is a great way to develop your time management, communication and teamwork skills. If you're interested, send in your application to be a First Year Representative (see the back cover of the guide).

JOIN CURTIN VOLUNTEERS!

Curtin Volunteers! (CV!) is an amazing experience which provides volunteering and leadership opportunities to enhance student opportunities and improve the wider community. To learn more, visit their website

<https://students.curtin.edu.au/experience/volunteering/>.

VOLUNTEER AT A COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE

Devoting your time to a community legal centre (CLC) is the perfect opportunity to get a taste of working in the legal sector. Many opportunities are available for students to volunteer at one of the many CLCs in the greater Perth region.

DESIGN YOUR CURTIN EXPERIENCE

Design Your Curtin Experience is a two-day course designed to create a more fulfilling and tailored university experience, aligned to your goals and interests.

ENROL IN THE JOHN CURTIN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The John Curtin Leadership Academy (JCLA) is Curtin's flagship co-curricular leadership program.

Teams of participants undertake community-based projects in partnership with a not-for-profit organisation. JCLA develops your leadership skills as you facilitate positive social change in communities.

ATTEND CSLS CAREERS EVENTS

Each year the CSLS Careers Portfolio organise a number of valuable events to assist you in developing your professional skills and ensuring you are ready for the workplace. These events,

include cover letter and resume writing workshops, interview practice and personal branding. They are presented by representatives of Australia's top-tier law firms (i.e your future employers!). Look out for these events, which will kick off in May on the CSLS Facebook page.

BECOME A STUDENT AMBASSADOR

If you're interested in sharing your university experience with prospective students, then why not become a Student Ambassador? Being a Student Ambassador is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work experience, while improving your communication and teamwork skills.

COMPETE IN A COMPETITION

The CSLS, in conjunction with top-tier law firms and other legal services, host several competitions each year. This is a great opportunity to showcase your skills (and even win a prize!).

Client interview

The interview is a simulation of the first time a potential client visits a firm, with students competing in teams of two. Competitors must cover all the formalities of an interview, take note of the personal details of the client, the intricacies of the problem and suggest possible courses of action.



Negotiation

A negotiation involves two teams, each consisting of two solicitors, seeking to settle a dispute between their clients. Both teams receive a common set of facts, but each team has a few secrets too. The winner is not necessarily the team that walks away with the better deal, but the one which gets closest to their client's wishes.



Mooting

A moot is a simulated appeal in a superior court, based on a mock fact scenario and judgment from a lower court. Competitors advance legal arguments about whether or not the lower court decision was correct. Unlike debating, the arguments are mostly based on the law, rather than moral, social or economic arguments.

Witness examination

This competition simulates a civil or criminal trial. The trial is run from the opening statements, through the examination of witnesses to the closing addresses. The best performers are those that effectively adduce oral evidence through probing questions.



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Are you a pre-penultimate student in your 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of a law degree? Our CU Up Close program is an exciting opportunity to gain exposure and see firsthand what it's like to work at a top commercial law firm? You will gain insights into our clerkship and graduate programs, application tips and tricks, as well as practical skills you can use at university and beyond.

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Our Clerkship Programs are our future pipeline for the Graduate Program. They are designed to give you a feel for what it's like to be a Graduate and they are a great place to start your career. See our website for application dates.

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It's not just about wearing a suit. There's always a gap between theory and practice, and post-university prospects can be daunting. How do you make the leap from being a student to working in the industry?

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MANAGE YOUR EXPECTATIONS –

Studying at university is a very unique experience. It can be quite challenging but always remember that you are in charge of your own learning. Don't be disheartened if it takes you a while to figure out your style of learning and to achieve the grades you desire. Keep at it and you will succeed.

ALWAYS STAY ORGANISED –

The workload of university requires constant preparation and organisation. To start, make a folder and organise by unit and topic name, download your unit outlines for important resources and due dates and start to make study timetables for your weekly readings. This will go a long way come exam time.

BE AWARE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY –

University places high importance on academic integrity. This means that your work is your work and when it borrows from others, you must make it known via proper referencing. Download a copy of the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (AGLC4) and keep it handy in case you get stuck.

EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM –

Networking is one of the most important skills a future lawyer has. To start, say hi to that person next to you in class, attend CSLS events for chances to meet people that will help you grow. When you feel confident, start volunteering at legal centres; real experience this early on will be invaluable to you later in your degree.

NO QUESTION IS A STUPID QUESTION –

Law isn't exactly the most straightforward topic. Often answers aren't black and white and will depend on a range of factors. Your lecturers and tutors know this, so don't be afraid to ask them any sort of question. If you feel more comfortable, send them an e-mail to set up a consultation – they are always happy to help.

MAKE USE OF THE TEXTBOOKS –

Your textbooks are an invaluable resource to you and alongside the lectures, will likely grant you excellent marks if you put the work in. There are many cases and commentary that in my experience saved me a lot of time I would have spent being confused.

TUTORIALS ARE KEY –

While the lectures and textbooks are valuable sources of knowledge, the tutorials complete your study. Tutorials give you a space to apply the knowledge you have gained before you must demonstrate it in your assignments. Prepare for your tutorials and attend all of them, they are especially important for your exams.

HOW TO HAVE FUN AT LAW SCHOOL

Law school isn't all just long days of reading and writing. There are so many opportunities to have fun! Check out the CSLS Insta (@cslawsociety) and Facebook page (Curtin Student Law Society) so you don't miss any of our great events!

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Take a break from your studies, make new friends, and enjoy yourselves.

Ashurst First Year Dinner

This First Year exclusive event is the best opportunity to make new friends and interact CSLS representatives.

Annual Law Ball

The annual law ball is the time to dress classy, put on your dancing shoes, and sing your heart out with your law besties and favourite law staff.

End of Semester Sundowners

Celebrate your hard work and successes over a drink at the CSLS end of sem events.

Social sports

Everyone is welcome to join our social sports competitions. This year we have mixed netball, inter-varsity rock climbing, and more to be announced soon! If you have anything in mind, contact our Sports Officer Sami at socialofficer@csls.asn.au.



WELLBEING EVENTS:

Over the year, the Wellbeing & Equity portfolio hosts events to help you switch off, relax and have a bit of fun whilst ensuring your mental health is in check!

Mental Health Quiz Night

Get ready for a fun night of trivia, food, drinks and bonding with your mates and other law students.

Walk for Justice

Law Access is a not-for profit organisation that helps with the provision of pro-bono legal work in Australia. The Walk for Justice is a wonderful event that raises money to support the provision of these services. Come down for a morning stroll and help create change!

Mental Health Fair

Take a break from your studies by getting cuddly with cute animals at our petting zoo, sipping on healthy smoothies and participating in mindful activities during Mental Health Week.

UNIVERSITY



The Curtin Law Degree involves two locations: The Bentley Campus and the Murray Street Campus. For your first year, your classes will be located in the Bentley Campus. These tips will help you get acquainted with Bentley!

Bonus tip: For cheapest printing rates, go to Yu Print It (located near Curtin Connect).

BEST STUDY SPACES

The Curtin Law degree involves two locations: the Bentley Campus and the Murray Street Campus. For your first year, your classes will be located at the Bentley Campus. However, we will give you our fave city locations too for future reference!

- 01** Bentley Law Common Room (407) - Curtin Law students have their very own common room at the Bentley campus! Just go to the second floor of building 407 and look for the room that says Curtin Student Law Society to enjoy the peace and quiet. Your student card should get you into the room - but if not, just pop through the doors to reception and ask to be let in.
- 02** The Education Building (501) - The Education Building is a great place for a group study session, and they have computers you can log into which can be extremely beneficial when doing research. You can also book the study rooms if you need to focus and get away from the noise.
- 03** Curtin Business School (407) - Home of your lecturers and tutors, the Business School contains a dedicated study space and the aforementioned private room for CLS students!
- 04** Curtin Law School (57 Murray Street) - Your future home! The Law School has a great study room, common room, kitchen facilities, and an extremely comfortable upstairs mezzanine area. The Law School is only a single bus stop and train ride away from the Bentley Campus.
- 05** Angazi Café, Aroma Café, and Common Ground - If you are wanting to catch some sunshine while catching up on some readings before class, I highly recommend snatching up an outdoor table at any of these cafés.





FOOD ON CAMPUS

For those looking to save, it is best to pack your own food to campus. The guild has a microwave while the library has a kettle. Some study rooms allow snacks in the library also.

Alternatively, Waterford Plaza is a two-minute drive or 10-minute walk from campus and contains many restaurants and supermarkets.

The Curtin Bentley campus has a huge range of places to grab food or a drink on campus, and they are a great place to relax with friends between classes. From a kebab at Basement Café, to a cup of cold brew at Common Ground, you'll be sure to find something you like around campus. We recommend checking out the daily specials at Main Café, trying out the fries at Angazi, and a loaded up avo toast at Concept Café!

TRANSPORT

There are a few options for travel-

You can take the bus 100/101 from Canning Bridge Station to Curtin in 10-15 minutes. Make sure to set up your smart rider online or at Curtin Connect for a Transperth Uni student discount.

For students that drive, the green zone parking spots are the cheapest on campus and are quite numerous around Curtin Stadium (111).

We hope these tips have been somewhat helpful for you guys and best of luck on starting your University journey. Remember to take care of yourself and reach out if you are struggling with anything.



TIPS FOR STUDYING ONLINE

Studying online can have its challenges and I am sure many of you would prefer being on campus, but with these unprecedented times, this is not possible for all classes. Here are some tips to help you tackle online learning.

01 CREATE A DESIGNATED STUDY ENVIRONMENT.

Find or create a space which is dedicated purely to learning. Whether this be a study, a desk in your room or a local library, it is important to find an environment which works best for you and ensures productivity. We all know early morning classes are not the easiest to get up for but try not to get into the habit of studying in bed or on the couch. Although when watching a lecture, you would rather be comfortable, keep in mind your brain associates your bed with relaxation and switching off, so try study at a desk!

02 HAVE A STUDY SCHEDULE.

Routine is key... especially when studying online. Sometimes you feel you have so much time to get things done, and you end up procrastinating all your time away. Planning out everything you need to do and sticking to the schedule allows for more efficient and productive study. Using a daily, weekly or monthly planner is extremely helpful to ensure you stay on top of deadlines. More importantly, make time for yourself! We all need time to switch off and do things we love. Try allowing at least one day a week where you don't schedule any uni work

03 MAKE SURE ALL TECHNOLOGY IS WORKING.

Let's be real. Technology can be a pain: computers crash, and the internet drops out. By making sure you have a charged laptop with a functioning microphone and camera and a reliable internet connection, your online learning experience will be a lot smoother. Remember, back-up your files! Not only do we want to avoid computer breakdowns, but we also want to avoid mental breakdowns ... and having to call your professors' crying because you accidentally deleted your exam.

04 ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS

This one is obvious but let me speak from experience. It is so easy to pick up your phone just to check 'one message' and find yourself effortlessly scrolling through socials. Only to tune back into the lecture 10 minutes later with absolutely no idea what the CLA is (don't worry, you'll get to it ... hopefully). Do yourself a favour, put your phone away and anything that might cause you to get sidetracked - even if it is just for 30 minutes! Discipline is key for uni, especially online uni!

05 STAY HEALTHY AND TAKE BREAKS.

Let us cover the essentials: try get a good sleep (this one is hard), exercise, drink water (this is also hard!), and of course, have lots of snacks on hand! As humans our attention spans are limited so try studying in blocks...30 minutes works best for a lot of people. SMASH OUT a task, like you're smashing avo for a Sunday brunch, and reward yourself (with that avo) after. Get yourself some food, some fresh air, a scroll through TikTok and then get back into it. Remember your mental health is a priority. It's easy to burnout, so take it one step at a time.

06 STAYING ENGAGED DURING LECTURES.

It can be hard to absorb everything, especially in a one- or two-hour lecture. By simply jotting down notes while you listen ensures you are actively engaged. As lectures are recorded, it gives you the luxury of being able to watch them as many times as you need to, in order to solidify your understanding or get clarity on a concept. It also means if you space out, you can find out what you missed. This is incredibly useful for Spacey Janes like myself (totally should've been number one)! You can also speed up the lecture if you're re-watching it or if your professor speaks slowly!

07 PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE TUTORIALS.

First (not firstly like LSJ tutors will rip you for), make sure you prepare for and attend your online tutorials - they are really useful to test your understanding of the content. Ensure you are in an environment which allows you to participate in discussion - watching *The Office* in the background, for the 5th time, is not appropriate. It can be daunting to turn on your mic and contribute, but it makes the class SO much more worthwhile. Especially for your tutor, who doesn't want to be left hearing crickets after they ask a question. Don't fear being wrong, remember, everyone is in the same position and these concepts are new for most students!

08 ASK FOR HELP.

I know it is easier said than done, but if you have questions don't be afraid to ask them. Remember the concepts are new for pretty much everyone; if you are unsure, it is likely someone else is too. If you are struggling, reach out to the wonderful teaching staff. They are there to help you and want to see you succeed.



And remember 'Be good, be clever, be kind' (Anna Bunn, 'Online Learning' (Blackboard Collaborate Post, 1 April 2020) <<https://lms.curtin.edu.au/webapps/blackboard-announcement>>). ...PS: this is AGLC, your new best friend.

A DAY IN THE LIFE: FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT

BY MUNEIRA JIBRIL



Rise and Shine!

My alarm blares, alerting me to the fact that it is 6:00am. I love waking up before the world; the birds are chirping, and I can take my time to prepare for my day. Being someone who packs all their tutorials into one day (for convenience purposes), I definitely need the extra time to mentally prepare for the long day ahead.

I get out of bed, shower and – not being much of a breakfast person – grab a muesli bar for the road. As I make my way to uni I question what on earth possessed me to sign up to an 8:00am Legal Foundations tutorial!



I get to campus at 7:30am on the dot. I love giving myself some time before tutorials to get myself sorted, grab a warm coffee from the Guild cafe and, of course, try my best to find the location of my tutorial. The Bentley campus, although lively, is also BIG and unfamiliar. However, every day without fail, I see something new and interesting that makes Curtin unique. This is why I definitely recommend exploring when you get the chance. You might be pleasantly surprised with the study spaces, chill spots and new food places that you find!

Tutorials

I walk out of my tutorial having improved my understanding of the content just that little bit more and with a newfound motivation. There's nothing better than having an engaging tutor and a chatty class to bounce ideas off. Remember, tutorials are the time where you get to make connections (both with the content and new friends). Don't be shy and try your best to participate as that will make all the more difference come exam time!

Having experienced both online and on-campus tutorials, I highly recommend on-campus tutorials. Having the opportunity to engage with your classmates and your tutor face-to-face not only develops your interpersonal skills, but it is just generally more exciting!

Afternoon

After every tutorial, I make sure to take at least 30 minutes to go over my tutorial answers and add in anything relevant that comes to mind before I get distracted with my next task. Yes, law school may be busy, but I find it's these small moments before and after every class that really solidify the content and improve my learning. I decide to finish up my tutorial notes on one of the benches outside and soak up some sun before going to my next class. It is also the perfect opportunity to try out one of Curtin's many delicious cafes. Even after a year I don't think I've tried them all! (Don't repeat my mistakes).





Lectures

The time goes fast and before I know it, I'm in my last lecture of the day! I love watching lectures in person and then re-watching them at home. By the time the lecturer uploads them to BlackBoard Collaborate, the information has only half sunk in. I find listening to the same content again makes it easier to remember. On the second listen, I really make sure to incorporate all the key details from my readings, cases and slides. Of course, I make my notes as colour-coded and aesthetically pleasing as possible. The satisfaction of having neat and coordinated notes makes studying that much more fun...Well, as fun as it can be!



Evening

I like to finish as much work as I can on campus, so I pick which Abacus lab I will camp out in and spend my last few hours at uni lessening my workload so I can have a relaxing night. There are many quiet areas around campus that you can take advantage of to smash out your notes and even do some readings.

By the time I get home I am knackered! I ponder over my day and think of what I could have done better. I also highlight what I did well and make a mental note of what tomorrow is going to look like. I set my alarm for another early morning and with my post law school goals in my mind, I drift off to sleep after a productive day.



DON'T MISS THE FIRST YEAR DINNER – MORE DETAILS ON OUR FACEBOOK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

01 WHAT IS THE WORKLOAD LIKE?

If you are a full-time student, you will likely be taking four units per semester. For each unit you will be required to attend one, one or two-hour lecture and one, one or two-hour tutorial. It is really important that you attend your classes, as they give you the opportunity to: ask questions, engage in discussion, meet faculty and make friends. In first year, you have 10-12 contact, or class, hours a week. In high school you were doing 7 hours a day! So, making the time for university shouldn't be too difficult. Contact or class hours don't comprise all of your work however, you will also be expected to complete weekly readings and then prepare answers to tutorial questions. Each unit will have a different workload, but as long as you stay on top of your readings, you will cope just fine.

02 WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENTS ARE THERE?

Each law unit will have different assessment tasks and as to be expected will change year to year. However, generally speaking they typically comprise one take home/written assessment, one, oral assignment and a final exam. Your first law assessment can seem daunting, but just remember: to start early, do your readings and try your best. Don't be discouraged if your first mark isn't as high as you expected, you're only going to get better with practice.

03 ARE EXAMS OPEN OR CLOSED BOOK?

Most if not all first-year law exams are open book. This means you can bring in any course material you like. Whilst this is great, do not make the mistake of thinking this means you do not have to write notes for the exam. It is important to: structure your notes, prepare for answers you think may come up in the exam, put tabs in important sections of legislation and familiarise yourself with your textbook. You will not have the luxury of spare time to search through copious notes and books for the answers. Thus, preparation is essential!

Due to COVID most exams have been moved online. These exams take place using IRIS Invigilator Software. IRIS monitors your eye movement, microphone and desktop to detect academic misconduct. Online exams present their own problems such as Internet crashes, but this is factored into your exam time. For tech savvy students online exams means more words per minute and ALOT of command F. Hand written or printed notes are also permitted in online exams.

04 WHICH COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS?

In your first year you will have the opportunity to participate in an array in so-called 'junior' competitions targeted at students who have completed eight or fewer law units. They are a great way to test and improve both your knowledge and practical legal skills.

05 NOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHAT MOOTING IS

A moot is a simulated appeal in a superior court, based on a mock fact scenario and judgment from a lower court. You will be required to prepare written submissions and present an oral argument in favour of your client. Mooting is similar to debating but arguments are based on law. Mooting competitions not only strengthen your public speaking skills but also your ability to craft persuasive written arguments.

06 HOW DO I ADDRESS LECTURERS/TUTORS?

In contrast to high school, at university you do not need to call your lecturers Mr/Mrs or Miss. You can now address them by their first name. Of course, each lecturer will have a personal preference and it is important to check, but more often than not you will find that they prefer their first name. Another friendly tip is to make sure your emails are written formally and with respect. Signing off with 'Kind Regards' is a foolproof way to conclude your email.

07 WHEN SHOULD I START TO VOLUNTEER?

It is never too early to start volunteering! There are lots of opportunities available to you and you can often find them on the 'Curtin First Year Law' Facebook page. Volunteering can open your eyes to new areas of law and not to mention, it is fantastic to have on your resume.

08 WHERE CAN I FIND THE BEST COFFEE ON CAMPUS?

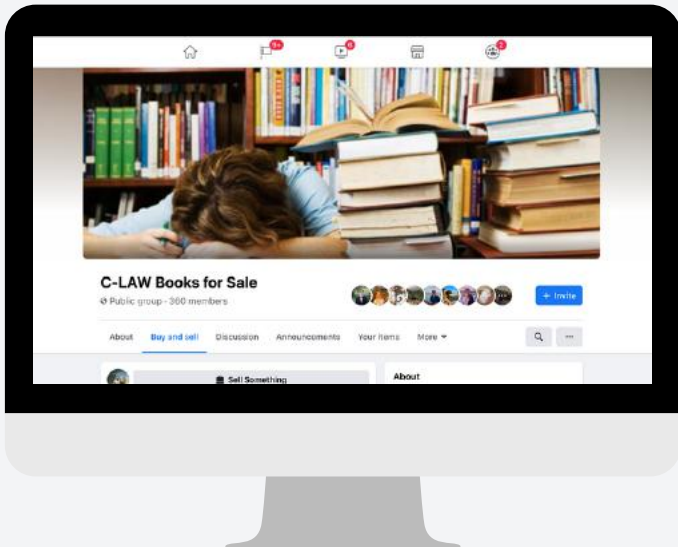
The best place to get your caffeine fix is at Higher Ground! You can find it outside of Henderson Court, to the left of the library. But get in quick because they close at 2pm. If you're craving an afternoon coffee, you can always go to the Vege patch or Bookmark café. Don't forget to use your guild sticker for a discount.

09 WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO BUY TEXTBOOKS?

Textbooks can be expensive and thus I would highly recommend buying them second hand. You can usually find the copy you're after on gumtree, StudentVIP or the Curtin Law Textbook Facebook group 'C Law Books For Sale'. The best time to search for these is at the end of semester, however there are usually always copies around.

10 HOW DO I READ THE BUILDING CODES?

Coming from high school, especially a small one, Curtin can seem like a huge campus! More reflective of a suburb rather than a university. Each room you have a class in will have a building code, for example 216. 118. Here, the first three digits are the building number. The fourth digit is the floor/level number and the last two digits represent the room. For example, this would be building 216, level 1, room 18. Make sure at the start of semester you leave home a little earlier so you can find your classroom and get a car park.



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Taking a gap year? Going on exchange?

Find all the relevant forms for your matter on the Curtin website:
<https://students.curtin.edu.au/essentials/forms-documents/forms/>.



Need a session with a counsellor?

You don't need to have a mental illness to see a counsellor! Curtin provides one-on-one and group counselling for a range of issues including stress, depression, sexuality, and academic difficulties. All enrolled students and staff are entitled to 10 FREE sessions per year.

Contact: counselling@curtin.edu.au | 9266 7850 / 1800 651 878 (toll free) | Level 2, Building 109.

For more information, visit <https://students.curtin.edu.au/personal-support/counselling-guidance/counselling/>.

If you're uncomfortable attending counselling at uni, see your local GP for a mental health assessment and referral.



Lifeline WA

Lifeline WA provides telephone and online counselling services. Contact 13 11 14 for a 24hr crisis line, or visit <https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/online-services/crisis-chat> for a crisis support chat (available 4pm-9pm AWST).



Want to appeal your results or university decisions?

Find everything you need at:
<https://students.curtin.edu.au/essentials/rights/appeals/>.



Struggling with a personal issue or medical condition which affects your study?

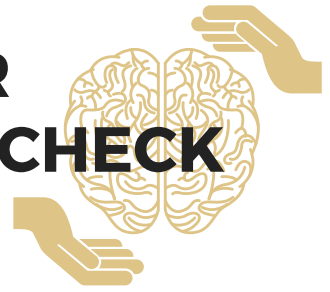
Contact Student Wellbeing at studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au | 1800 063 865 (Toll Free) | Building 102.



Need guidance or an advocate for a student issue?

You may contact the Curtin Student Guild for referral and information about academic, financial, and personal issues. Visit <https://www.guild.curtin.edu.au/contact> or contact: student.assist@guild.curtin.edu.au |(08) 9266 2900 | Building 106F, Curtin University. Opening Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm, Monday - Friday.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IN CHECK



01 The easy to say, less easy to do BASICS

This is your reminder to prioritise the foundations to keep your mental (and physical) health in check. Prioritise sleep and allow your brain time to rest (especially from your studies), prioritise nourishing food choices, prioritise time and energy into meaningful relationships to enjoy a sense of community, and ensure you give your body the opportunity to move and produce all the endorphins!! Exercising regularly will help your brain better concentrate when it comes to you sitting down to crush out that assignment! While always easier said than done, be mindful of these little things that are proven to help our mental health.

If you find yourself in a bit of a rut, maybe try these little tips for your morning routine:

- Look at the light outside before you look at the light from your phone
- Water before coffee
- Breathe before you get into 'go mode' – practice some gratitude
- Move your body
- Nourish not neglect

Consistency is everything and will help you manage your stress and avoid burnout.

02 Manage your expectations, prioritise your wellbeing

Anyone a little further down the track in the degree, will admit to the competitive culture that comes with being a law student. Everyone thinks they are or wants to be the best. This sometimes creates discouraging and unhealthy standards – that more often than not – we place on ourselves. Be attune to your mind in these times, and know your limits. Remind yourself this is your journey and managing your expectations controls your peace. It helps to have a growth-mindset; be teachable and open to listening, learning, improving, growing, and developing in and out of the classroom. This really lifts the weight off all the fellow perfectionists out there! Practice your EQ – be slow to take offence and quick to take feedback. Strive to put your best foot forward, but remember, no grade or achievement is worth sacrificing your mental wellness.

03 Know yourself, your people, and your available resources

Use your first year to fine tune how you learn and respond best to the demands of law school. Everyone works differently, work hard at finding what works for you.

Understand the people that encourage you and safely support you well in times of high stress or challenge. Know who these people are and accept their help when you need it.

Know there are many resources to help you when the load gets too heavy. One such resource – Curtin Wellbeing and Disability Services provide free support and counselling for students. You don't need a mental illness to see a counsellor. They're located in Level 2 of Building 109 at Bentley or reach out at counselling@curtin.edu.au/9266 7850.

TIME TO RELAX...



SOME BOOK AND SHOW RECOMMENDATIONS



Books

**The Midnight Library -
Matt Haig**

**Eggshell Skull - Bri Lee
(TW)**

**Song of Achilles -
Madeline Miller**

**The Ninth House - Leigh
Bardugo**

**The Book Thief - Mark
Zusak**

**The Picture of Dorian Grey
- Oscar Wilde (a classic!)**

**The Truth About The Harry
Quebert Affair - Joel
Dicker (now a show on
Stan!)**

**One Of Us Is Lying - Karen
McManus (also a show on
Stan!)**

**Perfect Match - Jodi
Picoult**

**Normal People - Sally
Rooney**

TV



Shows/Docos

**Suits (you have probably
already seen It but watch
it again!)**

**How To Get Away With
Murder (naturally)**

Manifest

Better Call Saul

Maid (TW)

Emily In Paris

**Tinder Swindler (true
crime doco)**

For The People

Gilmore Girls

Greys Anatomy

**Jeffrey Epstein - Filthy
Rich**

**American murder: The
Family Next Door**

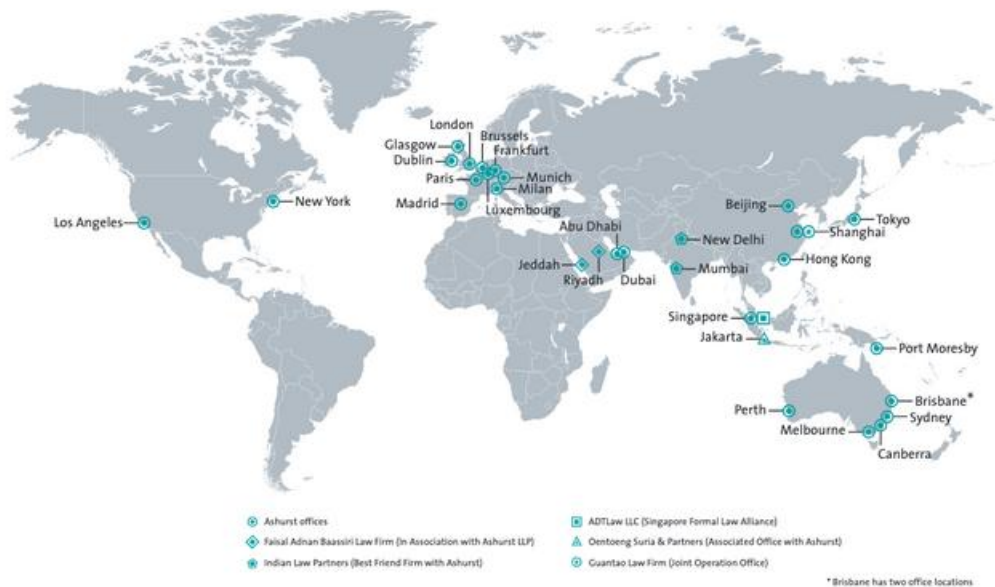
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BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

- Order your Student ID card under the My Campus tab in OASIS.
- Get your Curtin Student Guild sticker on O-Day.
- Sign up to the Curtin Student Law Society via our Facebook Page.
- Activate tertiary concession on your SmartRider under the My Campus tab in OASIS.

DOWNLOAD:

- 'Lost on Campus' to – navigate your way to class!
- 'CelloPark' – register and pay for parking!
- Elsie – a mobile version of Blackboard
- SafeZone – a campus security app in case of emergency.
- 'ColdTurkey', 'FocusKeeper', – combat procrastination and stay focused!
- 'Sleep Cycle Alarm Clock', 'Headspace', 'MyFitnessPal', 'Sleep Sounds' – maintain a healthy body and mind!
- Think about using Google Calendar, Outlook, OneDrive, Google Drive, and/or GoodNotes for organisation.

PLAY AROUND WITH:

- Oasis.
- Blackboard.
 - Make sure your webcam, microphone and audio are working.
- Student email.
 - Download the Microsoft Office suite via the 'Office 365' tab in your student email.

PRINT:

- Semester timetable (put a copy on your desk).
- Unit Outlines (or keep them on your computer).
- Materials needed for your first week at uni.

ORGANISATION:

- Create a folder on your laptop for your uni work.
- Download and read your unit outlines.

- Write down all deadlines and due dates for your assignments.

The key to success in law school is to stay organised. Find what is best for you, create a routine and stick to it. Set aside time to watch your lectures, complete pre-tutorial readings and questions and be prepared to share what you have learned with others.

PURCHASE:

- Student essentials (highlighters, pens etc.)
- Textbooks (after checking with tutors if they are essential – also consider buying second hand ones on Facebook!)
- Consider applying for the Centrelink Youth Allowance if eligible.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- 'Like 'Curtin Student Law Society' on Facebook.
- Join the 'Curtin First Year Law 2022' on Facebook.
- Follow @cslawsociety on Instagram.
- Join 'C-LAW Books for Sale' to buy second-hand books from Curtin law students.

BE SOCIAL!

- Join the Curtin Student Law Society and attend social events to meet fellow law students, build connections with future employers at law firms and take a break from your studies.
- Join any clubs that interest you and get involved in social sporting events.
- Play a social sport! This will let you meet new people and stay fit and active at the same time! Find out more about the law society's social sport teams on Facebook!
 - The CCLS sponsors some social sport teams!
- Try not to be nervous about meeting people and making friends! Everyone is in the same boat so go sit next to someone or send them a message online and say hi! It'll make your university experience ten times better!



WANTED

FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVES

THE CSLS ARE SEEKING 3 FIRST-YEAR
STUDENTS TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE

The role of a First-Year Representative will involve:

- * Promoting CSLS events to first-year students;
- * Representing the interests of first-year students;
- * Being actively involved in the organisation of CSLS events; and
- * Attending CSLS monthly meetings.

Nominate yourself by sending a 300-word letter of interest outlining the reasons why you think you are suitable for the position to Rachel Jupp at vicepresident@csls.asn.au

- APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 MARCH AT 5PM-

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