BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

INTRODUCTION BY THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The University of the South Pacific was established in 1968 by Royal Charter. Since that time it has grown considerably to become a major tertiary educational institution with a proud record in teaching and research, inevitably with a focus on the South Pacific region itself. The university is a cooperative endeavour between twelve South Pacific countries.

The School of Law is located in a beautiful garden setting within the town limits of Port Vila Vanuatu. Vanuatu is famous for its warm Melanesian hospitality, beautiful harbour, marvellous diving sites and a number of other attractions. It is unique in its blending of English, French and Melanesian cultures. All teaching in the School of Law is in English.

The curriculum and environment provides opportunities for students from the region and around the world to engage in the research and study of legal systems which are unique in many ways. The interaction of custom and introduced law is one example of this.

The undergraduate law degree is a four year full time programme but can be completed on a part-time basis. The degree is a recognised tertiary qualification for admission purposes in a number of jurisdictions. Characteristics of the programme include small seminar and lecture groups, a collegiate atmosphere, an interesting cultural mix of students, a focus on South Pacific legal issues, a committed staff, a sophisticated computer and internet system for the delivery of on-line courses, satellite tutorials and networking. The Law School houses the most comprehensive law library in the South Pacific.

The Law School is also affiliated with the Institute of Justice and Applied Legal Studies which is based in Suva, Fiji. Amongst other things, the Institute offers the Professional Diploma in Legal Practice. This is a six month course which meets the professional training requirements for South Pacific countries. The Law School also operates a Community Legal Centre where staff who are admitted to practice supervise the work of students in dealing with clients.

For more information I invite you to visit the School of Law webpage at [www.vanuatu.usp.ac.fj](http://www.vanuatu.usp.ac.fj)

Professor Bob Hughes

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The normal entry requirements for admission to the LLB programme are:

- A pass in the University of the South Pacific foundation programme, or equivalent examination, for example completion of secondary school, matriculation or university entrance examination in another place; OR
- Completion of the University of the South Pacific Certificate in Law or Diploma in Law course with an overall ‘B’ average result or better OR
- Special permission

A person who has completed a degree from another University will normally be admitted to the LLB programme and persons who have completed tertiary studies elsewhere may be entitled to the granting of cross credits towards the Bachelor of Laws.
THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE

Note that apart from the LLB degree, students may enrol in a combined degree programme for the award of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

Except for the first year (which is available by extension studies) and for the unit Law Clinic, all other courses are available on-line.

First Year LLB

LA 100 Legal Systems 1 – Sources of law, development of legal systems in the South Pacific
LA 101 Legal Systems 2 – Courts in the South Pacific region
LA 102 Legal Method and Process – Legal research and reasoning, ethical issues in law
LL 114 English for Academic Purposes – Writing, speaking and reading English.
SO 100 Study of Society – An introduction to sociology

Plus one (1) of the following:
HP 100 Introduction to Politics – An introduction to political studies
HP 101 Government and Public Policy in the South Pacific
HP 102 Contemporary History – Twentieth century history

Plus any two (2) non-law level 100 courses in any discipline.

Second Year LLB

LA 201 Contract Law 1 – Introduction to contract law, formation of contract, terms
LA 202 Contract Law 2 – Capacity, misrepresentation, mistake, termination, damages
LA 203 Torts 1 – Introduction to tort law, trespass, negligence
LA 204 Torts 2 – Interference with land, defamation, liability for torts under customary law
LA 205 Criminal Law and Procedure 1 – Introduction to criminal law in the South Pacific, criminal liability
LA 206 Criminal Law and Procedure 2 – Criminal procedure and the criminal justice system
LA 207 Constitutional Law – Constitutional law in the South Pacific
LA 208 Administrative Law – Administrative law remedies and principles.

Third Year LLB

LA 300 Property Law 1 – Nature of property and property rights, personal property
LA 301 Property Law 2 – Law and principles relating to real property
LA 302 Equity – The application of equitable and trust law principles in the South Pacific
LA 303 Succession – The law concerning wills and estates
LA 310 Evidence – Rules concerning the use and admission of evidence, onus and standard of proof.

Plus any three elective units. An extensive list of options are available including Family Law, Environmental Law, Medical Law, Company and Partnership, Public International Law, Commercial Law, Foreign Trade, Taxation Law, Legal Ethics, Labour Law, Customary Law, Jurisprudence, Legal Sociology, Law Clinic (supervised legal work).

Fourth Year LLB

LA 304 Legal Drafting – Drafting of legal documents and use of plain English
LA 305 Current Developments in Pacific Law – In-depth study of certain socio-legal developments in the South Pacific.

Plus any six elective units.
FEES

Fees are subject to change and more precise information is available from the Bursary.

Fees are made up of two components – tuition fees and miscellaneous charges. The tuition costs for 2003 were as follows:

Undergraduate fees per course:

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Regional students are those who are citizens of one of the twelve USP countries.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLMENTS

- The requirements for admission to the LLB degree are stated above. Applications for admission are considered by the Emalus Campus (School of Law) Admissions Committee. You can apply for admission on-line by following the instructions at ......................

- If English is not your first language or was not the language of instruction in your undergraduate degree, then it is required that you achieve a TOEFL score of 600 or an IELTS score of 6.5

- Applications for the LLB degree must be made two months before the start of semester. Classes begin in early February.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

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RESPONSE FORM

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Please send this form to:
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PMB 072 Port Vila, Vanuatu.

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