

This is the
future of law

Leap into the future while leaning on the past

Swinburne Law School is as much about innovation as it is about solid foundations. How else can we make sure you're equipped to thrive in the legal world of tomorrow – grappling with artificial intelligence, big data, cybersecurity breaches and smart contracts gone rogue?

With our Bachelor of Laws, you will be future-ready having access to classes focused on legal technology, big data management, entrepreneurship, privacy and innovation.

Become fluent before you graduate, and you'll be well-placed to take advantage of any disruption the world throws at you.

All of this is layered upon a rock-solid grounding of core legal units, including Constitutional Law, Contract Law and Civil Procedure. Most importantly, we'll give your critical and analytical skills a thorough workout so you'll graduate with a nimble and inquiring mind – still the best tool for a world of rapid change.

Why us

Three professional placements

Nothing can substitute real work experience to prepare you for work. At Swinburne we are unique in that you will take on three 20-day placements throughout your Bachelor of Laws. Choose to experience completely different legal settings, or, if you already know your area of interest, three similar placements.

Learning made personal

Swinburne Law School admits just 120 students every year. That means our teachers and staff will know your name, and tailor both advice and professional development opportunities to you.

The only dual award in Victoria

Swinburne is the only university in Victoria that enables you to enrol in the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice while you are completing the final year of your Bachelor of Laws. This additional qualification proves that you have completed the necessary practical legal training to become a lawyer. By studying both concurrently, you can qualify to practise earlier.





Where our students intern

From Australia's leading law firms to in-house legal departments, Victoria's state courts to professional associations, you'll have a chance to immerse yourself in a wide and varied range of work environments to help you pinpoint the right career path. You'll also be building your networks, long before graduation.

Mills Oakley reserves two clerkships for Swinburne's best law students annually

MO MILLS OAKLEY | 2017 Law Firm of the Year at the Australian Law Awards

Hall & Wilcox

Coroners Court of Victoria

Australian Government IP Australia

Law Institute Victoria

Frenkel Partners

Media Arts Lawyers

Nissan Motor Company

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Swinburne Law students take on the world in Oxford

Swinburne Law School students have excelled at the 17th annual Oxford International Intellectual Property Law Mooting Competition, placing third in the world for their written submissions.

For the second year in a row, Swinburne Law School students qualified for the prestigious competition held at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, which attracts applications from law schools around the world.

From left to right:
Madeline Connolly, Joshua Firmin



Glimpsing the future of practice

For nearly a year, Elliott Mann's been interning at CIE Legal, a boutique law firm that is one of Nissan's legal service providers in Australia.

"Through my placement here, I've been able to see how much potential there is in legal technology and innovation in streamlining and enhancing the day-to-day work of lawyers. Swinburne Law School is equipping me to best take advantage of that."



Opportunities beyond Australia

By winning the Scanlon Swinburne Intercultural Fellowship 2018, Ama Gunathilake had the chance to study abroad and take part in the Indonesia Law, Governance and Culture study tour, created specifically by Swinburne for law students.

Your time investment

Swinburne Bachelor of Laws options	Minimum duration (full-time)
Law	4 years
Law – graduate entry	3–3.5 years
Law + Arts	5 years
Law + Aviation Management	
Law + Business	
Law + Business Information Systems	
Law + Computer Science	
Law + Innovation and Design	
Law + Media and Communication	
Law + Science	
Law + Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology	
Law + Engineering (Honours)	

The Swinburne Bachelor of Laws degree is recognised by the Victorian Legal Admissions Board as including the prerequisite studies that prepare you for admission to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria. The course therefore includes a number of compulsory units of study known as the Priestley 11.

“ During my study tour and time abroad, I was able to observe how each country operates and how the law is implemented in different cultural contexts. It was also amazing to network with NGOs. I hope that I’ve brought back learnings that can be implemented in Australian society. ”

– Ama, studying law

23% of a lawyer's job can be automated.*

So you should learn how law
is changing to make your
career decisions.



TOP LAW COURSE IN VICTORIA

for teaching quality and
overall experience.

*The Good Universities Guide ratings
and rankings for 2018/2019*



50% OF NEW COLOMBO PLAN SCHOLARSHIPS

in Swinburne were
awarded to law students
in 2018.



NO. 1 FOR STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO

in Victoria. That's 20
students:1 teacher.

The Good Universities Guide 2019



TOP UNIVERSITY IN MELBOURNE

for student support.

*QILT Student Experience Survey 2017
and 2018*



85% OF OUR FIRST GRADUATING COHORT WERE EMPLOYED UPON GRADUATION

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