

CLASSES

LECTURES

Commencement of lectures

Each year, the teaching programs in the Diploma in Law begin in May, with examinations in September (the Winter Session), and in November, with examinations in the following March (the Summer Session).

Evening students are expected to attend lectures regularly once each week in the subjects in which they are enrolled and distance students are expected to attend the Weekend Schools, as each course is designed around these lectures.

General lecture arrangements

The lecture timetable appears at the back of this *Course Information Handbook*.

Lectures will commence at 6.00 pm and finish at 8.30 or 9.00 pm throughout the semester.

Lectures are generally held in the New Law School building, Carslaw building, the Chemistry building and in the Eastern Avenue complex which are situated on Eastern Avenue in the main grounds of the University at Camperdown and in lecture theatres at the Old Law School building, which is on the corner of Phillip, King and Elizabeth Streets, Sydney. The map at the back of this book shows the locations of main campus venues.

Timetable changes

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel, re-schedule or relocate classes. The Law Extension Committee will give students as much notice as possible of any changes which need to be made. Students should ensure that their contact details are up to date.

Any cancellations or alterations to the lecture schedule, will be posted on the Student Message Board of the Law Extension Committee Webcampus (see pages 26 to 27 for further information on the Webcampus).

DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL SKILLS

Success in legal studies requires both the acquisition of knowledge and the development of the necessary skills of problem solving and analysis. Students need to learn how to apply their legal knowledge to a variety of novel factual situations - a proficiency which will be valuable in practice as well as in their studies.

Legal knowledge alone - without the skills to apply it - is not a sufficient foundation for success in exams.

To assist students to become proficient in these areas, Legal Institutions, the first course undertaken by students, has been deliberately structured to introduce students to the necessary skills of legal problem solving. Through lectures, class problems, research tasks and the assignments students should begin to build the necessary base of proficiencies which they will rely on throughout their studies.

As well, a package of self guided tutorials is available on the Webcampus for students to work through at their own pace. These tutorials focus on the acquisition of general study and exam skills; on skills addressed in the Legal Institutions course; and on legal problem solving in the context of contracts problems. Each set of tutorial questions has an answer guide (which is best accessed after students have attempted the question) available to students at any time.

Students with questions about the tutorial material, or general questions about the development of legal skills, approach to legal study or preparation for exams are welcome to contact the principal teacher in Legal Institutions, Mrs Susan Carter, by email at any time at: tutors@lec.pip.com.au Telephone enquiries are also welcome during the Summer 2009-10 session on Mondays or Thursdays between 10 am - 12 noon on (02) 9392 0320.



ORIENTATION

An Orientation afternoon will be held for all new students on Friday 30 October 2009 preceding the start of the new session. See page 50.

For new students, this will be an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the roles of the Board and the Law Extension Committee in the administration of the Diploma in Law course and an opportunity to meet other new students and form study groups.

There will also be information about using the University of Sydney Law Library. Details of the Orientation Day are included in your Enrolment package and are also available on the Law Extension Committee Webcampus.

WEEKEND SCHOOLS

Weekend schools are held during each session primarily for external students.

The dates for the Weekend Schools are as follows:

- **Introductory weekend for all Legal Institutions students**

Saturday and Sunday 31 October and 1 November 2009

Further information is provided separately in your enrolment package and is available on the Law Extension Committee website

- **Weekend School 1**

Friday to Sunday 27 - 29 November 2009

- **Weekend School 2**

Friday to Sunday 29 - 31 January 2010

The program for Weekend Schools 1 and 2 for the Summer 2009-10 Session appear at the back of this Course Information Handbook.

Venue

Weekend School classes are generally held in the Eastern Avenue complex, the New Law School and the Carslaw Building on the main University campus.

Refreshments

Morning and afternoon teas and light lunches will be available for purchase from the University of Sydney Union canteen service adjacent to the Eastern Avenue Auditorium, or nearby.

Accommodation

Various levels of accommodation are available close to the University's main campus at Camperdown.

When booking accommodation ask for the best rate available. You may be entitled to a government or corporate rate as you will be attending the University. Sometimes promotional or seasonal rates may be even better. Sometimes motoring organisation (eg NRMA) rates are best. Web booking agencies are very competitive, and a few minutes on the web may pay off. Enquire whether breakfast and parking are included, and whether there are any taxes to be added on.

Motels in Camperdown include:

[Rydgcs Camperdown](#),
9 Missenden Road, Camperdown.
Phone (02) 9516 1522; 1 300 363300.
[Oakford City West Apartments](#)
23-33 Missenden Road, Camperdown.
Phone (02) 9557 6100.

Also nearby are:

[Unilodge](#)
Corner of Broadway & Bay Street, Broadway.
Phone (02) 9338 5000.
[Metro Motor Inn](#)
1 Meagher Street, Chippendale.
Phone (02) 9319 4133; 1800 004321.
[Broadway University Motor Inn](#)
25 Arundel Street, Glebe.
Phone (02) 9660 5777; 1 800 263909.

Motels close to the University are listed below.

[Rooftop Motel](#)
146-148 Glebe Point Rd Glebe NSW 2037.
Phone (02) 9660 7777.
Email rooftop@real.net.au
[Alishan International Guest House](#)
100 Glebe Point Rd Glebe NSW 2037
Phone (02) 9566 4048.
Url www.alishan.com.au.
Email kevin@alishan.com.au.
[Australian Sunrise Lodge & Airport Budget Motel](#)
485 King Street Newtown NSW 2042.
Phone (02) 9550 4999 (Lodge).
Phone (02) 9557 4400 (Motel).
[The Glebe Motel](#)
196 Glebe Point Rd NSW 2037.
Phone (02) 9660 6655.
[Billabong Gardens](#)
5-11 Egan Street Newtown NSW 2042.
Phone (02) 9550 3236.

A little further away but still walkable are many more possibilities. For example, if your budget allows, you may find the [Mercure Hotel](#) on George Street near Central Station good value (02 9217 6666).

Also near Central Station, is the Ritz of youth hostels, [Sydney Central YHA](#), on the corner of Pitt and Rawson Streets, (02) 9281 9111.

University Residential Colleges

Occasionally the following colleges are able to offer accommodation out of semester time, usually on a bed-and-breakfast basis. Rates and availability vary: The Women's College (02 9517 5000) and Wesley College (02 9565 3333), and you could try St Andrews (02 9565 7300), Sancta Sophia (02 9577 2100), St Michael's (02 9692 0382), St Paul's (02 9550 7444, St John's (02 9394 5200).

PARKING

Sydney University Main Campus (Camperdown)

Parking is available close to main campus venues in designated areas. The best entry points are the main gates on City Road, and from Parramatta Road, near the corner of Glebe Point Road. There is also a parking station in Shepherd Street, off Cleveland Street near the corner of City Road, behind the Seymour Centre.

The University has a "pay-and-display" parking regime and heavy fines are imposed for non-compliance. Parking costs after 3.00pm are \$2.00 per hour to a maximum of \$6.00. The ticket machines accept \$1 and \$2 coins only. The nearest change machine to the Carlaw Building is located in front of the Anderson Stuart Building, further along Eastern Avenue. There is also a change machine in the Shepherd Street Car Park.

University campus roads fall under the general road rules, meaning parking Infringement Notices are processed by the NSW Police Infringement Process Bureau. Any enquiries regarding Infringement Notices should be made per the instructions included with the notice. The Law Extension Committee is unable to pursue matters of parking infringement notices on behalf of students.

In recent Sessions, students have reported ticketing machines and/or change machines to be out of order. If you have problems with ticketing or change machines, you should direct your enquiries to the Sydney University Traffic and Parking Office on (02) 9351 3336.

Sydney University Old Law School building (Phillip St, City)

As you may imagine, parking space is at a premium around the Sydney University Old Law School Building. There are no parking facilities for students within the Old Law School building. There may be metered parking in the surrounding streets (Phillip Street, Elizabeth Street, Hunter Street, Macquarie Street, King Street) however students would need to make their own investigations.

Several commercial parking stations operate near the Old Law School: Secure Parking ((02) 8912 4900) have stations at 2 Chifley Square, 135 King Street & 187 Macquarie Street; Kings Parking ((02) 9221 2476) operate a station at 60 Elizabeth Street.

The Domain parking station may also be an option, with its moving footway bringing you fairly close to the Old Law School building or there is the Cathedral Parking Station between the Cook and Phillip swimming pool complex and St Mary's Cathedral.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Sydney University Main Campus

For lectures and weekend school classes held on the main campus, the most convenient entry point is the main City Road gate.

By train, the closest station is Redfern, from where you should turn left into Abercrombie Street then right into Codrington Street, which will take you to the City Road gates. You might find it more convenient to use Central Station, especially at night.

Buses stop right outside the City Road entrance, and run frequently from Central Station and the CBD. Routes 422, 423, 426, 427, and 428 depart from Circular Quay and travel down Castlereagh Street, passing through Railway Square before stopping at the City Road entrance. Students can also enter from Parramatta Road, with the best entrance being University Avenue at the eastern end of Parramatta Road, near Glebe Point Road.

Sydney University Old Law School building

The closest train stations to the Sydney University Old Law School are Martin Place and St. James. The Elizabeth Street exits of both stations are a few minutes walk from the Old Law School building. There are many bus services that stop outside or near the Old Law School, including most Eastern Suburbs buses.