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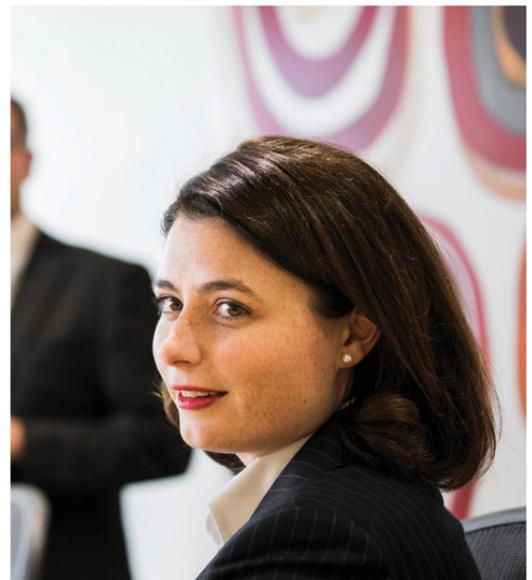
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# DEAN'S WELCOME



Welcome to the Adelaide Law School!

Our Law School, founded in 1883, is the second oldest in Australia and one of the oldest in the common law world. In 2018, we celebrated our 135th anniversary. As a new student in the Adelaide Law School you are now part of this proud tradition.

But traditions are worth keeping only if they represent enduring values. The Adelaide Law School aims to have graduates who not only understand the law in its context but are also committed to the rule of law, equality, professionalism and social good.

The Mission of the Adelaide Law School states:

“The Adelaide Law School’s activities continue its century-long record of excellence in globally-focussed research and teaching. We are committed to the rule of law, and the promotion of the highest standards of ethical conduct, professional responsibility, and community service. With the aim of contributing to the social good, we examine and critique the law from diverse perspectives, discovering new knowledge and advocating for change. Student well-being is a priority to which we devote energy and innovation.”

The next few weeks and months will be really busy as you adjust to your new life as a student of the Adelaide Law School and the University of Adelaide. Please be aware that the Adelaide Law School staff and the Adelaide University Law Student Society (AULSS) are committed to assisting you during this transition and on an ongoing basis during your legal education. Ask for help if you need it – we are ready and willing to assist.

The School is also committed to diversity. You will meet students from all parts of the community and from around Australia and beyond. Please take time to get to know your fellow students and make each other welcome.

I encourage you to familiarise yourself with the Law School’s website, this First Year Guide and make sure you remain up to date with all the communications from the Law School.

It is a great pleasure for me and the Adelaide Law School staff to welcome you in 2019. I know it will be an exciting and rewarding year.

**Professor Melissa de Zwart**  
**Dean, Adelaide Law School**



# WELCOME TO THE LAW SCHOOL

Firstly, congratulations, it is a wonderful achievement to be accepted into the University of Adelaide, Bachelor of Laws. You should be extremely proud of the hard work you've put in to get here. Secondly, it is my pleasure to welcome you to what will quickly become your second home, the Adelaide Law School.

I won't lie, you've signed up for a long journey filled with stressful and stupidly late nights, being obsessed with your GPA and wondering where you can get your next coffee fix. But while university can sometimes be overwhelming, it's no exaggeration it can be one of the best experiences of your life.

Uni is a whole new world filled with new challenges, new faces and a tone of new adventures. My number one tip is to get involved in as much as you can, not only with your studies, but all the other social events that come along with uni.

Remember, everyone within these Liggy walls started out in the exact same boat. I encourage you to reach out to people, start a conversation with person next to you or even just pop in to the AULSS office to say hi. We all know how difficult those first few weeks can be and rest assured the AULSS is here for you. Often starting a dialogue is the hardest step for new students, but I guarantee once you do it, you can make some really amazing life long friends!

If you are still worried, don't stress, we have your back! The education portfolio will help you along the way by running first year events throughout the semester. These will help you get to know your cohort but also finesse important skills you will need for assignments, seminars and your exams.

Seminars targeting 'answering a problem question', 'the AGLC', 'exam tips' and many more are a great way to feel more confident coming up to those stressful periods. On the more social side of things we run our first year drinks night, our free morning teas (yes free!) and other events put on by the AULSS. I encourage you to come along too as much as you can, without neglecting those important readings on boilermakers and all your seminar prep.

Whether you are going to be the next Justice Kirby, a litigator for a top tier law firm, a legal policy lawyer or anything in between, the Adelaide Law School is an amazing platform for you to achieve incredible things and start a great career. If you have any questions, please contact me on [alison.gunning@student.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:alison.gunning@student.adelaide.edu.au). Congratulations and I look forward to meeting each of you throughout the year.

**Director of Education**  
**Alison Gunning (Ali)**

**Education Reps:**  
**Maddy Terrell & Peter Tantalos**

# LIGERTWOOD

The Ligertwood building is home to the Adelaide Law School. Built in 1967 and located on North Terrace, here is a brief introduction to our home and the many spaces you can expect to find you fellow law students hanging out during the semester.



Photo source (Linn R. (2011) The spirit of knowledge: A social history of the University of Adelaide, North Terrace Campus. Adelaide, University of Adelaide Press.)

## LAW LIBRARY

One stroll through the thousands of books in the Law Library will make you feel inspired as the future lawyers of today! The ground floor is for quiet discussion where you have access to printers, scanners and the assistance of our trusted librarians. The lower floor is for quiet study only. We recommend taking a library tour in week one so you can make the best use of all the facilities.

## AULSS OFFICE

The AULSS' Office (room 1.06) is located on the entrance level of the building. Here is the place to come to purchase law ball tickets, pub crawl shirts or a quiz night table. Feel free to drop in if you have any questions or even just for a chat.

## PLACES TO RELAX

The Irene Watson Lounge, located on the first floor, is a great place to meet friends for coffee before a lecture or to work on a group assignment with your peers. When the weather is nice, the New Colombo Plan Court located just outside the building and is perfect place to relax and enjoy some Vitamin D. The ground floor of the library has couches and tables to meet as well, the perfect place to finish that last minute comps prep.



# YOUR FIRST MONTH

Your first month at law school will absolutely fly by! So make the most of it and get involved with as much as you can. Attending AULSS events is a great way to have some fun and meet new people without those ice breaker exercises that you are about to know all too well. Besides the social side, coming along to our education seminars will boost your confidence and let you hit the ground running! So get your red markers out and start marking in the below dates in your shiny new student diary!

## FIRST YEAR AFTERNOON TEA

Date: Wednesday 6th March

Time: 12pm - 2pm

Venue: Ligertwood Foyer

## FIRST YEAR REP NOMINATIONS OPEN

Date: Mon 11th - Fri 15th March

Time: Opens 9am Mon, Closing 5pm Fri

Venue: Online

## COMPETITIONS INFO NIGHT

Date: Thursday 7th March

Time: 5pm - 6pm

Venue: TBC

## 'SUE ME' OPENING PARTY

Date: Friday 22nd March

Time: 8pm - Late

Venue: West Oak Hotel

## LEGAL WRITING & REFERENCING SEMINAR

Date: Wednesday 13th March

Time: 2pm - 3pm

Venue: Moot Court, Ligertwood

## FIRST YEAR ELECTIONS VOTING

Date: Wed 27th & Thurs 28th March

Time: 12pm - 2pm

Venue: Ligertwood Foyer

## TRIVARSITY LAW FAIR

Date: Friday 15th March

Time: 11am - 2pm

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

Tickets: <https://trilawsa.com.au/Registration>

## CLOSING THE GAP DAY

Date: Wednesday 27th March

Time: 11am - 3pm

Venue: Adelaide Showground

## FIRST YEAR DRINKS NIGHT

Date: Friday 15th March

Time: 7.30pm - Late

Venue: Havelock Hotel

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BREAKFAST

Date: Thursday 28th March

Time: 7.30am - 9.30am

Venue: TBC

## 'PRO VINO' WINE TOUR

Date: Saturday 13th April

Time: Day Trip

Venue: McLaren Vale Region



Like us on facebook for event details!  
<https://www.facebook.com/AULSS1>



Follow us on Instagram for competitions throughout the year @aulsstagram

# MEET YOUR AULSS TEAM

## PRESIDENT

### Sophia Laparidis



Hello and welcome to your first year in the Adelaide Law School! If you are trying to figure out how to pronounce Ligertwood, rest easy knowing that no one else knows the answer either. You can almost be certain that your entire degree will be spent discussing this very topic with your friends. I can guarantee that your experience in the Law School will be full of lots of coffee, close friends and, most importantly, lots of learning.

If I could give some advice to my first year self, it would be to put myself out there. Join clubs, meet new friends, make time to study, find something you enjoy and be passionate about it. Talk to that person sitting next to you that you've never met before and look out for each other. My experience at Law School has been fulfilling and fun, and I hope yours will be just as enjoyable! The Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS) is here to make your time in the Law School a bit easier, more exciting and much more social! The AULSS has portfolios in Education, Careers, Competitions, Activities and Social Justice. We also have Officers to provide distinct support such as an Equity and Wellbeing Officer, an Indigenous Officer and a Mature Aged Officer.

The Education Portfolio runs events specifically for first year law students to help you feel comfortable adjusting to the university lifestyle from study skills seminars to morning teas. The Careers Portfolio helps you meet lawyers through the Careers Fair and informative seminars. The Competitions Portfolio runs a variety of competitions to help you develop your practical legal skills which will benefit you in the profession. The Activities Portfolio organises all of the fun social events of the year. Our Social Justice Portfolio runs fundraising events throughout the year for different charities and legal services.

You should definitely attend the 'Sue Me' Opening Party and First Year Drinks which are early in the year to meet other law students, particularly those in your year. You might have already heard about the famous Law Ball towards the end of Semester 1, make sure you save the date! Semester 2 is filled with Quiz Night, Law Dinner and the 'Acquit Me' Closing Party. Mooting is an opportunity to develop your legal research and advocacy skills in an environment where learning and development are encouraged. The First Year Moot is run in Semester 2 and is a great way to get involved in competitions alongside other beginners.

The Social Justice Portfolio has a volunteer subcommittee which is a great initiative if you are interested in becoming involved with the AULSS in your first year. Lex Salus is another valuable initiative to become involved with. It is run by the faculty and aims to support law students' mental health and wellbeing through mentoring programs and fundraising.

We hope the AULSS will accompany your studies by facilitating extra-curricular activities and social events for you to enjoy. We wish you all the best for your studies and time at university. As President I hope I can be approachable and friendly, so please feel free to reach out to me at [president@aulss.org](mailto:president@aulss.org) if you have any questions or concerns about the AULSS or your time at university. I'm excited to meet you all around Ligertwood, but please don't ask me to pronounce it.



## **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Chloe Welling**

A warm welcome to all first year students and congratulations on your acceptance to Adelaide Law School. There is no better word to describe your first year of law school than “unearthing”. Be prepared to unearth new spaces, new interests, new friendships and new exciting opportunities. In my first year I certainly discovered all the above, as well a tolerance for 24 hour take home exams and a crippling addiction to caffeine.

Your first year will undoubtedly be challenging, but I can assure you that all the best things in law school are. As your Vice-President, I am responsible for the financial and administrative aspects of the AULSS. I also manage the AULSS Sport program, the Law School Local discount card and the AULSS Merchandise. Personally, my most important role is to act as a support network for you. Although you may find me violently out of breath on the Ligertwood stairs, be sure to stop me with any queries or if you simply need directions.

I look forward to meeting each of you and although you may not know me yet, you can count on knowing at least one familiar face during your first week. I wish you all the best for your studies in 2019 and the many fruitful years of your law degree to come.



## **DIR. OF CAREERS AND SPONSORSHIP**

### **Behshid Golshani**

Reps: Cloe Jolly, Jasmyn Tran, Olivia Jay, Astrid Gillam and Maithili Mishra.

Welcome to your first year of law school! It's very likely that in the short time you have spent as a law student, you've already heard of the very tough job market that is facing all of us. Worry no more because the Careers and Sponsorship team are here to help.

Our team seeks sponsorship from law and non-law firms, produces career guides relating to diverse fields that law students gravitate towards, organises a series of events on professional development in conjunction with the University of Adelaide Law School and a range of other initiatives and programs.

If you have been thinking about life after law school or looking at ways of improving your employability, I encourage you to keep an eye out on the 'Careers' page of our website at [aulss.org/careers](http://aulss.org/careers). Additionally, the AULSS regularly emails students notifying them on a number of diverse available job opportunities and events. Lastly, if you have any further questions or ideas don't hesitate to get in contact with me or one of the reps.

I wish you all the best of luck in your first year and beyond that.

## DIR. OF ACTIVITIES

### Annabel Bramley

Reps: Chelsea Chieng, Chelsea Fernandez and Rachel Chalmers.

On behalf of the 2019 Activities Portfolio I would like to extend a huge congratulations and a warm welcome to Adelaide Law School - buckle in, 2019 is going to be a big year!!! 2019 will see three other wonderful ladies and I guiding you through your very first year of Law School the best/only way we know how- through social events! These are IDEAL for mingling and getting to know your fellow peers (who, as many will happily divulge, are set to become your lifelong friends and contacts).

In your first semester of studies, you'll be able to look forward to events such as Opening Party, our re-vamped 'Pro Vino' Wine Tour, Pub Crawl, and undoubtedly the most anticipated event of every law student's year - Law Ball (the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere may I add)!!

If this wasn't enough hype for you, in Semester 2 we'll be flicking on with our much-adored Quiz Night and Law Dinner, Med & Law School collaborative 'Suits and Scrubs' Party (get-it, get-it), while also making sure we're looking out for ourselves with a couple of more mellow day-time events (think mini-golf, movie sessions and the like!)

So, fear not angels! Your time at Law School won't be a dry, shriveled sponge if we have anything to do with it. Good luck with your first few weeks, we can't wait to meet you all at our upcoming events.



## DIR. OF COMPETITIONS

### Mitchell Brunker

Reps: Simone Basso, Nicolas Rich, Theola Lee, Rachel Neef, Mason Bierlein and Jana Humzy

How many times have you sat down, binged a season of Suits, and wondered: "do deals really get made like Harvey does them?" Alternatively, a little closer to home, how many times have you flicked through a couple of episodes of Rake and considered: "can you talk to a judge like Cleaver Greene does?"

Unfortunately, the answer to both of those questions is probably no. But never fear, the Competitions Team is here to teach you how the law really works! The AULSS runs a number of competitions to teach students practical legal and advocacy (read: getting up in court) skills. No matter what area of law you're interested in (or if you have no idea what you're into) we have a competition for you.

As always, we are very excited to see a new group of first years get involved as competitors and volunteers throughout the year. So attend some of our information sessions, register in something interesting, dust off your formal suit and get involved!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me on: [compsdirector@aulss.org.au](mailto:compsdirector@aulss.org.au) and good luck for your first few weeks!





## **DIR. OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **Erin Mack**

Reps: Georgia Penglis, Sofia Arlotta and Elliette Kirkbride.

The Social Justice Portfolio is here to get law students involved in raising awareness for the issues that they care about most. If you love smashed avo and hearing from people doing good things for good causes come out to a Social Justice Breakfast, which we will hold 3 times over the year.

I hope to see you all bright and early for our first breakfast of the year on the 28th of March, centered on the issues that women face in our legal community.

A key event of the Portfolio that gets the whole profession involved is the Walk for Justice, which is usually held mid-May and raises money for the pro-bono legal aid service JusticeNet. We will be bringing back the Social Justice Sub-Committee in the run-up to the walk, which is a great way to meet some new Law School friends!

Keep your eye out for us in the Law School foyer on key dates over the year to grab some pancakes, a sausage, or your fix of baked goods to help us raise money for a number of causes. Also keep an eye out for the Volunteer Handbook towards the beginning of semester 1, which the Social Justice Portfolio will be introducing for the first time to help better advertise volunteer legal opportunities for law students.

I hope you enjoy your first year of Law, and please email me with any questions or suggestions on [erin.mack@student.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:erin.mack@student.adelaide.edu.au).

## **JOIN THE 2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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**Stay Tuned for Details!**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE BREAKFAST**

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**VENUE TBC  
THURS 28TH MARCH**

## EQUITY & WELLBEING OFFICER

### Brooke Washusen

To really be successful in Law School, you need to make sure both your physical and mental wellbeing are the best they can be. Yes, finding the ratio of a case is important (there's Week 1 of Foundations summed up for you) but without a good wellbeing it'll be hard to deal not only with the shift from high school (sorry guys, it is harder than an English Critical Reading) but the next 3-5 years. To help with this, the AULSS has the (relatively new) position of Equity & Wellbeing Officer.



I'm here to listen to any concerns you may have about discrimination in the Law School, and to do my best to maintain your wellbeing during your first year. Keep your eye out for coffee catch-ups and other wellbeing initiatives throughout the next few months. Be sure to also take part in the numerous events run by other AULSS portfolios (can 100% recommend), as well as the Law School's Lex Salus program. Most importantly keep up with any current hobbies or extra-curriculars you already have – trust me, they can be a life saver.

And if you want to find me? I can usually be found procrasta-walking between the Law Library and the St Raph's Coffee Cart (and no, this is not something I would recommend doing yourself).

## MATURE AGE OFFICER

### Matthew Cheung

Salutations! I am the Mature Age Representative for the AULSS 2019-2020. I acknowledge that getting back into the university life may be quite the transition. As some mature aged students may not have found their bearings in navigating the university life, be it academically or socially. I will voice concerns or issues that you may encounter or wish to be addressed by the AULSS.



I will attempt to coordinate with our numerous invaluable committee members at the AULSS to provide up to date information on how to take full advantage of what the law school has to offer in order to succeed in this degree. I will also try to set up a few meet ups for drinks, food and just general socializing to find some semblance of balance with university life.

As there is sometimes a stigma about mature age students – I am here to attempt and dispel such thoughts. I am here to improve and bridge the relations between mature aged students our fellow cohorts.

So, please, whether youthful or mature, feel free to say hello when we pass in Ligertwood. (Also, we have a Facebook group, just send me a message) - Matthew Cheung



## COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

### Elana Bartholomeusz

Some may say the most important Internet resource for law students is Westlaw. Others may argue it's LexisNexis. But the evidence shows it's actually the AULSS website and social media accounts. The AULSS organise so many fun and resumé-worthy events you should get to, including social justice initiatives, competitions, endless networking opportunities, and my personal favourite – LAW BALL.

Whether these events help you make uni mates, build networks, own the First Year Moot, or even just procrastinate, it's safe to say these all enrich your law school experience.

But how can students find out about these events, you ask? This is where I come in: through Communications, we can make sure to get the word out about all these fab opportunities. By overseeing and maintaining the law school's online presence via our website and social media, my role ensures consistent and transparent communication of all AULSS updates. I'll make sure we keep you posted on opportunities to improve your legal skills and uni experience – with social events, career news, and all other information on offer. I'll also oversee our relations to the public, to ensure we keep up our rep, great contacts, and student opportunities flowing.

2019 is only the second year of the Communications role, and I'm keen to provide you all with smooth socials to communicate the great opportunities the AULSS has put together. Come say hello or shoot us a DM to chat all things Ligertwood, and of course stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram.



## INDIGENOUS OFFICER

### Anthony O'Brien

First of all, congratulations and welcome to Law School. The journey you are about to embark on will be met with great trepidations and great triumph, so in saying that among the roller-coaster there will be one constant, the AULSS. This is a society that is run by Law Students for Law students and will hold some of the most knowledgeable students in their respected portfolios to help you navigate your way through the degree.

My name is Anthony O'Brien and I am the Indigenous Officer for 2019. This year will be the first year the AULSS hosts a representative that provides support and official representation for students that identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Thus, I take great pleasure with the assistance of other members of AULSS in building a framework that will improve and strengthen indigenous engagement and community. I hope to provide great support to fellow students and organise events; that will help indigenous law students interact and form networks with each other. I hope in addition to this to work closely with the exec to help find opportunities specifically for indigenous students. Pertaining to clerkships, work experience, cooperate exposure, scholarships etc and in-addition provide additional cultural support for students struggling with the transition.

Congratulations again on your acceptance into law school at the University of Adelaide and I wish you all the best!

## IT OFFICER

### Sufwan Wahabzada

Welcome to the Adelaide Law School! I'm Sufwan your IT officer. IT is becoming an increasingly large part of our lives and traversing your way through them is an essential part of your degree. Make sure you check the AULSS website as your guide through year one. My job throughout the year is to ensure that all the AULSS services continue to work smoothly.



I can also help you with navigating your way through the internet databases and such, mostly though I'll probably just be the one making terrible law memes. If you have any queries about our online services or just need general IT support feel free to email me on [it@aulss.org](mailto:it@aulss.org), also if you need to find me I'll likely be in Ligertwood 1.06 making no noise pretending I don't exist.

## FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE

### You???

Each year the AULSS offers a great opportunity for students in their first year of law to run for a position on the committee, known as the First Year Representative. There are two positions available for the role, one female and one male. As the 2019 First Year Representatives, you are elected directly by your first year peers and will have the amazing opportunity to speak on their behalf.



You will have the chance to raise concerns, new ideas or any issue in our AULSS meeting and get to be involved in running specific first year events for your first year family. Being apart of the AULSS and the Education Portfolio means you get to work with faculty and students from all year levels in a very welcoming and supportive environment. This is an exciting and pro-active way to become involved in the law degree and the allow you to engage and contribute to the law school community in a positive way.

For first year students, the role is very manageable and easy to balance with study commitments and an amazing way to create friendships, connections and get to know your fellow law students.

If you are interested in this position, please consider nominating yourself. The elections will be held in late March and the nomination forms will be emailed to you, so ensure that you are actively checking your inbox. If you have any questions please feel free to get in contact with Ali at [alison.gunning@student.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:alison.gunning@student.adelaide.edu.au). or stop by the AULSS office and have a chat.

**JOIN THE 2019 FIRST YEAR'S  
FACEBOOK GROUP**

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/2358614491037546/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2358614491037546/)

# YOUR NEW DEGREE

## DEGREE STRUCTURE

Some of you will be completing your Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) at Adelaide Law School either as a single degree or part of a double degree program. Certain core subjects of your degree have to be completed by all students (e.g. Tort Law, Property Law) these are called the Priestley 11.

The rest of the units are made up with electives. Elective courses give you the opportunity to study in areas of specialised interest. These can include of ethics-based courses (Medical Law and Ethics, Climate Change Law), commercial courses (Commercial Equity, Income Tax Law) and work experience (Clinical Legal Education, Human Rights Internship Programme).

The following degree plans show the typical time-frame and combination of subjects a student will take throughout their studies.

### (UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY – SINGLE DEGREE)

Year 1				
S1	<a href="#">LAW 1501</a> Foundations of Law	<a href="#">LAW 1507</a> Tort Law	Open elective	Open elective
S2	<a href="#">LAW 1504</a> Principles of Public Law	<a href="#">LAW 1508</a> International Law	Open elective	Open elective
Year 2				
S1	<a href="#">LAW 1509</a> Commercial Transactions	<a href="#">LAW 2599</a> Criminal Law	Closed elective	Closed elective
S2	<a href="#">LAW 1510</a> Contract Law	<a href="#">LAW 1511</a> Property Law	Closed elective	Closed elective
Year 3				
S1	<a href="#">LAW 2502</a> Equity	<a href="#">LAW 2501</a> Australian Constitutional Law	Closed elective	Closed elective
S2	<a href="#">LAW 2598</a> Corporate Law	<a href="#">LAW 2504</a> Administrative Law	Closed elective	Closed elective
Year 4				
S1	<a href="#">LAW 3501</a> Dispute Resolution and Ethics (6 units)		Closed elective	Closed elective
S2	<a href="#">LAW 3502</a> Evidence and Advocacy (6 units)		Closed elective	Closed elective

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Year 1				
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Year 2				
S1	<a href="#">LAW 2502</a> Equity	<a href="#">LAW 2501</a> Australian Constitutional Law	Closed elective	Closed elective
S2	<a href="#">LAW 2598</a> Corporate Law	<a href="#">LAW 2504</a> Administrative Law	Closed elective	Closed elective
Year 3				
S1	<a href="#">LAW 3501</a> Dispute Resolution and Ethics (6 units)		Closed elective	Closed elective
S2	<a href="#">LAW 3502</a> Evidence and Advocacy (6 units)		Closed elective	Closed elective

### ELECTIVES

Please note with the single degree structure there are Open and Closed electives. Closed elective means that you can only choose from courses offered by the Law School. Open electives give you the opportunity to study courses from different faculties. A list of elective courses can be found on the Course Planner at <https://access.adelaide.edu.au/courses/search.asp>

### DOUBLE DEGREE

Many of you would have chosen to complete your Bachelor of Laws concurrently with another degree. Your degree plan will look a bit different and usually be 5 years instead of 4. There are examples of concurrent study plans available on <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/professions/students/study-plans>.

### EXCHANGE

During your studies at Adelaide, you have the amazing opportunity to participate in an exchange programme with an overseas partner of the University for one semester (or sometimes longer). This is available both for single and double degree students. If you're thinking of going on exchange, it is important to plan ahead as your degree plan will be slightly altered.

### MORE INFO

If you're still confused or need some more information please contact the Adelaide Law School on (08) 8313 5063 or email: [lawenquiry@ask.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:lawenquiry@ask.adelaide.edu.au). You can ask for assistance with enrolment, advice on how to structure your degree or plans to go on exchange.

# SUBJECT SUMMARIES

## FOUNDATIONS OF LAW

Foundations of Law is your first step into the life of a law student. It introduces you to not only the fundamental doctrines of the law but also to the way lawyers think and the way to approach situations with an open mind and with understanding of both sides of an argument. If you did not take legal studies in High School do not worry, the first one to two weeks will cover all of that content and go into way more depth.

The course begins with an explanation of the hierarchy of courts in Australia and the doctrine of precedent. You'll be taught the different elements of a case, how to read one, how to find one online or in a book and most importantly, how to reference one. After this, you'll be introduced to statutory interpretation, a key skill for every lawyer. Finally, you'll finish the course with a look into the perspective of Indigenous people and the law and the idea of legal theory.

I know it may seem like a lot of content for 10 weeks but remember it is a gradual learning process and you have support from your seminar leaders, lecturers and of course the AULSS. Best of all, this subject allows you to meet you fellow first year peers and to develop friendships that will likely last throughout your time in Uni, so get involved and put yourself out there, you will not regret it.

## TORTS

Ever thought about the legal implications of slipping on a grape on your weekly shop in Woolies? Finding a snail in your can of coke? Or your neighbour's dog barking every hour of every night? Can you bring an action against them? Can you receive compensation? Or what about giving the world's worst legal advice to your mate and he acts on it? Are you liable? All of these disputes come under Tort law.

Tort law is the branch of law that covers most civil disputes; it protects people from the carelessness of others. If a person is injured or harmed from the wrongful act of someone else, they can bring a claim for damages against the person who committed the act. Torts is a subject that scares a lot of students at first, but it is a great subject to start off your degree. Usually the false factual situations you get given are based on previous cases, so make sure you have a strong grasp on the facts to ace the course.

Throughout the course, you'll cover a general introduction of the law of torts with a particular focus on the law of negligence, considering the aspects of duty of care, standard of care, causation, remoteness, damages, defences and vicarious liability. A representative range of other torts are also studied which may include of trespass to person, nuisance, trespass to land and concurrent liability. A least one intentional tort will be considered (battery, assault or false imprisonment). The course consists of two written assignments so you will get plenty of feedback before the final exam of the course.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

International law takes you into a whole new world of law, and despite what you may have thought, international law IS real law. Forget those Acts of Parliament and High Court cases, you'll be introduced to the law of treaties (or conventions) and trying to work out what customary international law actually is.

It may all seem like a really strange concept at first, but the subject will soon become one of your favourites with the variety of topics. You'll study everything from who can fish where in the Pacific Ocean, whether you can mine materials from an asteroid, to regulating the conduct of war. Some key features you'll study will be international fact finding, the peaceful settlement of international law disputes, law of the sea, the use of force, the law of armed conflict and International Space Law (just to name a few!).

Some of our favourite staff members, Dale Stephens, Rebecca La Forgia and Matthew Stubbs, run the course and you could not find more passionate lecturers. We recommend making the most out of this alternative law course by attending every lecture. It will be doubtful to find another as entertaining as these. You'll start with a small (but stressful) online quiz and then have to write an essay on a particular issue of international law. Don't stress though – this essay is redeemable, meaning if you do better on the final exam, the essay will not count. Finally, as always, you'll finish with a final exam. Which you will no doubt crush!

## PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LAW

After the first semester, you may be freaking out and asking yourself 'is law really right for me?', 'will I ever use my new knowledge of torts?' or 'why is there so much reading?' and 'how important is it to read the cases?'. PPL may not help you with answering these, but it introduces you to a whole new branch of law – public law in Australia.

PPL familiarises you with the Federal and State Constitutions and the concepts of responsible and representative government. It considers the separation of powers between the parliament, the executive government and the court and how these heads of power interact with one another. By the end of the semester, you'll also be very, very familiar with the case of *Boilermakers* and other cases that stemmed from this.

The assessment includes of an online citation quiz, weekly pre-lecture quizzes, a 'Small Group Discovery' essay and a final exam. What is interesting in this law course is that it is fast-paced with lectures stopping at week 8. Please make sure you're on top of the readings, lectures and seminars so you don't fall far behind. Also NEVER forget to do your pre-lecture quiz or you will forfeit all or some of those marks. The 'Small Group Discovery' gives you an opportunity to work closely with some of your peers in developing your legal research skills.

# FIRST YEAR GRADUATE ENTRY SUBJECTS

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## COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

'No returns!' Ever seen that sign in a clothing store and hoped and prayed the dress you bought is going to fit? At the end of this course you will never look at that sign the same! One of the key components of this course, besides hearing some of Mark Giancaspro's most 'famous' jokes, is learning your rights as a consumer in the Australian market. A little online quiz, to help boost those marks, will help you warm up to the course while you learn all about the sale of goods. Great news, the assignment is redeemable!! But importantly, it will help you prepare for the exam at the end of semester. If this course will teach you anything, it will 100% be that you can return things and you will never stop looking for terms of entry when you drive into a carpark.

## CRIMINAL LAW

Taught by the incredible Kellie Toole, criminal law is an incredibly interesting subject, although unlike the TV shows, it will not show you how to get away with murder. The new criminal law format introduces students to the practical side of law school by using a client case file to interact with lecture and seminar material throughout the semester. If you are a super social person, good news for you, this year, there is a group assignment! Criminal law is a fascinating subject that will have each student second guessing their personal beliefs and keep you wondering if the person in that client file is guilty or innocent. If this subject doesn't make you want to work for the DPP or an amazing defence lawyer I don't know what will!

## CONTRACT LAW

Contracts are made every day and businesses are founded on making and executing contracts. Contract Law is designed to give students a strong foundation in this area of law, and you will come to realize it surrounds you everyday. It will also teach you exactly how to get out of that 'contract' you made with your sibling about buying the next smashed avo or doing all the dishes! Like any subject in law, a valuable and predictable tip for this course is to read the cases! Not only are a lot of the cases scenarios that may be used for exam problem question, they help you understand the judges reasoning, especially for all you aspiring High Court judges out there, or really any one in the legal profession.

## PROPERTY LAW

Property law is an eye opening subject that will allow students to engage in cultural discussions that happen in the law space every day in a very old are of law. Property law will cover a small section of Australian history, but also helps students to better understand native title and get passionate on the topic. While there is a lot to cover in property law, if you are a person who has signed a lease, you will want to attend this class, or, if you haven't signed a lease and feel like learning about squatters rights, this is 100% the subject for you! The first year that a group assignment has not been included means individuals are able to gain more marks from weekly quizzes and a redeemable interim assignment before completing the final exam.



# THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TRIVARSITY LAW FAIR

The Trivarsity Law Fair brings together top law firms from Adelaide and the East Coast as well as community organisations and legal practice course providers.

**FRIDAY 15TH MARCH**

**11 AM TO 2 PM**

**ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE**

Entrance is Free!

Register here:

<https://trilawsa.com.au/Registration>

# GETTING INVOLVED

## ACTIVITIES GUIDE

### AULSS LAW BALL

Ask any Law Student (or any university student for that matter) what their most anticipated event of the year is, and they'll say LAW BALL. That's right, not their sister's wedding, not the abundance of 21sts they're set to attend, or even that overseas holiday they've been planning for a year – LAW BALL. And who could blame them? The AULSS boasts the largest (and in our absolutely unbiased opinion) BEST Law Ball in the Southern Hemisphere – a chance for you to whip out that formal get-up you thought would just be collecting dust in the back of your wardrobe for years to come.

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday 1st June and begin preparing your mind and soul for what's to come. Think an open bar (yes, you read that correctly), a DJ, a live-band, canapés galore, roaming photographers, a Photo Booth and much, MUCH MORE set against a glorious theme that will be revealed all too soon! With first-round tickets selling out in less than a minute in 2018 this is NOT AN EVENT TO BE MISSED. Not to worry though, Law Students are always given priority over tickets, but be sure to pre-register ahead of ticket sales to make the cut. Keep your eyes peeled for our Facebook Event (to be released in March) for more details. SEE YOU THERE

### QUIZ NIGHT

Where dressing up is compulsory and competition is rife, the AULSS Quiz Night, held at the Carrington Street Function Centre in Semester 2, is a night of cheap drinks, tables of 10 of your best friends/foes, prizes galore, and of course quizzes! While we're a little while away, you can be sure that there are students already prioritising their general-knowledge study to mentally prepare for this fun-filled night!



## 'SUE ME!' OPENING PARTY

Friday 22nd March (Week 3) marks our first major event on the LSS social calendar – Opening Party! Opening Party amalgamates all year levels, allowing returning students to rekindle old-flames and new students to mix, mingle, and see what the social side of Law School is ALL ABOUT.

## LAW DINNER

Law Dinner is our more mellow version of Law Ball – a chance for students to hear from an esteemed keynote speaker on their experiences in the industry. Held in the Intercontinental Ballroom in 2018, students were treated to pre-dinner drinks followed by a 2-course meal, dessert bar and of course, d-floor to groove onto later. As with many of our events, the night ended with an official afterparty for continued celebrations! We can't wait for this year.

## PRO VINO WINE TOUR

October of 2018 saw the establishment of our inaugural wine event – 'Pro Vino'. This year's event is taking residency in Semester 1, bringing in the mid-semester break on Saturday April 13th - because what's not to love about celebrating your first term of study in the glorious McLaren Vale over a glass (or 6) of vino?! We're ramping things up this year, adding in an additional winery plus a couple of other secrets to be revealed shortly. Stay tuned!

## PUB CRAWL

You've heard of them before, right? A quintessential component in every student's university career, Pub Crawl is a night for students to traverse the city streets, testing out some of the best pubs, clubs and bars in Adelaide (all at discounted prices may we add!) With a history of iconic sell-out nights under the titles of "The BachelAW", "Married at First Cite", "Claim of Thrones" and "Clerks and Recreation", this is not a night to be missed. So lace up those walking shoes and prepare yourself for the reveal of this year's locations and deals!



Like us on facebook for event details!  
<https://www.facebook.com/AULSS1>



Follow us on Instagram for competitions throughout the year @aulsstagram

# COMPETITIONS GUIDE

## FIRST YEAR MOOT

Semester 2

Moots are a mock case on appeal before an appellate court (like the Supreme or Federal Courts). This competition is tailor-made for you! The First Year Moot provides an introduction to appellate advocacy with a focus on contract, tort or property law. It is a great place to develop your legal research and writing skills and meet some of your fellow first-years.

Suitability for First Years: 

## NEGOTIATIONS

Semester 1

Negotiations are one of the most common forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) used in practice. Competitors act in teams of two to resolve a dispute outside of court between their client and the opposing side's client. This competition does not require any detailed legal knowledge or research, making it far more accessible for first year students.

Suitability for First Years: 

## CLIENT INTERVIEWING

Semester 1

Client interview simulates an interview between a potential client and a team of two competitors. Your goal is to try to help your client understand the law around their problem and provide a legal resolution. However, before that you must coax all of the facts out of your (sometimes uncooperative) client!

Suitability for First Years: 

## NOVICE MOOT

Semester 2

The Novice Moot is another introductory competition for appellate advocacy. While similar to the First Year Moot, it features a number of areas of law that are not studied by first year students and is often undertaken by more experienced students.

Suitability for First Years: 

## OPEN MOOT

Semester 1

The Open Moot is the AULSS' premier moot competition. Unfortunately, it is not ideal for first year students. The competition can centre on effectively any area of law, and requires strong advocacy and legal research skills. The First Year Moot and Novice Moot are great places to develop these skills before tackling the Open Moot later in your studies.

Suitability for First Years: 

## WITNESS EXAMINATION

Semester 1

Witness Examination is the AULSS' trial advocacy competition. Competitors run through an opening statement, closing statement and, of course, examine the witnesses before a mock judge at trial. However, all of the materials are only released 90 minutes before each round! The short preparation time can be quite stressful and the competition itself often requires an understanding of more complex legal concepts.

Suitability for First Years: 

## MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Semester 2

The M&A competition is our only competition that focuses on transactions (the front-end of the law). Competitors provide written and verbal advice to a corporate client on an impending M&A deal. The later rounds of the competition see competitors enter into a negotiation with another team on the other side of the deal. M&A requires detailed knowledge of some challenging aspects of corporate and contract law and is more suited to students in later years.

Suitability for First Years: 



Have any more questions about comps?  
Email us at: [competitions@aulss.org](mailto:competitions@aulss.org).

# AULSS SPORT

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Sport is a great way to meet new people, while also keeping you fit and healthy throughout the semester. This year the committee will again be running AULSS Social Sports. The program is played in a social capacity, and we encourage all levels of skill and ability to participate; even those who are violently unfit.

The 2019 teams will be larger this year so there are an abundance of players available each week when availability dwindles, so we really encourage you to place your name in the pool of players. If you don't have a full team, don't stress we will find the perfect one for you! Keep an eye on your student email and the AULSS facebook page for registration details.

## MIXED INDOOR SOCCER

Venue: ICA Sportzworx Stepney

Night: Friday

No. of Players: 5 + 3 Reserves

## MIXED INDOOR NETBALL

Venue: ICA Sportzworx Stepney

Night: Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

No. of Players: 7 + 3 Reserves

## MIXED INDOOR BASKETBALL

Venue: Wayville Sports Centre

Night: Thursdays

No. of Players: 5 + 3 Reserves



# WALK FOR JUSTICE

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If you're not a super keen sports person, but love doing something to support a great cause, we 100% encourage you to participate in the annual JusticeNet 'Walk for Justice'.

The social justice portfolio organizes an AULSS team to be out in force each year to help raise money to ensure that vulnerable and disadvantaged community members can have access to legal services too. So make sure you keep an eye on your emails for more details to come!



# WIRLTU YARLU

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Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education takes its name from the Kurna language. “Wirltu Yarlu” is the name given to the sea eagle who, according to Kurna storytelling, is always striving to soar higher than before. Embodying this ethos of determination and aspiration, Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education provides support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and ensures that they have every opportunity to succeed in their university studies.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

The University has five academic faculties, each with a number of schools and disciplines. These include Arts, Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences, Health and Medical Sciences, Professions and Sciences. Each of these faculties has Indigenous student support officers and academics that are available to engage with potential students and informational workshops to provide support and practical exposure to their faculty subjects of interest. Each Faculty/School has an Indigenous Student Mentor (ISM) that works collaboratively with Wirltu Yarlu to support students academically throughout their studies.

## CULTURAL ADVISORS

At Wirltu Yarlu, we are fortunate to have the cultural guidance of two Kurna Elders, Rosemary Wanganeen and Uncle Rod O'Brien. To the University they bring a wealth of experience, knowledge, pride in their Aboriginal heritage and culture and a willingness to share, teach and grow. Rosemary and Uncle Rod can advise on a range of Aboriginal matters and provide culturally appropriate support to all students and staff of the University. Whether you're facing challenges in your study, work or family life, both Rod and Rosemary are available to help you work through your concerns in a safe, culturally appropriate space.

## WIRLTU YARLU STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- Student support officers;
- Individually tailored student success plans;
- Tutoring & academic mentoring – part of the Commonwealth’s Indigenous Student Success Program (ISSP), which is no cost to students.;
- Indigenous student mentors and ambassadors;
- 24-7 computer labs and common rooms; and
- Student events, catch ups and study sessions

 Phone us on: (08) 8313 3623  
 Email us at: [wirltu.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:wirltu.yarlu@adelaide.edu.au)  
 Drop in and see us at: Level 1, Schulz Building  
North Terrace Campus



**Wirltu Yarlu**

Aboriginal Education

## LAW REVUE

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The Adelaide Law Revue gives an opportunity for students with a flare for the dramatic to throw away the books and entertain their fellow peers. For one week a year, the curtain rises, the stage lights up and for two hours you'll gain an insight into the minds of law students. The crew consist of a mishmash of different aged, different gendered law students who love to sing, dance and make others laugh.



The team behind law revue are always looking for some fresh, bright-eyed, first year faces to join their quirky group. If you can sing, act, dance, write, laugh or none of the above, keep an eye out for audition emails later this semester. Being on stage can be daunting, so there's also back stage opportunities for those good with technology, costume or just being organised.

## ADELAIDE UNI CLUBS

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With more than 130 clubs on campus last year, whether you like yoga, waterskiing, artificial intelligence, hip hop, wine or anything else in between there is a club for you. With so many cultural, religious, political or hobby based clubs, there is no doubt that you can find your people. Joining a club is a great way to network, meet new people, keep fit or social and no doubt they will also run events specific to your area of interest, so make sure you get involved.

If you didn't make it too O'week clubs day, don't stress, just check the Adelaide University clubs website at <https://www.aau.org.au/clubs>, reach out to the club or society you're interested in and no doubt they will be welcoming you in with open arms!



## FIRST YEAR DRINKS NIGHT

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HAVELOCK HOTEL  
FRI 15TH MARCH 7.30PM-LATE

# THE HILARIAN

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It's time for us to have a talk. Your first year at law school will be scary, exciting and sometimes downright confusing. You will notice your body going through some changes, symptoms may include your political opinions becoming entrenched, a musky superiority complex (this may already be present) and short-term memory loss associated with recent university results (excluding ATAR). So how do you treat these symptoms? Through an outlet, namely The Hilarian.

As the Adelaide Law School's premiere (and let's be honest, only) student magazine, we are looking for your contributions in return for the holy grail of artist compensation, exposure.

This year we are looking to expand into a full-service media platform, publishing comedic videos, satirical written content and serious discourse. Does your relative own a law firm, but still makes you interview? Do you have art that only your overly-curious friend finds? Have a funny video idea, but can't quite pull it off? Send us your stories, art and other pieces for the chance to be published (and lauded).

You could be a part of the Hilarian's long and storied history, which has included a wide-range of talented contributors. Annabel Crabb, Julie Bishop, Sia, Hiltop Hoods – all have originated in the same state as the Hilarian. Impressed? Don't be, just contribute! Have any questions or want to send us a contribution?

Contact us at any of the following emails:  
hugo.chapman@student.adelaide.edu.au  
rory.clark@student.adelaide.edu.au  
nicholas.garbas@student.adelaide.edu.au



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## 'PRO VINO' WINE TOUR

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MCLAREN VALE AREA  
SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

# LEX SALUS

Lex Salus was founded in 2013 by Adelaide Law School Wellbeing officers Kellie Toole, Mark Giancaspro and Corinne Walding. Over the years, it has evolved into a student run initiative of the Law School aimed at raising awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing with over 36 volunteers offering their generous time to make your law school experience a great one!



Lex Salus is committed to raising awareness of the importance of mental, physical and nutritional health; de-stigmatising mental health issues and encouraging students to seek help; raising awareness of the counselling, disability and equity services inside and outside the University and much much more!!!

## LEX CONNECT

For those starting Law School in 2019, we are continuing our 'Lex Connect' program for those who would like some valuable mentorship from older students. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Law School community and gain some helpful tips and tricks about Law School life! We know how busy law students can get so we've kept the program super flexible with five 30-minute catch-ups organised within the semester. If this sounds like something you're interested in, keep an eye out for our emails in the first few weeks.

## 2019 EVENTS

Similar to previous years, you can catch us doing a number of events throughout the semester! From back-to-school BBQ's, Stress Less Carnival Days (with popcorn, fairy floss and mini-golf) to weekly 5 Minutes with Franc DeZwart, knitting with Margaret Castles, midday walks with Jessica Viven-Wilksch, and frequent visits from our very own Lex Salus therapy dog, Ellie – we're here to support everyone going through their Law School degrees and hope to provide a space for the whole cohort to relax, mingle and have fun!

## VOLUNTEER

We are also always looking for volunteers to help us run events and brainstorm exciting ways to make the Law School a brighter and better place for all students. After 10 hours of volunteering for Lex Salus, your contributions are acknowledged at a free morning tea with our patron, Chief Justice Kourakis. if you would like to get involved, please email either: [a1689165@student.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:a1689165@student.adelaide.edu.au) or [a1689105@student.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:a1689105@student.adelaide.edu.au).

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Lex Salus

# GENERAL INFO

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## ONLINE SERVICES

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Make sure you bookmark the below online services, these will be your most frequented websites during the semester outside of your procrastinating on insta. Each will make your uni life a little easier and help you stay connected with everything going on.

### UNIFIED

This page is your portal to essentially everything. Unified acts as your uni home page that links to your personal university email address, your MyUni account, access Adelaide, your semesters printing balance and so much more.

### ACCESS ADELAIDE

Access Adelaide acts like an online administrator for your degree. This is the place to change any personal details, where your grades are published, where you can get a copy of your transcript and most importantly, where you will enroll in your law subjects each semester. Friendly warning, if you have a law elective you want to enroll in next year, be ready to enrol the minute it opens!!

### MYUNI

MyUni will likely be the page you use the absolute most. It contains all of the information for the subjects you are enrolled in. This is where you can watch back lectures, access materials posted by lecturers, access seminar questions and where the discussion board can be found so you can easily ask content questions online 24/7. Importantly, this is also where you will submit all your assignments via TurnItIn, and where you will receive assignment grades and feedback.

### EMAIL

Want to find out about first year elections, special events for law students, guest speakers or where your class is getting moved to? Check your emails kiddo! Seriously, not only do you get a lot of great info here, this will be your main source of contact from lecturers with announcements relating directly to you and your course! So seriously, always read your emails!

### LAW SCHOOL INTRANET

Ok, so head into unified, slide your mouse over campus life on the red bar, then you will find the law school intranet. This is a great resource for students, you can explore student related news but can also access valuable forms from the 'forms and downloads link'. This link leads you to assignment extension forms, your degree structure, remark requests and much more.

### ADELAIDE UNI LIBRARY SEARCH

Think no one uses textbooks from the library anymore, think again! The uni library search is a great tool when you are looking for those journal articles for your assignment, but also a great resource when you don't feel like searching each of Adelaide's libraries for one book. Found the perfect book, request it and our amazing library staff will put it aside for you to pick up as soon as you're ready! Visit the website for more info: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/library-services>.

# ON CAMPUS SERVICES

## THE LAW SCHOOL OFFICE

The Law School office is there to answer any questions about your law degree. They can help you plan your degree out, plan out your timetable or speak to you about personal needs such as disability access plans or creating alternative exam arrangements.

Ground Floor, Ligertwood Building  
(08) 8313 5063  
lawenquiry@adelaide.edu.au

## ASK ADELAIDE

Ask Adelaide helps you with a wide range of university services. They are the people who will take your horrible ID photo, help with enrolment, transcript info and printing, technology issues and much more. They also have an online chat to help around the clock.

Level 3 Hub Central  
(08) 8313 5208  
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/ask-adelaide/>

## THE CO OP BOOKSTORE

The co op is your one stop shop for your required textbooks, stationary and some cool little novelty gifts. The coop have a lifetime membership so sign up to get a discount off full priced books. Also, worth remembering, they price match, so check their T&C's!

Level 4 Hughes Building  
Mon-Thurs 9-5, Fri 9-4  
<https://www.coop.com.au/>

## CAREER SERVICES

Need help writing a resume or a CV? Career services aim to empower students to do and achieve their best. They run career expos and help students connect with employers and volunteer opportunities. Outside of the AULSS C&S's portfolio, this is your go to.

Level 4 Hughes Building  
(08) 8313 5123  
career.services@adelaide.edu.au

## ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

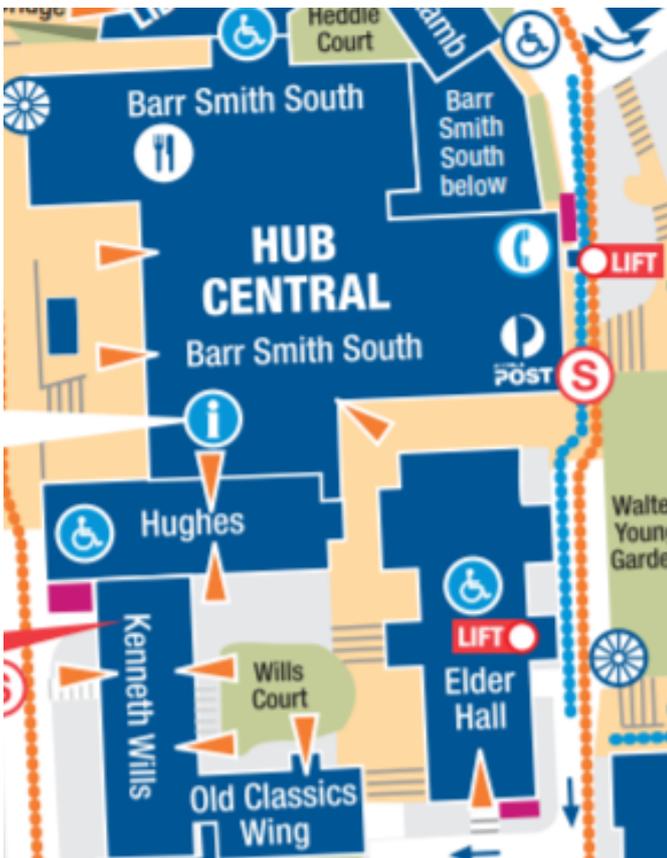
Accommodation services are there to make sure at the end of your uni day you have a safe and comfortable home to go to. They can give you info on student accommodation or private rentals, just drop in!

Level 4 Hub Central  
(08) 8313 5220  
accommodation@adelaide.edu.au

## STUDENT LIFE DISABILITY SUPPORT

Disability support are there to help you find ways to accommodate and manage your disability or medical conditions, so while you're at uni you can focus your energy on being social and kicking your course work's ass!

Level 6 Hughes Building  
(08) 8313 5962  
disability@adelaide.edu.au



# ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

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## PEER ASSISTED STUDY SESSIONS (PASS)

Our 'Peer Assisted Study Sessions', are free, convenient and run by your fellow peers who have aced the course in previous years. The aim is to provide students with an informal, collaborative teaching atmosphere that complements the theory they have been taught in lectures and seminars. The hour-long sessions held weekly are completely voluntary and there is no need to register or sign up. The sessions generally cover lectures from the week before and many students prefer having concepts explained to them by a previous student. Whether you're aiming for a P or HD, PASS is a great way to improve your grades and meet some new friends whilst doing it. Watch your emails for details!!

## THE WRITING CENTRE

The Writing Centre, located in Level 3 of the Hub, is a service providing one-on-one support to students throughout all stages of their writing process. Regardless of skill level, the drop-in centre provides assistance and feedback in writing, note-taking, referencing and grammar. The mentors will not edit or draft your paper, but they can provide you with the skills to do so yourself.

## DISCUSSION BOARD

Available under every course on MyUni, discussion boards provide a Q&A online forum between lecturers, tutors and peers. Students can post any question related to the course and it will be responded to in a timely manner. All questions and answers are available for everyone to see so you can refer back to them during revision time. Don't be afraid to help out and answer other students' questions if you're sure of the answer.

## CONSULTATION & DROP-IN TIMES

On MyUni you will be made aware of your lecturers' and tutors' office hour times. This is the time where you can drop in, or make an appointment via email, to ask any questions about a course you may have. They can also clarify any issues with the theory face to face. During exam period these office hours can get very busy, so think ahead!

## THE LAW SCHOOL OFFICE

Remember our law school student advisors are always there to support you if you feel like you're not getting the grades you need or have too much going on. Speak with them and they can help give guidance on how to approach your degree to get that GPA you want.



## COMPS INFO NIGHT

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VENUE TBC  
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 5PM-6PM

# HEALTH SERVICES

It's very well known that while uni can be a very exciting time for students, it can also be a time of heightened stress and anxiety for others, especially law students. Not only are exams, assignments and those dreadful clerkship applications stressful, but everyone has things in their personal life that may add to these stresses.

The AULSS is devoted to ensuring that you feel comfortable seeking help if you are feeling stressed, anxious, need someone to vent to or there is something else going on. Below are a number of health and wellbeing services that are easily accessible to students throughout their degrees for both physical and mental health wellbeing.

## STUDENT LIFE COUNSELLING

Student Life Counselling Support is free, confidential and available to all enrolled students seeking to address issues that may be affecting their study and life.

Ground Floor Horace Lamb  
(08) 8313 5663  
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling/>

## ADELAIDE UNI CARE

Adelaide Unicare provide medical care for uni students and their families. They have a team of professionals, both male and female who can help with a variety of services from immunization, general health checks, contraception advise and various others.

Ground Floor Horace Lamb  
(08) 8313 5050  
[www.adelaideunicare.com.au](http://www.adelaideunicare.com.au)

## HEADSPACE

Headspace is a free and confidential service where young people can access qualified youth mental health professionals, throughout various locations in SA. Services include mental health services, drug and alcohol services, sexual health services and work and study support and services.

1800 063 267  
173 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, SA  
<https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/adelaide/>

## UNITHRIVE

Designed by the counselling and disability services, . It's an easily accessible online service giving tips on how to manage stress, anxiety, procrastination and depression. It's a great service if you don't feel quite comfortable reaching out to someone in person, but remember, we're all here!

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/uni-thrive/>

## SHINE SA

Shine SA is a leading not-for-profit provider of primary care services and education for sexual and relationship wellbeing. Drop-in clinics provide free responsive and confidential access to young people under the age of 30.

57 Hyde Street, Adelaide, SA  
1300 794 584  
<https://www.shinesa.org.au/>

## LIFELINE

Lifeline is committed to supporting Australians in time of emotional need. Their phone line is open 24/7 and they are there to help equip you with the courage to ask for help, be more self-aware and be resilient during these emotionally stressful times or even when you just need someone to listen.

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<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

The background of the image is a festive event space. The ceiling is decorated with large, draped fabrics in shades of orange, yellow, and green, interspersed with strings of warm white lights. The overall atmosphere is bright and celebratory. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is seen from behind, many in formal attire, suggesting a dance or social gathering. A large white balloon is visible on the left side of the crowd.

SAVE THE DATE

# *Law Ball 2019*

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST | ADELAIDE OVAL

# PRACTICAL ADVICE

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## BE PREPARED

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### READINGS

For starters, despite what you may have heard, you will need a copy, or at least access, to the prescribed textbooks. Lectures and seminar material won't be enough to get you through the course. The amount of readings you'll be assigned throughout your degree can be very overwhelming at times. Law academics tend to rave on a bit so significant parts of a chapter can be focused on providing background information or looking at the historical development of the law. Keep in mind that you don't need to read and understand every last word in the textbook, skim reading some parts is fine. But again, making sure you do read it is important!

### PRE-LECTURE

It's a good idea to skim through the assigned readings before the lecture so you can grasp a brief idea of the new concept.

### LECTURE

Attendance is not compulsory, but it is VERY much encouraged. Bring your laptop or print off the slides before the lecture so you can make notes on them. Don't stress if you miss something because all lectures are usually recorded so you can refer back to it later through the MyUni page.

### POST-LECTURE

We recommend properly reading the textbook after the lecture, with an emphasis on areas you found difficult to understand the first time round. After the lecture you'll be able to read more strategically, focusing on the important parts of the topic that the lecturer discussed. As time goes on, you'll develop a skill for reading selectively and identifying key points. See Survive Law's 'How to read 300 pages in one week without really trying' if you want to develop your reading skills: <https://www.survivelaw.com/single-post/347-how-to-read-300-pages-in-one-week-without-really-trying>

### PRE-SEMINAR

It is very important to prepare for a seminar before it starts. The tutors expect that every student has at least read the problem question and has basic knowledge of the legal concepts. Even just making some dot points will be really useful for you during the seminar. Getting into the habit of preparing for a seminar early on will be of immense help in the long run.

### SEMINAR

It's ok to miss a seminar here and there, but it should be noted there is usually no way of accessing the answers without attending! Some courses do have a participation grade or a hurdle requirement so keep that in mind. During the seminar, engage with the tutor and your fellow students and ask questions to get the most out of your time.

### POST SEMINAR

At this point, you should have all the content of the topic available to you. It is time to start creating your notes! Some lecturers recommend writing out your notes as this will help you in remembering legal concepts and case summaries better. Most law students type out their notes so they can edit them as required. DO WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!

# ANSWERING A PROBLEM QUESTION

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Answering a problem question, you've done it a million times before. But not like law! Problem questions can seem daunting, there is usually a lot of information being presented and a lot happening in the scenario. A problem question in law will usually entail you applying the law to the scenario to advise a specific person (usually your client). Applying this specific law (or rule) to the facts to come to a conclusion is where the majority of your marks will be. Below is a basic guide you can also use to answer a problem question.

## SKIM READ

Make sure you read the question you are being asked to answer, this will help you pick out the key themes in the set of facts. During your first read, don't write or highlight anything just yet.

## RE-READ

Make sure you have read the questions! Okay, so now you can highlight and write down the parties, the issues and the relevant material facts.

## IRAC

Foundations of law will introduce you to the basics of answering a problem question and you will spend time a lot of time on the acronym IRAC! By the end of semester 1 you will be a pro.

### (I) ISSUE

This is the legal question the court will have to answer. For example 'Is A liable for battery against B?' This will be used to guide the rule you are to apply.

### (R) RULE

This is where you will identify the law that is relevant to the scenario. Remember this can come from common law (case law) or statute. Hot tip, remember to check the jurisdiction of the statute and whether there is a binding precedent for the case law you're using to make sure the rule you are using applies to your facts.

An example may be 'Battery occurs when a defendant directly and intentionally interferes with the person of another without lawful justification.' Explain the rules generally, including any presumptions. And make sure you always list your legal authority to support your argument.

### (A) APPLICATION/ANALYSIS

REMEMBER! This is where the majority of your marks will come from! This is where you need to clearly apply the rules above to that facts of the scenario.

Step through the process as clearly as possible, this will help the marker understand your process. Remember to apply this to both sides of the argument, this makes your argument well rounded. Consider the cases that are analogous to these facts, but remember you can then draw distinctions between them for the other side of the argument. Using these authorities makes your argument a lot more persuasive than just a personal opinion on what 'you' think should happen.

### (C) CONCLUSION

Your conclusion should follow your applications line of reasoning. Although you might be uncertain on which argument is stronger, remember not to sit on the fence, decide on what you think is more 'likely' or 'unlikely' based on the facts. 'It is unlikely A committed battery against B, as there was no direct contact.' Even if your argument is strong, still try to avoid sentences like 'A definitely committed battery on B'.

# PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAMS

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In terms of the best way to prepare for your exams, there is not one perfect way, it is the best way that will work for YOU! However, regardless of how you study, if you take your notes on paper or type them, there are some general tips that you may find incredibly helpful leading into exams.

## TOPIC NOTES

It can be very helpful at the end of every week to write a 1-1.5 page summary on the topic you covered that week. At the end of the semester you will end up with a great base for your exam notes and can spend more time preparing for the exam in other ways. A word of warning, buying notes may sound like a great idea, but not only could the law and content of the course change, you will understand the content so much better if you prepare and are familiar with your own notes.

## PAST EXAM PAPERS

As well as going through the seminar problems questions for revision, a great way to revise and practice for the exam is with past exam papers. Lecturers will post past exam papers on MyUni but they will also post feedback. At the end of running through the practice exam you can compare your answer against the feedback and gain a good understanding of any mistakes you made and places for improvement. While these are great for practice, do not take these into the exam, it may seem quicker, but you don't want to copy content word for word and then be in trouble for plagiarism.

## DROP IN TIMES

Mentioned earlier in the guide, drop in times are a great way to clarify anything from the semester you may still be unsure of. Most lecturers will post available times on my uni before exams so you can book a spot and go in with any questions you have. Make sure you get in quick and prepare questions before you go in so you can take away as much as you can from the session.

## REVISION LECTURE

DO NOT MISS THIS LECTURE!! You can be sure that this will be the one lecture that the lecturer will tell you what to focus on, what to not do and how to get great marks. These are great to ask those final burning questions or listen to other people's questions and realise 'wow, glad I know that now'. This advice goes for the revision seminar as well, seminars are not recorded at all, so it's really important to attend so you can get that last minute information and exam hints.

## EXAM DAY

DONT PANIC! Law exams are not designed to make you fail, so if you have put in the work, you'll more than pass the exam. Remember, it's normal to be stressed, but try to stay as calm as possible. Pack everything in your bag the night before and try to have a relaxing morning, eat a healthy breakfast and come to Wayville with a calm mindset. Honestly, it really helps!!



## FIRST YEAR AFTERNOON TEA

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LIGERTWOOD FOYER

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 12PM-2PM

# HOW TO WRITE A CASE SUMMARY

Reading cases is an essential skill in law school, but will be also be incredibly important throughout your legal career. Cases can be incredibly intimidating when there are 7 separate judgements and 300 pages just looking up at you from your desk. The tips below are things you can use to make readings cases a whole lot easier, and don't stress, not all cases are that long!

Like the problem question, skim read the case so you can get a general understanding of what is going on before you start highlighting every second line. Once this is done, and you have a good general understanding, re-read the case and highlight only the key points of the case. Try not to highlight absolutely everything, otherwise you'll have to wade through this at the end. Now comes the fun bit, the summary. There are lots of important things that may be relevant, depending on the case that you are reading. Below are the things you should be listing in your case summary:

## CASE CITATION

Rixon v Star City Casino (2001) 53 NSWLR 98. This is important in problem questions to show legal authority. Always remember to also note the date of the case here too.

## COURT/JUDGES

This will appear on the head note, up to 7 judges can be included in a decision depending on the court. The court name will mean you can work out the jurisdiction of the court and if there is any binding precedent on other courts based on the decision.

## PARTIES

Depending on the type of matter this is, for example an appeal, the parties may be called appellant and respondent or plaintiff and defendant. Make a note of all key parties involved in the matter.

## THE FACTS

Try to keep this brief, I would recommend using dot points, that will work to jog your memory of the facts of the case. Facts are also very important in a case summary so you can draw distinctions or analogies in problem questions later when comparing those facts to the case scenario.

## LEGAL ISSUE

Like a problem question, it is the issue of law that the court is discussing in the matter.

## OUTCOME

What did the judge decide, or if there was more than one judge, what did the majority believe, was anyone in dissent or has there been an appeal that has been upheld or dismissed?

## RATIO DECIDENDI

This is why the judges made their decision. Remember though, judges do not just say I made this decision based on X, sometimes it will be harder to find, so don't stress This is a skill you'll constantly get better at. Ratios are important as they can be binding on lower courts future decisions.

## OBITER DICTA

This is different to the *ratio decidendi* but it's common for students to get confused. The obiter dicta is not binding on a court, and are judges passing comments but can be significant for other cases.

## SIGNIFICANCE

What is the significance of the case? Did it lead to a legal principle being established?

# LAW SCHOOL TIPS AND TRICKS

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These are not just the hot secrets on where to get discounted food at lunch or where to source the cheapest textbooks, these tips and tricks have been put together to make sure you have everything you need to know to have a super successful first year at law school and positive uni experience.

## GET ORGANISED

As you will quickly find out, uni is very different to high school or work, if you don't hand in your assignment no one is going to chase you up. Get a diary and make sure you mark in the key dates, assignments, census, uni breaks and plan accordingly. Planning means you don't have to worry about late penalties and won't leave that 3000 word assignment until the night before.

## BE PREPARED

Preparing for your seminars means you will take a lot more from the experience. It means you can engage meaningfully not only with content but your seminar leaders and fellow students. Even if you aren't confident on the steps to take, prepare an answer, it will be a valuable learning experience and highlight the areas you are doing well or could improve on.

## GET SOCIAL (BUT NOT TOO SOCIAL)

Being involved in as much as you can at law school can help you build networks and friends. But don't forget, the reason you're at uni is to get that degree.... I sound like your mum. While the social side is really important, don't over commit to your social calendar and remember your other dates too, like the date with your torts reading and foundations assignment.

## PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE

I will debunk this myth straight away, you do not need to know someone in law to network, this is the beauty of networking! Make sure you are active in the profession from the moment you enter law school, not just updating your LinkedIn, but heading to networking nights and career fairs, they are a great opportunity to meet professionals from the legal community. I encourage you to reach out to people for coffee, and speak to them about your career goals. People won't just hand you a clerkship because of this, but it can be valuable to speak with someone who can lead you in the right direction.

## MAKE TIME FOR YOU

While law school is about to be a huge part of your life, and hopefully an amazing part, don't let that be the only thing that defines you. If you enjoy playing D&D, playing AFL, knitting or heading out for a wine with friends, don't forget about these things. Having a hobby is a great way to again expand those social networks, but it can also be a positive part of your life that can bring calm when the uni work feels like it's getting to much and it's also a lil something extra about you to highlight in interviews!

## REACH OUT

If you need help, never feel afraid to ask. If it's about studies, your wellbeing or anything else is in between, make sure you reach out early. This guide has a whole heap of resources and details of people and organisations who are more than happy to help to point you in the right direction and would love to support you. Always remember, the AULSS has your back, if you need anything, feel free to message any of us, or simple just knock on the office door. and come and say hi!

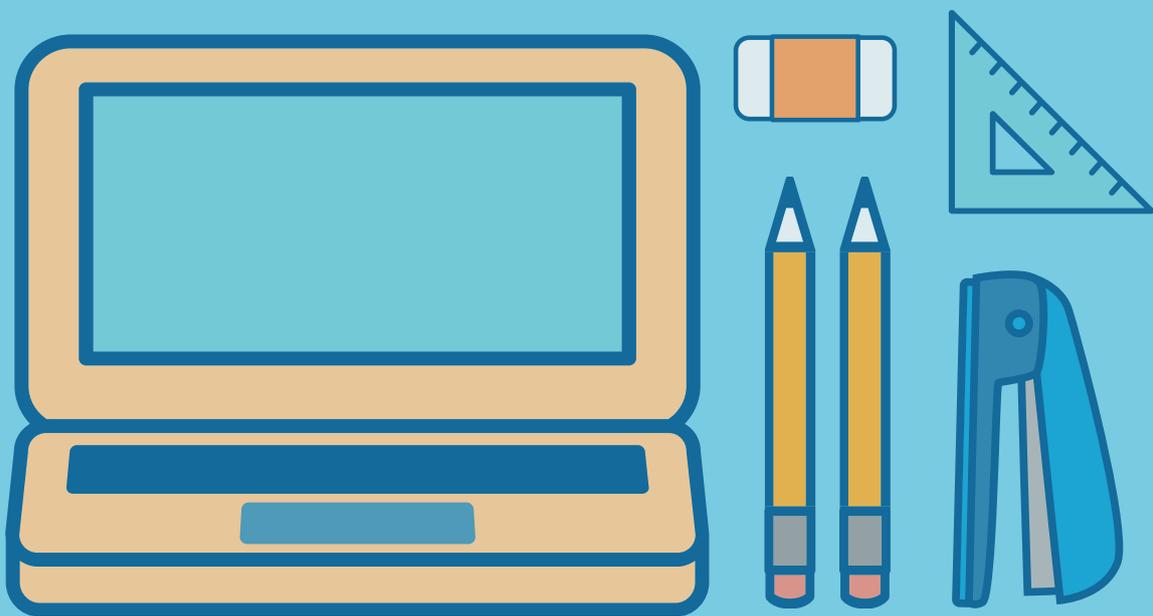


## LAW SCHOOL LOCAL CARD

LAW STUDENTS DISCOUNTS  
STAY TUNED!!

STRESSING ABOUT THAT FIRST  
ASSIGNMENT ALREADY?  
WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE AGLC IS?

# COME ALONG TO THE AULSS LEGAL WRITING AND REFERENCING SEMINAR



WEEK 2 - WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

2PM - 3PM

MOOT COURT

# GET CONNECTED

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## EAT. DRINK

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### ST RAPHS COFFEE

Not only the friendliest faces around, but amazing coffee right outside Liggy? What more could you ask for!

### GRASS ROOTS

Not a coffee drinker, was your new years resolution to be healthy? Grass roots has you covered with beautiful fresh juices and salads, and only a short stroll to the Hub Central.

### TASTE BAGUETTE

Feel like something a little more filling, right next door to grass roots are amazing Vietnamese iced coffees, but some fab baguettes and pastries too.

### FAIR ESPRESSO

Take a break and stroll through the mall down to fair espresso. They have something for everyone, with great fair-trade coffee and delicious vegan sweets and savories.

### T-BAR

Tucked away in the Coles food court, the T-Bar has over 100 teas for you to explore while maybe enjoying a sweet treat too.

## DRINK. SOCIALISE

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### THE AUSTRAL

Located in the middle of Rundle Street, the Austral is the perfect place to go after uni or for a cheeky beverage or two. Remember to download the PokitPal app for \$11 jugs of beer or cider.

### WEST OAK

Looking to party on a Thursday? With \$5 spirits all night? Westies is the only place to hit up if you're wanting to get an early start on the weekend.

### BELGIUM BEER CAFE' OOSTENDE

A favourite amongst us law students! \$12 lunch special and a free pint of Stella 7 days a week. Enough said.

### ROYAL CROQUET CLUB

Take advantage of RCC being right on your door step this year on our Barr Smith Lawns. They're only open for the first two weeks of the semester so make sure you grab a glass of Pimm's and catch a show before it ends. Check out the fringe guide for details.

### ROXIES

Open Wednesday through to Sunday with a great cocktail list, funky tunes and cheap eats. You can't go wrong!

# GO TO APPS

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## CANVAS

So we spoke about the MyUni website earlier in the guide, this is essentially your in pocket version of MyUni. Get notifications wherever you are, or as last years guide stated, get those important exams result while you're already celebrating in town!!



## ECHO 360

Didn't make it to the 9am lecture you know you should have been at? Don't stress, echo 360 means you can watch lectures on the move, or re-watch those important lectures before studying for exams.



## LINKEDIN

LinkedIn. The social network of the professional! This is essentially your online resume cross Facebook. LinkedIn is a great app that allows you to connect with the people you met at those networking nights and show off personal achievements to the world!



## POKITPAL

This will be your new best friend on your next night out. Pokitpal offers heaps of cashback, rewards and discounts on heaps of your favourite local hospitality venues !



## UNIDAYS

Want 33% of dominoes pizza to help that hangover mid day Saturday? Unidays has got you covered with all of the discounts a student could want, including discounts on food, bevs and your favourite fashion brands.



## UA STUDENT

Everything you need in the most handy little app. It includes your timetable, exam results, key semester dates, as well as important phone numbers such as mental health lines or campus security. Just sign in with your uni username and password.



## LOST ON CAMPUS

Lost, can't find the seminar room, even in your 5th week? Don't stress, the lost on campus app has your back. Lost on campus will show you the library, your seminar room, current location and everything in between, including that perfect coffee spot.



## HEADSPACE

The headspace app is a simple tool you can use throughout your uni degree, using simple videos, cartoons and techniques, it teaches you strategies to be less stressed, more focused and even sleep better.



## FACEBOOK

This app needs no description, if you haven't heard of Facebook, I am shocked! Make sure you like: <https://www.facebook.com/AULSS1> for all of the event information throughout the semester and join the University of Adelaide Law Students (Starting 2019) Facebook group for first year specific events and info.

# FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

## @AULSSTAGRAM

Follow us on Instagram for the latest and greatest memes and to stay up to date with events happening around the law school throughout the semester. Last year the AULSS ran multiple competitions which included free entry to events and a free ticket to law ball!. So make sure you go follow us ASAP to get those important details on law school comps and info on free food events!



