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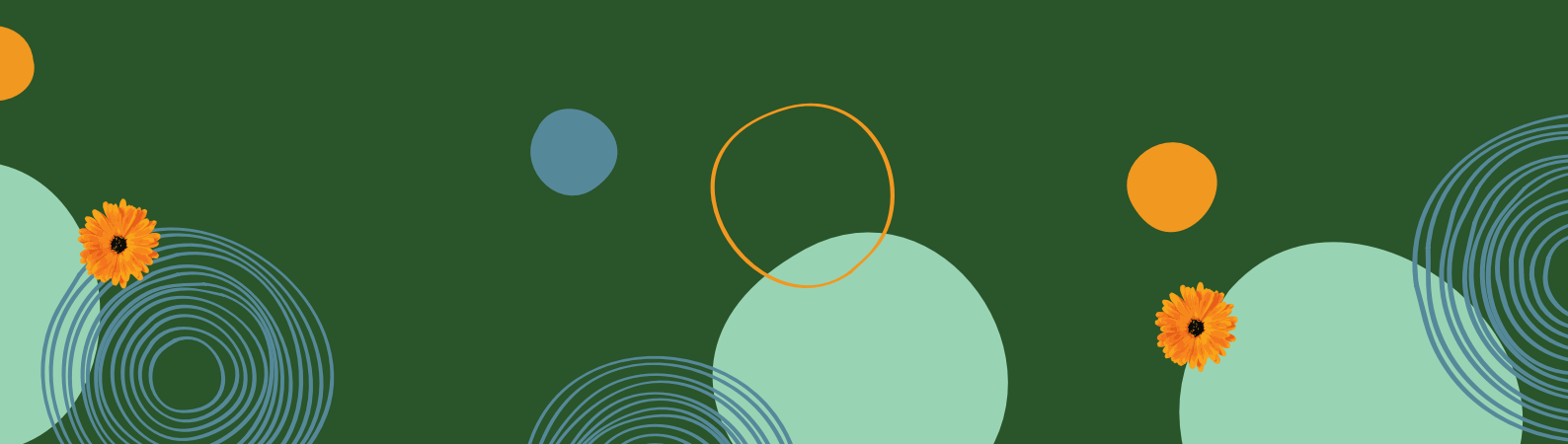
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Dean's Welcome

Dear First Year Student,

Welcome to the Adelaide Law School for 2021! It is a pleasure to have you join our vibrant and exciting Law School where you will find many challenges, activities and events, both within and outside of your formal study!

I strongly encourage you to familiarise yourself with the services and facilities available to you here. We have a very proud tradition of excellent legal education, dating back over 137 years, as well as a strong desire to look forward to where that education can take you in the 2020s. Obviously, we have all been challenged by the

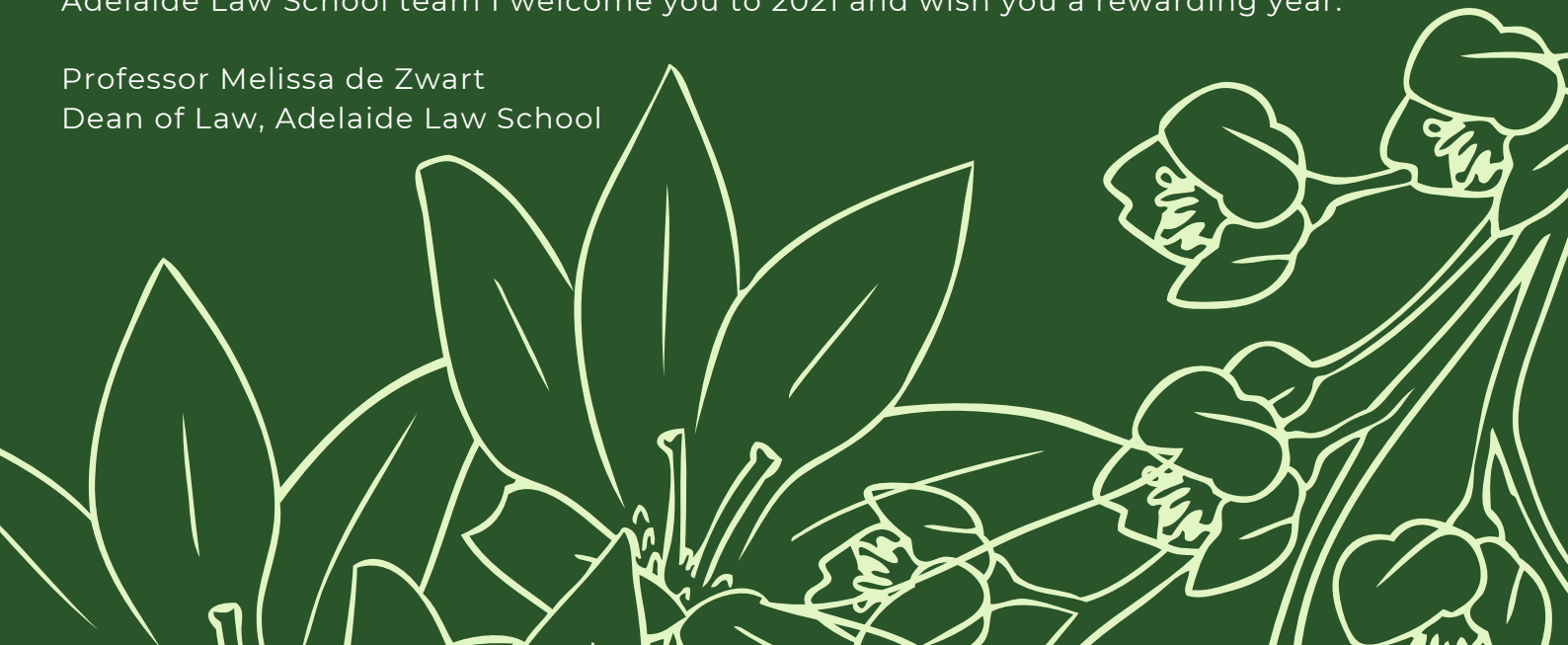
global Coronavirus pandemic, which has resulted in modification of some of our teaching and learning activities and curtailed travel and overseas study tours, but we continue to engage strongly in the world around us and regard ourselves as internationally focused, as well as domestically rigorous.

Throughout your studies you will be supported to understand the law in its context, as well as to consider the role of law in underpinning equality, equity, professionalism, and social justice. We also acknowledge that law will equip you to undertake a range of roles and employment. We encourage you to become critical and analytical thinkers.

Please be aware that the Adelaide Law School staff and the Adelaide University Law Student Society (AULSS) are committed to assisting you during your transition to Law School and on an ongoing basis during your legal education. Ask for help if you need it- we are ready and willing to assist. In this guide you will find a range of handy tips and resources from the AULSS and I commend them on this resource. I also encourage you to take time to get to know your fellow students and to make each other feel welcome. In the meantime, you should familiarise yourself with the Law School website and make sure you remain up to date with communications from the Law School.

I wish you all the best during the next few busy weeks, getting to adjust to your life as a student of the Adelaide Law School and the University of Adelaide. On behalf of the Adelaide Law School team I welcome you to 2021 and wish you a rewarding year.

Professor Melissa de Zwart
Dean of Law, Adelaide Law School



Director's Welcome



*Director of
Education:*
Nadeesha
Indigahawela

Welcome to the Adelaide Law School! My name is Nadeesha and it is my honour to be your Director of Education for 2021! I first want to wish you all a warm congratulations for completing year 12, especially during an incredibly stressful time for many of you, or any previous studies that have led you here! I cannot imagine that it was an easy road, and thus, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!

The Education Portfolio have put together this comprehensive guide for you, to assist you with settling into your first year in Law. We aim to do this further through our various seminars, workshops and events held throughout the year to help you achieve the best you can in your studies, your legal placements and your career beyond Law School. We really hope you enjoy reading this guide, as much as we enjoyed putting it together!

Now that I am in my final year of Law School, I have been doing a great deal of reflection on my first year of University. Like most people, I felt incredibly daunted going into an environment that is known for its fast-paced nature. I won't lie to you; Law is an incredibly challenging degree and one that will cause you to worry excessively about your grades and your job prospects, and constantly be stocked up on coffee from St Raphael's! However, it is also one that I believe to be immensely rewarding. Law forces you to think about problems in a wide range of ways, which instils you with skills that will help you approach new situations through different lenses. Although it is hard at times, it is really important to remember that you are here for a reason: you have been accepted into the program, which means that you have the requisite skills needed to keep persevering through the ebbs and flows of this degree!

Looking back at my first few weeks, I am incredibly glad that I tried my very hardest to make some friends. Luckily for me, I was put into a tour during O'Week with some really sweet people who ended up also being in my Foundations of Law class in the first week of University. These people are still my friends today and one of the main reasons I am so motivated to do my best at Law School and the reason why I love coming to University. The best part of a Law degree is the level of collaborative thinking that you will find yourself doing. My friends challenge my thinking every day and help me to be the best version of myself. This is why my top tip for you all is to reach out to those around you! Everyone is in the same boat as you and is also likely worried that they won't know anyone, let alone survive the pressures of Law School. So, try and push yourself out of your comfort zone and start a conversation with at least 5 new people in O'Week, whether they are a first year student like yourself or an older Law student! You never know, these people that you talk to may end up being your lifelong friends who will be there for you through thick and thin!



Director's Welcome

For this reason, I also encourage you all to come to all the events we are running this year! I specifically wish to invite you to all our first year focused events – the details for these are found throughout this guide. They have been created and scheduled this year to specifically help you through the struggles of Law School and to provide you with extra opportunities and skills to help you shine! We also have a wide range of competitions that, although daunting at first, are an incredible experience and a great way of developing skills, as well as various events run by the Activities Portfolio for you to let loose and meet new people!

Lastly, I want you all to know that myself and the rest of the Education Portfolio are here to ensure that you have a smooth transition into the Adelaide Law School. Thus, if you should have any questions or need any help, at any point this year, please don't be afraid to send me an email (education@aulss.org) or to come say hi and talk to me if you see me around University! The same goes for any of the wonderful Education representatives, who are pictured to the right. We all look forward to meeting each and every one of you throughout the year! We also really look forward to welcoming two of you as part of our team so keep your eyes peeled for information about becoming a First Year Representative!

Good luck to all of you; I hope that you get everything that you want out of Law School this year and in your future studies!

Warmest wishes from,
Nadeesha and the Education Portfolio! xx



Ikhwan Fazli



Bryan Lau



Meet Your AULSS Executive



President:
Peter Tantalos

Welcome to your first year as an Adelaide Law Student and a member of the Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS)!

I remember my first day at law school during orientation. I was quite nervous, as I did not know anyone at law school or in my starting year. However, through the events and opportunities the AULSS offered in my first year, I was able to build connections and friendships which would last for many years and will last beyond law school.

The year 2020 was a tumultuous time for all of us and it sparked a dramatic shift in how we study and work. The AULSS in 2021 is here to make your first year as valuable, eventful and welcoming as possible as you transition into law school life. We are not only here to support you in your first year, but throughout the course of your professional degree.

The AULSS is the student run and student elected organisation that represents all law students at the Adelaide Law School. Our mission as the AULSS is to represent all law students equally, to provide a positive law school experience, and to prepare students for life beyond university. The AULSS is comprised of various portfolios, which are responsible for providing you with important resources and opportunities. Throughout your degree we will support you to connect with professional networks, employment opportunities and growing job sectors; to develop legal and professional skills; to participate in competitions that aim to develop valuable legal and non-legal skills; and to have access to social events which encourage the creation of personal connections. We also advocate and raise awareness on important social justice issues.

The Education Portfolio will be your primary conduit into law school life. Your Education Director, Nadeesha Indigahawela, and her team are driven and passionate to provide you with a smooth transition into law school life. The Education portfolio run annual first year elections, which gives first year students the opportunity to be elected on to the AULSS and represent first year student interests. There are two spots available and I highly encourage you to embrace this opportunity when it presents itself.

Finally, have confidence in your ability to do well in law school. It is a reality that COVID-19 has impacted the employability market and job opportunities in law, a market which was already quite difficult to navigate. However, the reality is that each one of you has made it into this course and each of you has the ability to succeed. We all have had a bad grade now and then, yet that does not define your ability to do well in law school and beyond. My one piece of advice is to seize as many opportunities as you can and participate in AULSS social and professional events.

As your President, I am dedicated to ensuring my committee provide you with the best possible foundation for your time at law school. I look forward to seeing and meeting as many of you at AULSS events in the future. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at president@aulss.org.

Hi First Years! First and foremost, if you're reading this great piece of literature, I would like to firmly remind you to pat yourself on the back at least once a day for the rest of your life - you got into Law School during a pandemic!!! Hooley dooley!! Are you a superhero? Probably (I think so)! Congratulations . That is absolutely incredible and definitely something you should be humbly bragging about on all your social media platforms ASAP if you haven't already.

Whether you'll be here for four years undertaking a single degree, five years doing a double, or like me and are extending your study for as long as possible so you don't have to think about ever properly entering the adult world, I can assure you that your time here at Adelaide Law School will be time well-spent. It truly is such a wonderful institution - flooded with amazing professors, facilities, events, but most importantly, fellow law students (like you) ready to turn into lifelong friends (I promise, this is a thing).

My role as your Vice-President is to look after all of the administrative aspects of the AULSS. While this ranges from duties such as acting as the Public Officer of our Society, to deciding what #merch you'll be decked out in all year, my most important job is to act as a support network for you. While this is yours, this ain't my first time at the rodeo - so please do not hesitate to stop me in person or email me at vp@aulss.org, if you need absolutely anything. I know Law School like the back of my own hand and promise I can point you in the right direction, literally or figuratively speaking.



Vice President:
Annabel Bramley



Treasurer:
Imogen Tonkin

Hi there! Welcome to your first day at Adelaide Law School. It's daunting, I know. I think on my Orientation Day I just went to the main sessions for my courses and then got out as quickly as I can. Top tip: don't do that! My first year was really spent focusing on assignments and going to class, and not much else. Looking back now, I really wish I'd made an effort to make friends with my fellow law students earlier. They would've made law school life (and even study sessions!!) a lot easier. The best advice I could give for your first year is to try and get to know your fellow law students. Come to our First Year Drinks night, or stick around after class for a coffee from Michelle at St Rhaps. Just remember - you're all probably just as nervous as each other, so don't be afraid to strike up a conversation whenever you get the chance.

As your Treasurer, I'll be responsible for handling the day-to-day finances of the AULSS, as well as obtaining sponsorship of our various events and guides by law firms and other organisations. That means that everything we do can be at a much higher standard than it would otherwise. In particular, keep your eye out for events with guest speakers - these will be your best opportunity to hear and learn directly from people working in the field.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our events this year, and please, if you see me around the law school, say hi! I'm always keen to have a chat.



*Director of
Activities:*
Chelsea Chieng

**Reps: Catherine Chhour,
Kirsty McGinlay, Theodora
Sevastidis, and Chloe Winter**

Congrats, you've made it to Law School! We understand first year can feel overwhelming, but the Activities Portfolio is here to provide fun and exciting events to make 2021 an amazing year! These events are the best way to meet new people and make the most out of your Uni experience.

In Semester 1 you can look forward to our annual Opening Party - 'Sue Me' in Week 1 at the Adelaide UniBar to kick off the new year (with free drink cards waiting for you). We then have our iconic 'Pro Vino' wine tour in McLaren Vale, which is a day you cannot miss. Next up, our Tri Varsity Pub Crawl is the perfect chance to mingle with the other universities and is a Uni-student rite of passage. We then glam things up at our annual Law Dinner which is the biggest dinner event of the year! Towards the end of semester we have Alcohol Free events to relieve some stress and then we celebrate with our well-deserved End of Exams Party!

We kick off Semester 2 with a Back to School Party, before we test your trivia knowledge at our annual Quiz Night. The most important event on everyone's social calendar is, of course, our annual LAW BALL at the Adelaide Oval, which is the biggest Uni event in the Southern Hemisphere that you cannot miss! Worlds collide at our Suits and Scrubs party in a rare collaboration with the med students, to spice things up! And finally, we end the year with a bang at our Closing Party - 'Acquit Me'.

Make sure to follow the AULSS social media pages to stay up to date with our events! We cannot wait to see you there xo

Hello! On behalf of the 2021 Careers Portfolio, I wanted to extend a warm welcome to you all! Despite the very normal emotions you are inevitably experiencing, what is most important is that you feel as comfortable and welcome as possible as you start a huge milestone of your life. This is partly what the Careers Portfolio is here to help with! I know it may seem incredibly early to be thinking about your career, however, our portfolio offers more than just helping penultimate and final year students find a job. We are here to support the important process you take from first year to last, by guiding you through career milestones and giving you valuable industry information, which will help you when applying for any job.

The Careers Portfolio will be offering a range of seminars, from discussions with law firms to a 'How to Network' evening led by students. In addition, we also provide the law schools largest publication in the Careers and Clerkship Guide, which is an approachable 'how to' manual for understanding, contacting and applying for firms in and out of the law. These are a few of the many services we will provide you, to help ease the pressure and fear surrounding your career.

I really hope you have an excellent start to your law degree and please do not hesitate to come and say hi whenever you like!



*Director of
Careers:*
Leon Kasperski

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Bhavna Gupta, George
Komninos, Anthony
Luppino and Bella Mickan**

Congratulations! You've made it through your schooling life and your next chapter begins... Uni! While your days may be filled with classes, questions and assignments, the AULSS is here to provide opportunities beyond this day-to-day routine. With competitions, events, career opportunities and more, the possibilities are endless for years to come!

Feeling overwhelmed? Enter the Communications Portfolio! We are the newest portfolio on the AULSS and are here to help provide you with all the opportunities our society has to offer. Whether Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or even Snapchat (*stay tuned*) are your go to social media platform, we are always around to let you know what's on, answer questions and do our absolute best to make your law school experience the best it can possibly be!

You will also find the Hilarian, the AULSS' satirical magazine that embodies the humour and warmth of our law school, on our website and scattered around Ligertwood. Our three editors are excited to bring you issues concerning not only law school, but current events, hobbies and whatever motivation their team has! If you ever want to contribute to the Hilarian Magazine, get in touch by emailing hilarian@aulss.org.

We hope that you're as excited as we are to have you all join us! We hope to bring you a much-needed active year with opportunities at your fingertips! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at communications@aulss.org or send us a message via our Facebook pages.



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and Jenny Jung**



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Neumann, Yihui Alicia Ng and
Riki Theodorakakos**

Welcome to Adelaide Law School! As you enter Ligertwood in 2021, strap in for what could be some of the best years of your life. Making connections with your fellow students is just one way to ensure this and believe me when I say there is no better way to do that than participating in AULSS competitions.

Whether you are looking to improve your confidence, gain valuable employment skills, chase the opportunity to compete nationally or if you're just looking to have a bit of fun, competitions are for everyone! They can be a great way to consolidate and implement what you learn in your courses in a practical sense, without the pressure of making mistakes.

We have a range of competitions suited to first year students including Client Interviewing and the First Year Moot. If competing seems a little daunting to you, you can still be involved, as a volunteer, where you get to act as a client or witness, which may help you as a future competitor! I strongly encourage you to come along to our Competitions Information Night in week 1, to hear from past competitors about what they have gained. The Competitions Portfolio will also be collaborating with the Careers Portfolio to introduce a brand new mentoring workshop to help you improve your skills!

Please remember that myself and the rest of the Competitions Portfolio will always be here to answer any of your questions. Good luck with your first year of law and we hope to see many of your faces soon!



*Director of
Social Justice
and Equity:*
Divya Narayan

**Reps: Alexander Arthur,
Madeline Ellis, William Fay
and Aditi Tamhankar**

Hello, and a big WELCOME to all the fresh faces in the law school. If you are looking for a chance to prove that lawyers too have souls, then the Social Justice and Equity portfolio is here for you!

The Social Justice and Equity portfolio aims to encourage law students to develop a global mindset and a sense of community by providing opportunities for students to get involved in a diverse range of social justice related events, jobs, and volunteering roles. One of the key goals of the portfolio is to ensure that law students have access to experiences and career pathways that are outside the streamline of law subjects and law related careers, as we understand that not every law student wants to be a lawyer at the end of their degree. Thus, we plan to establish better connections with University clubs and a monthly publication where our portfolio will write a short article on relevant social justice issues. We will also be implementing 30-day community “challenges” to encourage students to engage with the law community but in their own way.

You will undoubtedly be flooded in the first few weeks with an overwhelming amount of information but remember, you have 4 or so years to experience everything! Just take it step by step and know that we are here to help make your transition easier.

Contact me at divya.narayan@student.adelaide.edu.au if you have any concerns or questions – no question is silly!

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. As the 2020 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 cohort. Being a part of the AULSS and the Education Portfolio means you get to work with the law 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 allows you to engage and positively contribute to the law school community. For first year students, the role is very 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/ early April 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 Nadeesha Indigahawela at education@aulss.org or stop by the AULSS office and have a chat with a member of our wonderful portfolio!



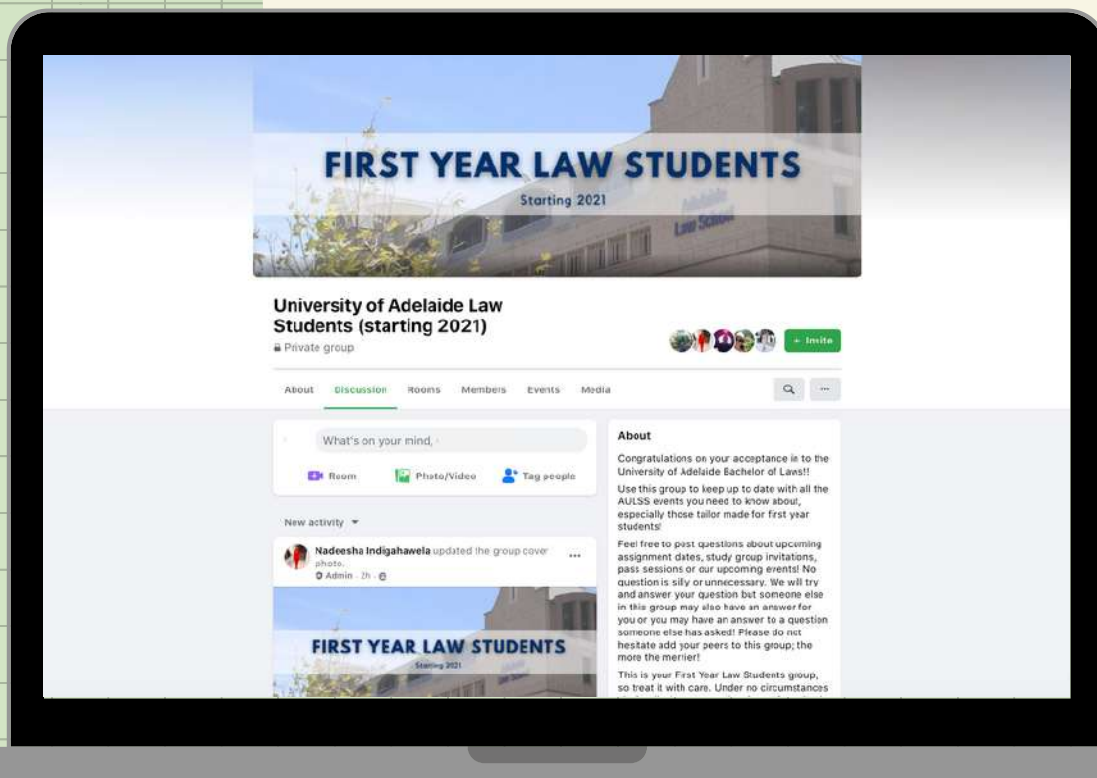
*First Year
Representative?*
Possibly You!

JOIN THE FIRST YEAR FACEBOOK GROUP



This is the dedicated Facebook group for the entire first year cohort. Throughout the year, we will be posting about events, seminar/workshops, advice/tips and general information about what is going on in the Law School. It is also a forum for discussion with your fellow first years.

Make sure to join to keep in the loop!



The AULSS Presents

*First Year
Drinks Night*



at Atlantis Bar & Lounge

This event is the perfect way for you to meet other fellow first years! It will be a fun night out, with the opportunity for you to make long lasting friendships!

12 MARCH 2021
7:00pm till late



The Law Building: Ligertwood

The Ligertwood building (LIGGY for short) is the home of the Adelaide Law School. It was built in 1967 and is located on North Terrace, conveniently right in front of the University tram stop. Don't let the brutalist architecture dissuade you! Here are a few popular places each law student should know about:

LAW LIBRARY

This library has a historic, old school look and a simple walk through the thousands of books is enough to inspire you in your chosen career field. The ground floor is for quiet discussion and study, where you have access to desktop computers, printers, scanners, quiet reading spots and the assistance of our trusted librarians. The lower floor is for quiet study only. We recommend taking an online or in-person tour in the first week to make the best use of all the facilities. Our head librarian Paula Everett is also there to help you with referencing, research and other questions regarding library resources.

AULSS OFFICE

The AULSS Office is located at the entrance level to the LIGGY building. Here you will be able to purchase law ball tickets, pub crawl shirts and other event tickets. You might even be able to score an AULSS-branded keep cup. Feel free to come say hi to our lovely AULSS members!

LAW SCHOOL OFFICE

The Law School office is there to answer any enquiries you may have about your law degree. They can help you plan your degree out, plan your timetable or speak to you about personal needs and can assist you in creating alternative exam arrangements. They are located on the ground floor of the Ligertwood Building. They are contactable by phone on (08) 8313 5063 and by email on lawenquiry@adelaide.edu.au.

CHILL SPOTS

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 Courtyard is a perfect place to relax and enjoy some Vitamin D. The ground floor of the library has couches and tables to meet as well. Just outside the law building (or inside the foyer when the weather is rubbish), you'll find St Raph's coffee. Michelle, the lovely barista, has a wizard-like memory and will remember your coffee order every time. This is the perfect spot to fuel up before your 9am seminar.

Degree Structure

Single Degree

FIRST YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 1501 - Foundations of Law
- Law 1507 - Tort Law
- 2 x Open Electives

Semester 2:

- LAW 1504 - Principles of Public Law
- LAW 1508 - International Law
- 2 x Open Electives

SECOND YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 1509 - Commercial Transactions
- LAW 2599 - Criminal Law
- 2 x Open or Closed Electives

Semester 2:

- LAW 1510 - Contract Law
- LAW 1511 - Property Law
- 2 x Open or Closed Electives

THIRD YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 2502 - Equity
- LAW 2501 - Australian Constitutional Law
- 2 x Closed Electives

Semester 2:

- LAW 2598 - Corporate Law
- LAW 2504 - Administrative Law
- 2 x Closed Electives

FOURTH YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 3501 - Dispute Resolution and Ethics (6 units)
- 2 x Closed Electives

Semester 2:

- LAW 3502 - Evidence and Advocacy (6 units)
- 2 x Closed Electives

Double Degree

FIRST YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 1501 - Foundations of Law
- Law 1507 - Tort Law
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

Semester 2:

- LAW 1504 - Principles of Public Law
- LAW 1508 - International Law
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

SECOND YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 1509 - Commercial Transactions
- LAW 2599 - Criminal Law
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

Semester 2:

- LAW 1510 - Contract Law
- LAW 1511 - Property Law
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

THIRD YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 2502 - Equity
- 1 x Closed Elective
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

Semester 2:

- LAW 2598 - Corporate Law
- 1 x Closed Elective
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

FOURTH YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 2501 - Australian Constitutional Law
- 1 x Closed Elective
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

Semester 2:

- LAW 2504 - Administrative Law
- 1 x Closed Elective
- 2 x Second Degree Courses

FIFTH YEAR

Semester 1:

- LAW 3501 - Dispute Resolution and Ethics (6 units)
- 2 x Closed Electives

Semester 2:

- LAW 3502 - Evidence and Advocacy (6 units)
- 2 x Closed Electives

Degree Structure

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. Core subjects of your degree have to be completed by all students, which are called the Priestley 11. The rest of the units are made up with electives, giving you the opportunity to study in areas of specialised interest. The above degree plans show the typical time-frame and combination of subjects a student will take throughout their studies.

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, whilst 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>. Keep in mind that some electives can also be undertaken in summer or winter school – just remember to stay on top of your degree requirements!

DOUBLE DEGREE

Many of you would have chosen to complete your Bachelor of Laws concurrently with another degree. Your degree plan will look different to that of a single degree and usually be five years instead of four. There are examples of concurrent study plans available on 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. However, due to COVID-19, it is unclear if and when it will be possible to go on an exchange. If you're thinking of going on exchange, and it becomes viable, it is important to plan ahead as your degree plan will be slightly altered.

MORE INFO

If you require further information, assistance with enrolment, or would like advice on how to structure your degree to best suit your areas of interest, contact the Adelaide Law School on (08) 8313 5063 or email: lawenquiry@ask.adelaide.edu.au



Core Subjects for First Semester

Foundations of Law (Law 1501)

Foundations of Law will be your first step into the life of a law student. In addition to the fundamental doctrines of the law, this course will also introduce you to the way that lawyers think and approach the scenarios before them. While students who took legal studies in High School may find themselves at an advantage in the first couple weeks, this course will cover a wider array of content in more significant detail. By the fourth week of classes, the content discussed will likely be new to all of you.

Foundations of Law begins with an explanation of the hierarchy of courts in Australia and the doctrine of precedent. In addition to the classroom activities that will reinforce this knowledge, the Court Report assignment will give you an opportunity to witness first-hand the procedures of a legal trial. Later on, you will be introduced to keystone skills such as legal research, case reading, the IRAC structure for legal writing and the tools of statutory interpretation. The seminars will give you an opportunity to practice these skills, which will then be tested through the Case Analysis and Statutory Interpretation Assignment. Finally, you'll finish the course with an introduction to the unique legal systems of Australia's indigenous people and basic legal philosophy through in-class discussions of positivism and natural law. The Statutory Interpretation & Indigenous Perspectives & Legal Theory Assignment will assess your understanding of these systems.

While this may seem like a lot of content for just one course, it's crucial to remember that this is a gradual learning process and that you will be supported by your fantastic seminar leaders, lecturers and, of course, the AULSS. Best of all, this subject will allow you to meet your 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!

Tort Law (LAW 1507)

Ever thought about the legal implications of finding a snail in the bottom of a bottle of a drink you just bought? Or your neighbour's dog barking at ungodly hours every night? What about a boy who pulled a chair out just as someone was about to sit down? All of these disputes come under Tort Law. A tort is derived from the French word for 'a wrong'. It is the branch of law that covers most civil disputes; it protects people from the negligence 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 one of the first substantive law subjects to start off your degree. You will quickly learn that there is no limit to human stupidity and think to yourself "do these people really exist" or "why would anyone do something like that". Torts explores an array of real-life and hypothetical scenarios, in both tutorials and lectures. Some of you may choose to do the seminars online (thanks Covid), but rest assured that the excellent teaching staff of the law school will ensure the high quality of teaching both online and in person.

Throughout the course, you'll cover a general introduction of the law of torts with a particular focus on the law of negligence. A range of other torts that are examined may include trespass to person, nuisance and vicarious liability. The course consists of two written assignments and a quiz, so you will get plenty of feedback on your writing style and approach to problem questions before the final exam.

Core Subjects for Second Semester

International Law (LAW 1508)

International Law is a new sphere of law and is a very unique subject in your law degree. You will be introduced to the law of treaties (or conventions) and the grey area that is customary international law and how it becomes “customary”. Taught by Dale Stephens, Rebecca LaForgia and Matthew Stubbs, this subject is one of the favourites amongst many first years.

You will study a wide range of topics. Law of the Sea will teach you about who has rights in parts of the oceans, how far this extends and what can be done in the oceans, whilst Space Law gives you an introduction to the laws governing space activities, mining of asteroids and the repercussions of stealing astronauts. International Humanitarian Law and Law of Armed Conflict is always a favourite topic for students and includes the consideration of how Australia manages its human rights obligations and Dale and Rebecca having a respectful political disagreement. The course also investigates the technique of international fact finding and the process in achieving peaceful settlement of international law disputes.

The course will start with a small online quiz, followed by 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 (Law 1504)

After the end of your first semester in law, you might be asking yourself hard questions such as ‘is law really the right path for me?’ and ‘why is there so much reading?’. While Principles of Public Law may not be the solution to life's great issues, it will introduce you to an exciting new branch of the law – Public Law in Australia.

Taught by the incredible Cornelia Koch, PPL will be your pathway to understanding the Federal and State Constitutions, as well as the relationship between the three constitutional arms: the judiciary, the executive and the legislature. Moreover, it will introduce the importance and function of representative and responsible government. Later on, you and your peers will consider the (in)famous Boilermakers case and the subsequent cases that derived from this. The last few weeks of your semester will be focused on developing your understanding of human rights law in Australia, eventually culminating in the Human Rights Advocacy oral assignment, where you will present a solution to a human rights issue. Along with the Parliamentary Inquiry Submission assignment in Week 2, these exercises will be an opportunity for you to brush up on essential skills, like legal writing and research, within a small group setting.

PPL is definitely a subject to put effort into though as it will provide a crucial foundation for your future coursework in Constitutional and Administrative Law. So make sure to stay on top of the readings, lectures and seminars so you don't fall far behind! NEVER forget to finish your pre-lecture quiz (worth 2.5% each, for a total of 20%) before the start of your next lecture – that percentage may seem like a tiny figure but you'll be surprised how many students have missed out on a D or HD just because they forgot to submit one of those quizzes.

Tips and Tricks for First Year

- **Find your best study habits.**
 - If you benefit from doing the readings, do them; if you don't, find a different way to learn that same information. If you are a visual learner, try mind maps; if you are an auditory learner, find the audiobook version of the textbook! Or if you like working collaboratively with others, see if you can form a study group.
 - Essentially, try and find habits that work for you! Most importantly, remember to evaluate these habits – if they are not working, don't be afraid to change them! University is all about learning in every sense.
- **Stay on top of your work, as much as possible.**
 - There is nothing worse than coming to exam time and being in over your head because you fell behind and then struggled to catch up. This does happen to the best of us so don't stress too much if you are falling behind, but try and prioritise the tasks that are most important to your learning so you are getting the most out of your studying and so you can get back on track faster!
 - On that, try and start your exam prep as early as you can! If you stay on top of your seminar preparation and notes, these can form a great basis for your exam process notes.
- **Another thing to stay on top of are your degree requirements.**
 - These can change constantly and are different for everyone, especially if you are doing a double degree, so try your best to keep track of these changes so you can finish your degree at the time that you have set for yourself.
- **Never be afraid to ask for help, especially from students in older year levels.**
 - I promise, they are not scary! Older students have been through the same trials that you'll be facing. They can give you invaluable tips and advice on how to get through your first year ordeals, as they really want to help you to do the best that you can!
 - Sign up for our mentorship program if you would like to form a one on one connection with an older student! We will be starting as early as week 2 but you can join the program whenever you like!
- **Put your hand up for as many as opportunities that come your way, especially those you are interested in!**
 - You may think as a first year that you will not be chosen over all the older and seemingly better candidates, but you will never know unless you try! You may have skills and qualities that you may be able to offer which are absolutely perfect for the opportunity, despite lacking typical law related experiences. However, at the end of the day, if you don't get the result that you are wanting, it is a great experience nonetheless, and is likely one where you will develop skills that will hold you in good stead for any other things you try in the future!

Tips and Tricks for First Year

- **Don't feel the need to have an amazing law job sorted by week 2!**
 - It is important to keep in mind as you start your first year in law that everyone moves and develops at different speeds! You could possibly try volunteering at a Legal Centre instead or even outside of law!
 - Don't underestimate the importance of a non-legal part-time job either. Employers value candidates who have demonstrated consistent work-life-study balance!
- **Join the 'University Of Adelaide Law Students - Starting 2021' Facebook page!**
 - We will be posting updates about opportunities and events tailored specifically to first years.
- **Get involved in competitions.**
 - It may be a very daunting thing to sign up for a competition but the AULSS' Competitions Portfolio offers a wide range of competitions for a variety of different skill levels - see the page on this for more information!
- **Go to as many AULSS events as possible!**
 - Not only are our events incredibly fun, they are the best way of making friends!
 - We also run really informative events that will help you to achieve the most out of your law degree.
- **Apply for the First Year Representative position and any AULSS positions that become available over the year.**
 - This is a great way of developing skills very early on in your degree, from leadership and organisation to collaboration and communication. In these positions, you will also form connections with a wide range of students, whether that be with students in your year level or older!
- **Lastly, don't be too hard on yourself.**
 - Law school is a learning curve, and thus, don't be disheartened if you don't get the grade you were hoping for. Try and look at the bigger picture: one grade does not define you, but it can be a great tool for motivation! Everyone progresses differently so you have just got to try your hardest and prioritise what you value most.

"I wish I knew about the many volunteering opportunities that were available for first years in Legal Community Centres. Trying to find work experience in a big law firm is not essential and almost impossible to get in first year, so volunteering is a really good way to gain some valuable work experience."

- Riki

"Don't be scared to get involved with everything that law school offers. From events, to competitions, to PASS classes, each and every opportunity is designed to benefit us."

- Shivani

"Going into my first semester, I wish I knew that I wasn't the only one struggling with the learning curve post-high school, and that you're not supposed to understand the Boilermakers judgement until you read it for the 8th time. Of course, if you haven't been graced with said case judgement from public law, I fear for your soul when it comes."

- Annie



THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO PRESENTS

FIRST YEAR Q & A SESSION

Come along to have all your questions answered that may have arisen as you navigated your first few weeks of Law School!

WEDNESDAY WEEK 5

24 MARCH 2021

6:00PM

LOCATION TBC

Readings and Lectures

READINGS

Readings form the basis of much of what you learn in law school. Depending on the class, you will be prescribed cases, statutes, and commentary, all of which expand upon what you will cover in your lectures. It's easy to be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of reading that you are expected to tackle in your first year (especially during this current format of semi-online classes). Don't fret; just try to stay organised (make sure to schedule times for readings!) and get through as much as you can. A lot of law readings can be dense and dry, but don't get bogged down in the weeds by trying to understand every detail, as having a broad understanding is often good enough. With practice, you will find that you are able to read selectively and identify key points – a skill that is essential for anyone who chooses to practice law.

Many classes will rely significantly on a prescribed textbook. These are usually very useful in condensing key information and explaining things in a straightforward manner (unlike many cases), so it's worth your time reading them. Although they're ridiculously expensive, these textbooks are prescribed for a reason and you're expected to have access to them (pro tip: buying them secondhand online on platforms such as Adelaide Uni Law Chats on Facebook is a lot cheaper and you can always resell them again).

LECTURES

Most of your lectures will be online this year. Online lectures are exactly like face to face lectures minus the travel time to campus and more often than not, you will be able to watch these at any time you like. However, keep in mind that some online lectures are similar to seminars where there is a set time in which students are expected to join a zoom class! Some of your lectures may even be face to face – make sure you enrol in a face to face class, if that is the one you are hoping to attend! Although attendance is not always compulsory, it is still highly encouraged. To make the most out of your lectures, either open a word document or print off the slides beforehand so you can jot down notes. Don't stress if you miss something because all lectures are recorded so you can refer back to them later. Since you now can attend a 'live' lecture in the comforts of your own home for some classes, you should be able to attend all of your lectures easily – having to binge a semester's worth of content during exam season is miserable stuff.

We understand that staying motivated during online lectures can be quite difficult. But fear not because there are several ways to maintain that drive! If you are sick of your home, we recommend attending your online lectures in a conducive environment, such as a library or a nice quiet spot in the city, which will also provide you with some fresh air to keep you focused. Another tip would be to get rid of as many distractions as possible. Many students fall into the temptation of using their phones or surfing the internet during online lectures. If possible, either lock your phone in a different place or download an anti-procrastination app (e.g. Forest: Stay Focused); it really makes a difference.

POST LECTURE

We recommend reading the prescribed pages of the textbook after the lecture, with an emphasis on areas you found difficult to understand the first time around. An important skill you'll develop over time is skimming through a text for what's relevant and what isn't. After a while, you'll be able to read more strategically, focusing on the important parts of the topic that the lecturer discussed. It will also be helpful to compile your lecture notes into your exam notes after a lecture. This will save you a lot of time and stress during the exam period.

PRE-SEMINAR

We cannot stress how important it is to prepare for a seminar before it starts. You are expected to at least read and attempt the problem question. Even making some dot points is worthwhile. If you are struggling with the problem questions, it will be extremely helpful if you write down a list of questions to ask on the day of the seminar. Even if you haven't prepared at all, seminars are still worth attending because you'll still learn from them.

POST SEMINAR

You've watched the lecture(s), gone to your seminar, and hopefully read some of the readings. The chances are that at no other point will your brain know more about this topic, so don't waste it: start writing some notes! Compile the information you've learnt into an accessible summary that identifies the key cases and principles. Some students write out their notes physically, but most type because of how easy it is to edit them. Whatever method you choose, writing out your notes as you go is immeasurably useful and maybe the best advice you'll receive at law school. Having to relearn topics and write up your notes from scratch come exam time is excessively stressful.

SEMINARS

Attend your seminars! This is the place where the content you learnt in the lecture is put into practice and often 'clicks'. It's okay to miss a seminar here and there, as most of the answers will be posted on MyUni. However, you will be missing the actual discussion in the seminar, which usually helps you understand the reasoning behind the answers. Some courses do have a participation grade or a hurdle requirement, so be sure to keep that in mind. During the seminar, engage with the tutor and your fellow students by asking and answering questions, to get the most out of your time. You're all there to learn together, so don't feel embarrassed about speaking up.

If you're taking an online seminar, try to participate as you normally would in a classroom setting. Interact as much as you can with your fellow students online. You could even exchange contact details and catch up for coffee with your newfound friends! Just because it's online doesn't mean you can't meet new people.

Seminars

Answering a Short Answer Question

As the name suggests, short answer questions usually consist of a series of questions that require more concise and critical answers compared to standard essay questions. This is not an easy task, however, practicing these types of questions will be especially helpful in refining your technique.

What is the most common mistake?

- Effective short answers will demonstrate to your marker that you understand the key legal principles or ideas referred to in the question. A common mistake that law students make is that we are often overly descriptive of the relevant legal principles, rather than actually responding and engaging to the question asked by setting out an argument or position.

How do I approach my short answer and thus, avoid making this mistake?

- Start by looking carefully at the question to ensure that you understand what you are being asked to. You need to distinguish whether you are being asked to 'describe' an issue, to 'discuss' it (which requires analysing both sides), to 'argue' a specific perspective or to 'compare or contrast' both sides of a critical issue.
- Once you have identified this, you can set out your primary argument. Make sure that your position is strong, clear and relevant. While you should acknowledge potential counter-arguments, your answer should overcome them using evidence. Keep in mind of course that your outline does not have to be perfect. Its main purpose is to simply make sure that you stay focused and don't forget your main points.

How do I format my short answer?

- Introduction
 - Outline your position on the topic, while giving the marker a sense of what key points you intend to use to support your answer. You may also wish to briefly introduce the contextual background of the issue by explaining (and not merely describing) the relevant legal principle.
- Key points (3-5 is recommended)
 - Try to include a paragraph for each critical point. Ensure that you start a paragraph with a topic sentence that asserts your point of view. Your paragraph should include specific examples to use as supporting evidence for your arguments. Lastly, end your paragraph with a sentence that links well to the next paragraph!
- Conclusion
 - Restate an overview of your points. Depending on the question, you might also want to include a comment on the future of the relevant issue based on past trends.

Should you require further support, you can check out our page on Academic Assistance for a summary of the various educational resources available to you!

Answering a Problem Question

At school or in previous studies you will undoubtedly have done assignments before, but none compare to a law problem question! A key difference is that there is no “100% right answer” with legal questions. The entire aim is to apply the law in order to advise your client as to the best or most likely outcome of a particular situation of competing legal rights.

1. The first step in answering any problem question is to read the information provided, with particular regard to the question, very carefully.
 - a. You can do any method that works for you, but most people like to skim read first and then read carefully, whilst highlighting the key points.
 - b. It is really important to read the question, as it almost always directs you to the particular topic that your lecturers want you to focus on.
 - c. Also remember that all the information you will need is already provided to you in the given set of facts. There will be no need to do a deep dive to find more information in order to answer your question effectively.
2. Next, be aware of who you are advising, as this may change your approach to answering the question.
 - a. Should there be multiple legal claims involved, be sure to deal with each party separately in order to ensure your answer is coherent.
3. Once you have identified the parties involved, you will have to start identifying the key legal issues.
 - a. Try and see if you can formulate initial arguments while you are identifying these issues.
4. Apply **IRAC** – don't worry if you have never heard of this, you will learn it in Foundations of Law (and, briefly, on page 25)!
 - a. This is where your approach to a question may differ from another person. Some people prefer to set out their answer specifically related to the IRAC formula, whilst others do this more loosely. As long as it is clear to the marker that you not only understand the issue and its respective legal rule, but are also able to apply said rule to the facts, you will be okay! Hence, it is important that you are able to clearly demonstrate your identification of the issues in the facts and your understanding of the relevant rules of law.

Answering a Problem Question

ISSUE

What is the legal question the court is being asked to answer on these facts? (i.e. 'A' is the aggrieved party – what action will A bring so that A can be compensated?)

RULE

This is the principle of law/ precedent that currently stands to resolve the dispute. If the rule comes from case law, this is the ratio decidendi (reason for the decision). If the rule is contained in statute, this is the relevant provision. Sometimes the rule is obvious, whilst at other times, you may have to work to figure it out. The rule can sometimes, and most often is, a mix of various rules learnt throughout your course from different cases. Thus, you have to clearly explain the rule you are using. A good point to remember is that every piece of law you used must have a citation, preferably from a primary source such as case law or legislation.

APPLICATION (OF THE RULES TO THE FACTS)

This is where you will get most of your marks, as this is where you will articulate your reasoning. Stating the rule is not enough; you need to apply the rule effectively. You must step through, as clearly as possible, how the rule applies to the particular facts. How is the given scenario factually similar to (or distinguishable) from a previous case? When you are arguing the legal issue, try to consider both sides of your argument – bonus points if you can raise any arguments of the opposing party and counter them with further legal reasoning! Notably, applying the rule to the facts is the only way you can arrive at a tentative conclusion, which is the final step to the IRAC method.

CONCLUSION

Your conclusion will be based on what you have determined during your legal reasoning. It is a good idea to not speak in absolute certainties. For example, it is preferable to say something like 'A is likely to succeed in an action for negligence' rather than 'Therefore, A WILL succeed in this action'. This is because in reality you cannot be certain of the exact outcome of a legal action against another person, only the likeliness of the success of the action itself. However, read the question carefully and keep in mind what specifically your lecturer is wanting, as they may want you to conclude more definitively.



The Education Portfolio Presents

Problem and Short Answer Questions 101

Are you struggling on how to start your fast approaching assignment or just want some tips and tricks? Then this seminar is perfect for you!

Wednesday 24 March (Week 4)
at 2:00PM


Location: Moot Court





THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO PRESENTS

LEGAL RESEARCH AND AGLC 101






Wednesday Week 5

31 March 2021

2:00PM

Location: Moot Court

This seminar is perfect for learning all the ins and outs of researching and (hopefully) getting a handle on the elusive AGLC!



ENROL IN THE LIBRARY LAW ESSENTIALS MODULE!

Go to <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/library-services/training> and scroll down to 'Library Law Essentials'. If you click enrol, this will take you to the MyUni module; you can then add this to your dashboard!

How to Create a Case Summary

Reading, understanding and summarising legal cases effectively may be a difficult skill, but it is an extremely valuable one. Cases (especially 70-page judgments!) are, for most of us, confusing to read let alone actually make sense of. It's easy to lose heart, but the key to staying on track (and sane!) is to follow a reasonable process when reading cases.

1

Read the Headnote and Catchwords, and then skim through the text: These will give you a rough idea about the key points of the case (an unsurprising tool that will help us later).

2

Re-read the case before you start highlighting: Based on the general understanding of the case that you have hopefully developed (it does not have to be perfect!), start highlighting the key points that you wish to include in your summary. While you may be haunted by the wish to highlight every second line, keep in mind how horrifying it'd be to have to wade through that during a timed open-book exam.

3

Jot down specific details: Now that you've identified the key features of the case, you can start organising these details into a written summary for better understanding in the future. Below are the things that should absolutely be listed in your case summary:

- The case citation (i.e. *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* (1992) 175 CLR 1)
 - This is crucial in problem questions to demonstrate legal authority. Always remember to note the date of the case here too.
- Name of the court and judge(s) - was it a joint or separate judgment?
 - Note that this will appear on the headnote and that up to 7 judges can be included in a decision depending on the court. By identifying the name of the court involved, you will be able to work out the court's jurisdiction and if there is any binding precedent on other courts based on the decision.
- Identify which party is the plaintiff and which is the defendant
 - 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.
- Remedy/ Orders sought What did the plaintiff/applicant/appellant want?
 - Prior proceedings If the case had been heard before, you may wish to consider what happened in the lower courts. This may give greater background to the facts of the case/ the legal issue at hand.

4

Identify the facts of the case: To keep things brief and convenient to remember, using dot points would be highly recommended. Having an understanding of the facts regarding the contextual backgrounds of cases is important so that you can draw distinctions or analogies to the case scenarios that come up in the problem questions that you'll be facing. Keep in mind that effective usage of analogies can mean the difference between a Distinction and a High Distinction.

How to Create a Case Summary

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Make sure to pinpoint the legal issue at hand: Similar to what you will have to do in a problem question, identifying the issue of law that the court is discussing in the matter is important for the way that you will frame your own discussion. Consider the cause of action on both sides, as their respective arguments will help you to determine what the legal issue is.

6

Note the Outcome/decision: What did the judge decide, or if there was more than one judge, what did the majority believe? Who was successful in the case? If it was an appeal, was the appeal upheld or denied? Were the sought orders/remedies awarded? If so, to whom?

7

Consider the Reasoning: This is the process used by judges to come to their decision. Trace their arguments in the judgment, including any dissenting judgments. This is likely to constitute the substantive part of the summary, which most of your words in a summary will be used on.

8

Identify the ratio decidendi and obiter dicta: The 'ratio' is the principle of law or the legal reason which was necessary for the court to come to its decision; The ratio should be able to be subsequently applied to future cases. In other words, it will set a precedent for future courts to decide matters involving similar facts. The 'obiter' is separate from the ratio but it can be confusing for students to get. Don't stress too much if you struggle to differentiate between the two, because you'll get plenty of practice during your first year.

9

Identify the obiter dicta: The 'obiter' refers to the 'other comments' in passing that the judge(s) have made throughout the judgment. These are legal points of law which, while substantive, were not specifically necessary for the core legal decisions made in the case. A good indicator of obiter is where a judge might state that if the facts were different in X way, then Y would be the result.

10

Comment on the impact of the judgment: How was it significant? Did it lead to a legal principle being established? What does this mean for future cases? How does it affect the public? Understanding its impact will be useful for assignments requiring an analysis of relevant cases.

At the end of the day, these steps are supposed to help you to understand the case, so be sure to use them to help you formulate a cohesive summary that is in your own words!

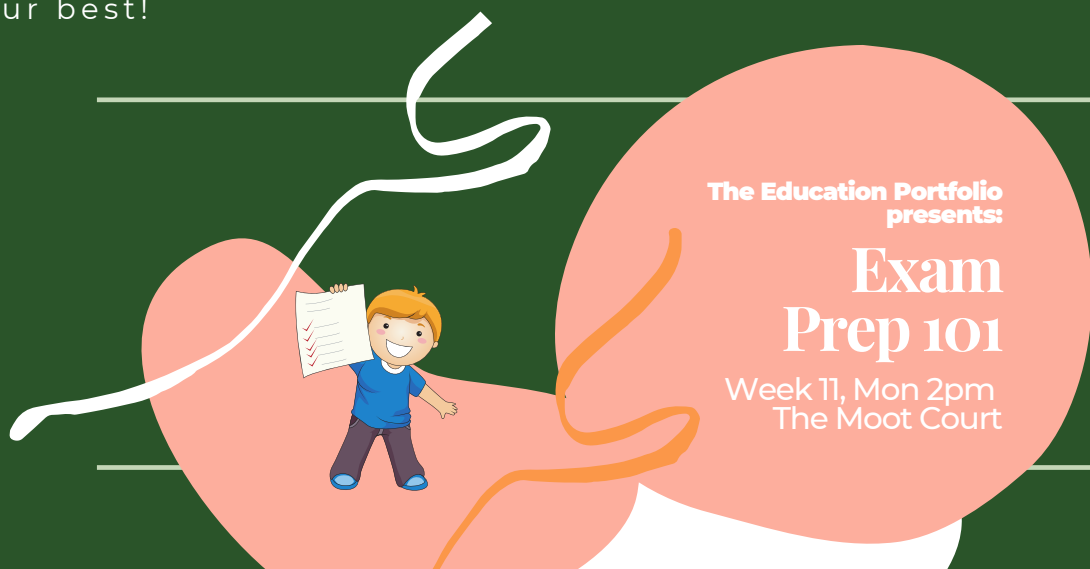
Exam Preparation

Exam time is undoubtedly a stressful time for most students, especially if you have fallen behind during the semester. Thus, the best advice we can give you is to prepare using your own notes! By this, we specifically mean that you should aim to have 1-3 pages for each topic in a course – keep in mind that this may be longer for topics that are quite extensive! The easiest way to create these notes for your exam is through your seminar notes, as you will likely have gone through a very clear process on how to approach the particular topic of focus for that week. Many people like to create notes that almost act as a process or a skeleton answer. Of course, this is different for everyone. As long as you can understand your notes and they are as concise as possible, there is no wrong way to condense or create them.

You should also format your notes in a way that works for you, but a few suggestions include having each topic start on a new page and tabbing each section in different colours for ease of access. It will also be useful to have numbered pages with a corresponding contents page, as this will save you lots of time in the exam! If exams are to be online again this year, we would recommend creating a hyperlinked contents page through the contents page function on word, as you can go directly to a specific section in your notes. This is especially useful if your notes are on the longer side!

Remember to review your notes! You can do this by doing as many practice exams as you can! Your notes are your greatest asset and by practicing with past exams and questions, you will understand the structure of your upcoming exams. Your lecturer should provide you with past exams in Week 11 or 12, however, if they don't, I'm sure that many older students would be happy to help – try posting in the Adelaide Law Chats Facebook Group! It is a good idea to have your notes done before SWOTVAC or at least one and a half to two weeks before the exam, in order to allow yourself enough time to effectively practice with your notes and make any subsequent revisions.

Lastly, when you are doing the exam, remember to stay calm and trust that you have prepared as much as you can with your notes! Just try to do your best!



Do ever wish you had someone that you can ask questions of or advice from? We know how stressful your first year of University can be, which is why the Education Portfolio have launched our Mentorship Program where first year students will be matched up to a mentor in their third to fifth year of study. This will be an informal buddy system that will allow you to reach out to your buddy whenever you are struggling or if you would just like to chat! There are no set topics nor set times to meet but we will email you with some possible topics of conversation to get the ball rolling and recommend that you meet at least five times a semester! The best part? You can sign up at any time in the semester!



*The Education Portfolio
presents their inaugural*

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STARTING IN WEEK 2

Sign up details will be emailed soon!



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FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

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7:30PM - LATE

CAREERS X EDUCATION

HEADSTART SEMINAR

Overwhelmed by the thought of needing a clerkship sorted in first year? Not sure on what employers are looking for? Join the education and careers portfolios as they outline the different employment and volunteering options available to law students in their early years, alongside the skills and experience employers are looking for.

**THURSDAY WEEK 9
12TH MAY 2021
11:00AM
LOCATION TBC**

Careers for Early Years of Law School

It is incredibly daunting to think about job prospects after university, which is further exacerbated by everyone around you seeming to have some sort of clerkship or internship. However, as a first year student, you do not immediately have to feel like you already have to have an internship – or even scarier yet, a job lined up after university! These following pages outline a variety of volunteering opportunities available to you, including both within and outside of law. Not only are they extremely rewarding, but they provide you with various skills that will prove incredibly useful when it comes time for you to apply for clerkships in your penultimate and final years of study. We have also put together a list of skills that you should start developing!

VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

Roma Mitchell Community Legal Centre (RMCLC).

The RMCLC is a non-government funded organisation that provides free pre-booked sessions with practicing solicitors who provide free legal advice to individuals on a range of legal topics. As the RMCLC solely relies on client donations, volunteers are greatly appreciated and necessary to assist in the operation of the centre. As a volunteer, you will either weekly or fortnightly shifts on Monday from 4.30-7.30pm or Thursday from 4.30-7.30pm. These shifts are flexible and dependent on the availability of volunteers.

- Location: 110 The Parade, Norwood SA 5067
- Website: http://clcvolunteers.net.au/clc_details.php?id=da2a8f202ff5845a89bff37f6c6ed6f7
- How to apply: Applications with a copy of your resume and a cover letter can be sent at any time to rmclc@ozemail.com.au with a CC to patrickrmclc@gmail.com.

Women's Information Services (WIS).

The Women's Information Services is part of the Office for Women government organisation that works towards achieving positive change for women by collaborating with women's groups, community organisations and the private sector. WIS aims to increase access to information that promotes choice and empowerment by providing information to South Australian women online, over the phone and in person. Although not directly related to Law, being a WIS volunteer is a rewarding experience and one in which you will develop a myriad of skills that will be useful for future clerkships! The WIS has a wide variety of volunteering programs so be sure to check out their website for more detail.

- Location: 101 Grenfell St, Adelaide SA 5000
- Website: <https://officeforwomen.sa.gov.au/womens-information-service/volunteering-programs>
- How to apply: Choose a volunteering program and sign up through the website.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM).

The ALRM is a not-for-profit and independent Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. The aim of ALRM is to assist Aboriginal people, particularly those in prison or detained in custody, with relieving their poverty, and the consequences of their dispossession and social misfortune. Those who have an interest in Aboriginal rights and/or criminal law are highly recommended to apply for a volunteering position. Your role will mainly consist of administrative tasks such as book-keeping, financial counselling and legal research.

- Location: 321-325 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000
- Website: <http://www.alrm.org.au/volunteer/>
- How to apply: Applications for volunteers are accepted through ALRM on a rolling basis. You will be required to submit an online form, including your resume, to the website listed above.

Careers for Early Years of Law School

SKILLS TO START DEVELOPING (AND HOW)

There are a variety of skills you will need (and probably already have) that will be helpful to you when you undertake future internships and clerkships, but below are a few of the main ones that you should start developing and examples of how you may be able to do so!

- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
 - Communication is one of the most important skills that you could have for any type of work but especially a law related job! By communication, we mean a variety of things. Not only will you need to be able to communicate with your colleagues but also with clients and important individuals.
 - You can develop these skills in a variety of ways from competing in AULSS Competitions, such as Client Interviewing and Mooting, to having a part-time job in retail, in which you develop interpersonal skills by chatting to customers in order to assist them with their specific needs. You may also develop these skills through volunteer programs.
- Organisation and Time Management
 - Working in a law firm part time during your studies or as a graduate lawyer means you have to have great organisational skills and time management. This is as the law is a fast paced field where you will have a variety of priorities and tasks that will need to be juggled effectively, in order to complete them all. As such, it is important to develop these skills early.
 - Being a University student inevitably requires you to develop such skills in order to excel at University, however, you can further develop and illustrate this skill by participating in extracurricular activities and part-time work whilst completing your studies!
- Leadership and Teamwork Skills
 - At a law firm, you will be required to work collaboratively with others and may even be required to take the lead on certain projects (of course, with the supervision of another lawyer if you are a clerk!), and thus, having these skills will be important.
 - A great way of developing these skills is through being part of the AULSS! Being a committee member or part of the executive, in future years, will allow you to work effectively in a team and will allow you to flourish as a leader. Other ways to develop these skills include working collaboratively with others or being a manager at work, as well as participating in team sports.
- Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills
 - As a lawyer, you will need to be quick on your feet and be able to come up with various solutions to problems. You will begin learning these skills when writing your assignments and thus, it is (sometimes) important to come up with a variety of solutions to these questions before choosing the strongest. As always, you can also develop these skills through AULSS Competitions and part-time work.
- Passion and Hobbies
 - This last suggestion is less of a skill and more an option that will prove useful in interviews. Many law firms wish to find out what your interests are outside of Law, so it is important to ensure that you have hobbies and interests that you are passionate about. More importantly, these will also keep you sane through your Law degree!
 - Any passion or hobby is great, as long as you enjoy yourself!

AULSS Competitions

First Year Moot:

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. The preliminary rounds are held on a Saturday, whilst the final rounds are held during the week in the evening.

Suitability for First Years: 5/5

Client Interviewing:

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! This competition requires a minimal amount of preparation making it a competition that may entice first years!

Suitability for First Years: 4/5

Negotiations:

These 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, however, keep in mind that the skills needed for such a competition might be some that first year students are yet to develop.

Suitability for First Years: 3/5

Novice Moot:

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: 2/5

Criminal Law Moot:

The Criminal Law Moot is a brand new competition that is tailored towards students who have already completed the Criminal Law course. It requires competitors to provide written and oral submissions on an appellate criminal case and may cover a range of concepts from the practice area.

Suitability for First Years: 2/5

Open Moot:

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

Suitability for First Years: 1/5

Witness Examination:

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: 1/5

Mergers & Acquisitions:

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 making it more suited to students in later years.

Suitability for First Years: 1/5

Have any more questions about comps? Email us at: competitions@aulss.org.

SEMESTER ONE

Competitions Information Session

COME ALONG TO LEARN ABOUT THE AULSS COMPETITIONS!

HEAR WHAT EACH COMPETITION ENTAILS FROM PREVIOUS WINNERS AND HOW TO REGISTER

Week 1 | Wednesday 3rd March | 5pm - 6pm



CAREERS X COMPETITIONS

Competitions Come & Try

WEEK 1 - SATURDAY 6TH MARCH - 11AM to 3PM


Mooting | Negotiations | Client interviewing | Witness examination

JOIN THE CAREERS AND COMPETITIONS PORTFOLIOS IN
THE FIRST EVER COMPETITIONS SKILLS WORKSHOP!

We will:

- Teach you how to approach problem questions -
 - Show you how to relate skills to the workforce -
 - Give you an opportunity to practise skills -
 - Provide general tips and tricks! -
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PERFECT FOR ALL STUDENTS, NO
MATTER YOUR LEVEL OF
EXPERIENCE!





Triversity Fair

Friday March 12 | Convention Centre

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to chat to Law Firms, GDLP providers and Community Legal Centres

Opportunities Include:

- Networking with a wide range of Law firms ••
- Chatting to industry professionals about career opportunities ••
- First years can benefit from meeting with Community Legal Centres ••
- Trying mock interview sessions ••

Keep an eye out on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information in the coming weeks!



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THE AULSS PRESENTS

PRO VINO

MARCH 20, 2021

The annual Law School
wine tour you cannot miss

Wine, live music, DJs, food
and more!



Extracurriculars

WALK FOR JUSTICE

The annual JusticeNet 'Walk for Justice' is a great way to give back to those less fortunate and we highly encourage you to participate in this event. The Social Justice portfolio organizes an AULSS team of law students each year to raise money with the aim of ensuring that vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community are able to have equal access to legal services. So make sure you keep an eye on your emails for more details to come!

LAW REVUE

The Adelaide Law Revue provides a fantastic opportunity for students with a flair for the dramatic to throw away their books and entertain their fellow peers! A mishmash of different aged, different gendered law students will once again gather on stage for a deeply factual, informative and non humorous discussion of the world as they see it (Satire alert.) 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 even none of the above, keep an eye out for audition emails later this semester. We know that being on stage can oftentimes be daunting, so keep in mind that there will also be backstage opportunities for those good with technology, costumes or just being organised.

ADELAIDE UNI STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

With more than 130 clubs on campus last year, whether you like yoga, waterskiing, hip hop, wine or anything else in-between, there is undoubtedly a club out there for you! With so many cultural, religious, political or hobby-based clubs, it shouldn't be too difficult to find like-minded people. Joining a club is a terrific way to network, meet new people, keep fit and social, so make sure you get involved. Additionally, if you were not able to make it to O'week clubs' day, don't stress! Just check out the Adelaide University's club website at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/clubs/> to reach out to the club or society that interests you!



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LAW BALL 2021

SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

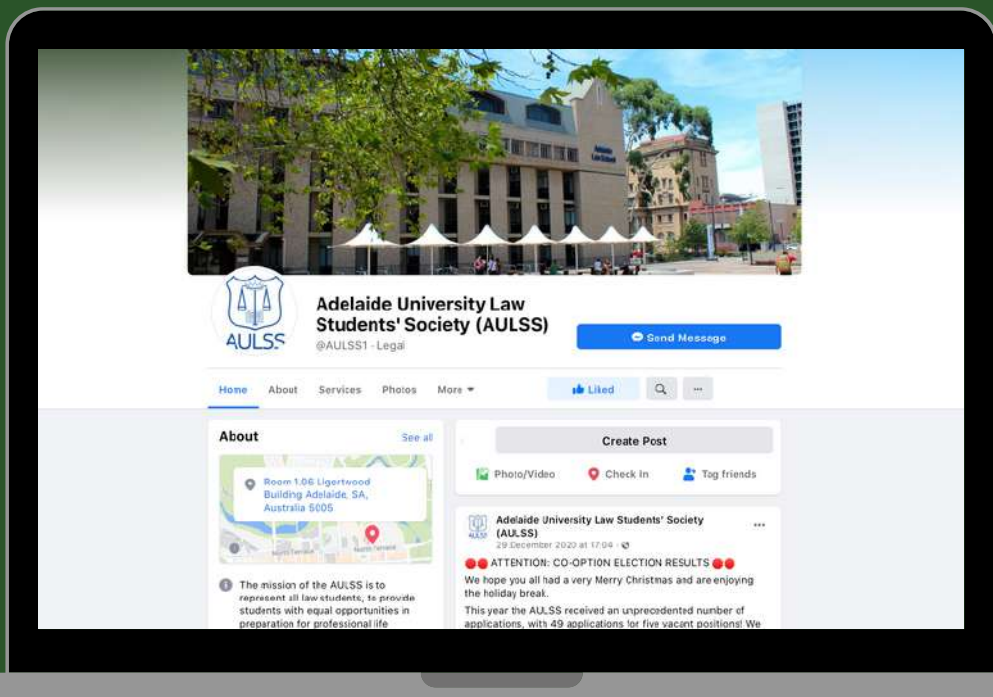
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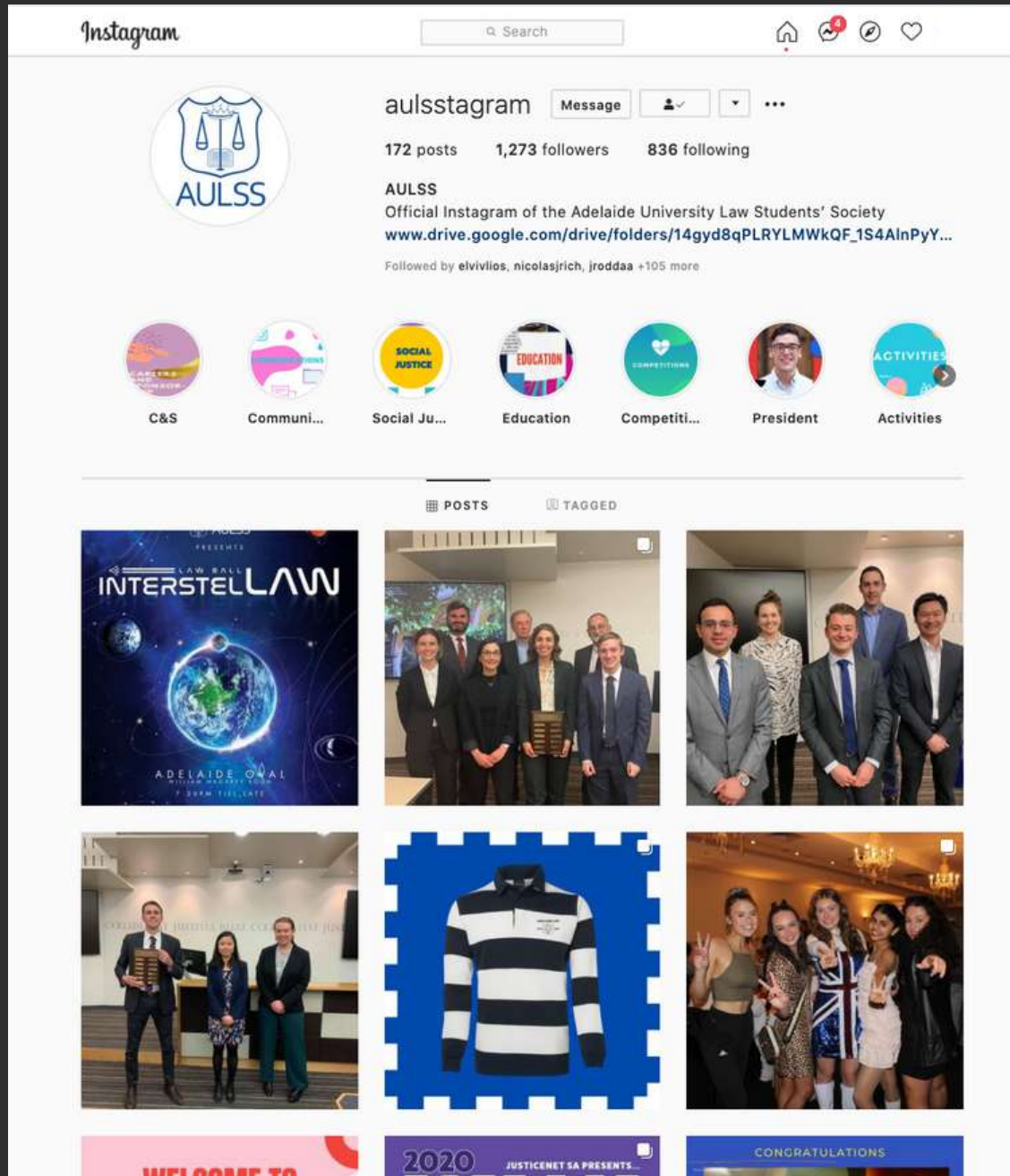
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Academic Assistance

PASS

Our 'Peer Assisted Study Sessions' are free, easily accessible and run by students who previously excelled in the respective course. Most importantly, PASS provides students with an informal, collaborative atmosphere where you can build upon your understanding of the content you've learned in lectures and seminars with your fellow peers. These voluntary hour-long sessions are run on a weekly basis and do not require any form of prior registration or booking. Overall, PASS is a great way to improve your grades while also meeting some new friends along the way. Keep an eye on your student emails for more detailed information!

DISCUSSION BOARDS

Every course on MyUni has a discussion board which effectively provides a Q&A forum between lecturers, tutors and fellow students. Students may post any questions they have relating to the course and they will be responded to in a timely manner. All questions and answers are visible to every student in the course, so you can always refer back to them during your revision. Should you find yourself knowing the answer to a question, lecturers encourage students to answer questions posed by their peers and will provide constructive feedback in case you weren't quite right. Alternatively, the 'University of Adelaide Law Students (starting 2021)' Facebook group also is a fantastic place to post questions related to your courses.

CONSULTATION AND DROP-IN TIMES

At the start of each course, your lecturers and tutors will inform you of their office hours, which they will also post on MyUni. This is the time where you can drop in (or make an appointment via email) to ask any questions about your course. Note that some of your lecturers may also provide consultation sessions via Zoom for students who find that option more convenient. During the exam period these office hours can get very busy, so make sure to think ahead! Remember that our law school student advisors are also always around to support you if you feel like you're not getting the grades you need or have too much going on. Speak with them to get some guidance on how to get that top GPA!

THE WRITING CENTRE

The Writing Centre, located in Level 3 of Hub Central, is a wonderful service that provides one-on-one support to students throughout all stages of their writing process. Regardless of one's skill level and language fluency, the learning advisors at the centre will offer assistance and feedback in writing, note-taking, referencing and grammar. Note that they will not edit or draft your paper, but can provide you with the crucial skills to do so yourself. Additional programmes are available for international students who seek language support resources. 30-minute one-on-one mentoring appointments are available Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 4.00pm and are held both in the Writing Centre AND online.



Online Services

As much as we all love Netflix and Instagram, the following websites will be your best friends during the semester, so make sure you bookmark them. They'll help you with your studies and make it easier to keep track of everything you need to do. If you're not sure where to find something, Unified should probably be your first stop. Here you'll find links to everything you need, from your university email to your current printing balance.



MyUni/Canvas: This will probably be your most used university website. This is where you'll find every bit of information about each course you're enrolled in, including lecture slides, recordings, seminar materials and discussion boards. It's also where you'll find all of your assignments and links to Turnitin, where you can submit them and receive grades and feedback.

For the tech-savvies among ourselves, this is your go-to app. Essentially this app is a more compatible version of the MyUni portal for your smartphone or tablet device. Tip: turn on push notifications to be the first one notified that Torts assignment grades were just released on a night out in town. We'll drink to that!

Other than MyUni, your student email will be the main point of communication between you and the University staff. If you don't want to miss out on guest speakers, special events for law students or even potential job opportunities, make sure you're checking your inbox regularly! University



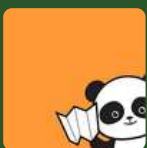
Library/LibGuides: This is going to be your absolute saviour when it comes to looking for journal articles for your assignments. You can search by keyword or author, and you know it's a credible source if the library's included it there! You can also use this search to source physical books across all uni libraries and request to have it set aside for you: <https://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/home>



Echo 360: This app essentially allows you to view lecture recordings and slides wherever your smartphone or tablet device is - on the bus, train, car or kitchen!



Constitution: Lighten the load of your first-year textbooks by storing Australia's sovereign law-making documents right in your pocket. This will certainly come in handy for Principles of Public Law in semester 2 and Australian Constitutional law in the years ahead.



Lost on Campus: Can't find room 333 Ligertwood for your Foundations of Law Seminar? Lost on Campus is here to save the day. This handy application will help you find your lecture theatre, nearest toilet, office or cafe. It will display your current location in proximity to everything around you and give you compass-guided directions with an estimated time of walking distance.



UA Student: The University of Adelaide has got your back with this app. Keep track of your timetable, academic results & other significant university dates at your electronic fingertips. Just sign in with your university username & password to set yourself up.



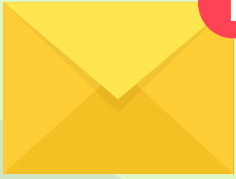
Health Support

It's very well known that uni can be a very exciting time for students. However, it can also induce high levels of stress and anxiety, especially among law students. It can be very exhausting and the pressure can build when one is always thinking about the tough job market and competition at law school. 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 passionate about ensuring that you feel comfortable seeking support if you are feeling stressed, anxious, or there are personal circumstances placing pressure on your life. Below are several health and wellbeing services that are easily accessible to students throughout their degrees for both physical and mental health wellbeing:

- **Student Life Counselling Support**, located at the ground floor of Horace Lamb Building, and is free, confidential and available to all enrolled students seeking to address issues that may be affecting their study and life
 - Phone: (08) 8313 5663
 - Website: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling/>
- **Adelaide Unicare** provides medical care for uni students and their families. They have a team of health professionals, both male and female, who can help with a variety of services from immunisation, general health checks, contraception advice and various others. They are located on the ground floor Horace Lamb.
 - Phone: (08) 8313 5050
 - Website: www.adelaideunicare.com.au
- **Uni Thrive** is designed by the counselling and disability services, and is an easily accessible online service that provides 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.
 - Website: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/uni-thrive/>
- **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 emotionally stressful times or when you just need someone to listen.
 - Phone: 13 11 14
 - Website: <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
- **Headspace** is a government-funded, 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.
 - Phone: 1800 063 267
 - Website: <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/adelaide/>
 - Location: 173 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, SA

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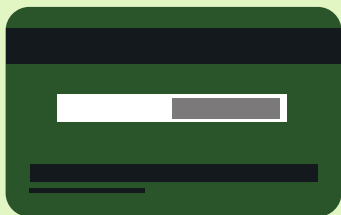


AULSS MERCHANDISE

So you've gotten into law school and now you want to look the part? Never fear, AULSS merchandise is here! We're looking to hit you with our biggest merchandise drop ever in 2021, so keep your eyes out on our social media platforms for details. You do NOT want to miss this!



LAW SCHOOL LOCAL



Are you a sucker for a discount? We certainly are! Introducing: Law School Local, a rewards card helping YOU to save at all your favourite locations! Want to cut the line at your go-to club? Dreaming of a discount on an after-uni feed? We'll have these budget-savers available soon - stay tuned!



Save the Date

Weeks 1-12 of Semester 1

01

Wednesday - Comps Info Night 5pm
Friday - Opening Party 7:30pm
Saturday - Competitions Come & Try 11am

02

Monday - Call for First Year Representative
Friday - Trivarsity Careers Fair 11am
Friday - First Year Drinks Night 7pm

03

Monday - Close of Call for First Year Representative
Saturday - Pro Vino 10am

04

Monday to Wednesday - First Year Elections 10am-2pm
Wednesday - Problem and Short Answer Questions 101 2pm

05

Wednesday - Legal Research and AGLC 101 2pm
Wednesday - First Year Q&A Session 6pm

06

Saturday - Trivarsity Pubcrawl 7pm

07

This week is the 'Comps Grand Final Week'. Come along to watch our fantastic competitors! You will not be disappointed!

08

Friday - Law Dinner 7:30pm

09

Wednesday - Open Moot Grand Final 6pm
Thursday - Headstart Seminar 11am

10

Sunday - Activities' Non-alcoholic Brunch
TBC - Walk for Justice

11

Monday - Exam Prep 101 2pm

12

This week will most likely be your last week of substantive classes! Good luck to all of you for your exams - your exam prep should hold you in good stead during the exam!

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