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## **Adelaide Law School Celebrating 140 Years**



In 2023, the Adelaide Law School will celebrate 140 years of legal education. The law school has a rich history dating back to 1883, when it became one of the earliest established law schools in the country.

Adelaide Law School invites past and present students, the professional community and other supporters of the law school to be part of this significant achievement. Follow the Adelaide Law School on social media to learn more about upcoming events.

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# Dean's Welcome

Congratulations and welcome to the Adelaide Law School! I am delighted to welcome you to our wonderful community of students, staff and alumni. It is a pleasure to have you join our vibrant, bold, and exciting law school where you will find many learning activities and events, both within and outside of your formal study! I hope this is the beginning of a challenging and rewarding journey for you as a law student.

At Adelaide Law School, we have a very proud tradition of excellent legal education, and this year is significant as we are celebrating our 140th anniversary. The Law School has a rich history dating back to 1883. Discover more about this on our 140th anniversary webpage.

As you embark on this exciting journey, you will be exposed to a wealth of knowledge and experience that will shape the foundation of your legal education. Our staff and the Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS) committee are both committed to assisting you during your transition to law school and on an ongoing basis during your legal education. In this guide you will find a range of handy tips and resources from the AULSS. Beyond your classroom experience you will have many opportunities to be involved in competitions, mooting, networking and social activities. I highly recommend you take advantage of the many opportunities afforded to you throughout your study with us.

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. We understand that starting university can be both exciting and overwhelming, but we are here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your course coordinators or the student success team. On behalf of the Adelaide Law School team I welcome you to the law school and wish you a rewarding year.

# Director's Welcome



**Director of  
Education:  
Tony Tu**

It is my absolute honour and privilege to welcome you to the Adelaide Law School. My name is Tony Tu and it is my pleasure to be your Director of Education for 2023. Congratulations on getting into law school, whether you came directly from high school in Adelaide, interstate or overseas, transferred from another course or like me have completed another degree, it is not an easy feat and one that deserves commendation. I hope the next three to five years will be amongst the best of your life.

As you read this, I imagine you have been fed a lot of information and some of it can be overwhelming. Hopefully this guide will assist you with your first few days and months at the law school and university life. Excelling in your academic results, accessing student support services, making connections, some general information on the uni and law, as well as the events that are being held by your Law Students' Society, the AULSS, feature heavily in this guide.

My experience is different to most law students in that I came here a little older than many of you. This has given me a lot of perspective on law school, how to best learn and efficiently study as well as empathy with the social aspect of uni so I feel for the many of you who may be a little lost right now and I want to help put you at ease.

If I can give you one piece of advice, it is to get out there and meet as many people as you can. It makes walking the corridors of Liggy so much more enjoyable. This course is much better as a shared experience. Do competitions, attend events, study at uni if you can and attend classes if time permits (for two years we couldn't even if we wanted to).

Your student society hosts some wonderful events that help you make friends, future colleagues and valuable study buddies. I met one of my best friends in uni at the first year drinks night who I have crammed Property Law with, had the great pleasure of meeting our new mature age representative at an event I hosted last year and have spent more time than I can count in the dungeon (downstairs in the Liggy) studying at the long table with people who were once strangers who have become good friends after a good chat about how daunting the next assignment is.

Fortunately, you don't have to sit desperately outside Liggy or head downstairs to make friends. Events have been organised and tailored to specifically help you through the difficulties of law school and many of our events focus on first year students. There are many first year seminars and events to help you learn and connect as well as a first year moot competition to satisfy that competitive urge. Details can be found in this guide and our social media pages, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram. Please like and follow these pages to ensure you stay up to date with the events.

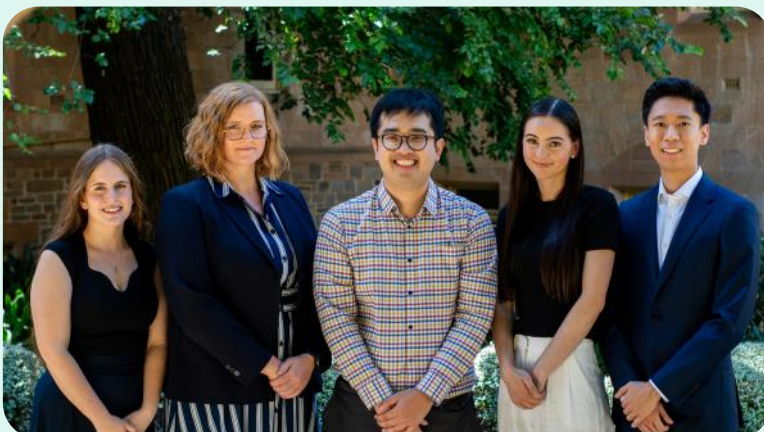
Every single member of the AULSS and I are here to help. Each one of us wants to ensure you have the best experience at law school. So, if you have questions or think I could help you in some way, please feel free to contact me directly at [education@aulss.org](mailto:education@aulss.org).

If you ever need someone to help you with something I will always do the best I can and the same goes for the Education Portfolio. Alannah and Eleni (Education Representatives), Aiden (International Student Representative) and Leah (Mature Age Representative) are friendly people so feel free to say hi if you see them around Liggy.

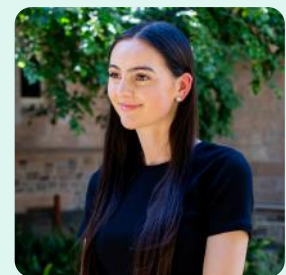
Also, we are looking to complete our family by welcoming two of you reading this guide to join the Education Portfolio, so please ensure you follow us and look around the law school for details on the First Year Representative elections.

Hopefully we get the chance to meet during our time together here at the law school, but until then, I wish you every success during your first year and the years to come.

Kindest regards,  
Tony Tu on behalf of the 2023 Education Portfolio  
(Aiden, Alannah, Eleni and Leah)



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# Meet Your AULSS Executive



**President:**  
**Bryan Lau**

Hi there! My name is Bryan Lau and I am the 2023 President of the Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS). Firstly, I would like to welcome you to the Adelaide Law School! Your first year as an Adelaide Law School student and a member of the AULSS will be extremely exciting and eventful, especially since the Adelaide Law School will be celebrating its 140th anniversary this year! To celebrate this milestone, the AULSS and the Adelaide Law School have plenty of events lined up for the year. Therefore, I recommend you get involved as much as you can and be proud of the fact that you are a student at one of the oldest and well-established law faculties in the country.

As a fourth-year student, I was in your position once upon a time. Like most people, I didn't know anyone in my year level, and it didn't help that I had come into university straight from a different country. However, with the help of the First Year Guide and my constant engagement with the law school community, I have met many wonderful people who are now some of my lifelong friends.

The AULSS has also played a positive role in my first year of law school. The AULSS is here to provide students with academic, career related and social opportunities so that you get the FULL law school experience. Our mission is to represent all law students equally, provide a positive law school experience and to prepare students for life beyond university. The AULSS is further divided into six different portfolios: Education, Activities, Competitions, Communications, Careers and Social Justice and Equity.

As a first year, you will be mostly involved with the Education Portfolio. The Education Portfolio hosts a variety of seminars that are tailored to first year students. These seminars are designed to assist you with your transition into university and to provide tips and tricks to ace your assignments. Your Director of Education, Tony Tu, and his team are extremely passionate and motivated to provide you with the necessary tools and support needed to ensure a smooth transition into law school.

Finally, my biggest piece of advice would be to always be open to new experiences. In other words, get involved as much as possible! Whether it's going to AULSS social events, trying out for a university sports team, or even nominating for a role on the AULSS committee, being proactive will certainly enhance your law school experience. And speaking of nominations, I would recommend you consider applying for the First Year Representative positions on the AULSS committee as it is a great way to get involved with the law school community, develop your interpersonal and leadership skills, and connect with students from all year levels.

As your President, I am always up for a good chat and would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have throughout the year. The AULSS committee and I are dedicated to ensuring you are provided with the best possible law school experience. So, feel free to say hi if you see me around the Liggy. You will usually find me in the depths of the Liggy Dungeon (A.K.A Law School Library Basement). You can also contact me anytime at [president@aulss.org](mailto:president@aulss.org) if you have any questions about the AULSS or law school in general. See you around!



Warm salutations and welcome to the law school! My name is Felix and I'm your 2023 Vice President. I am responsible for administration in the AULSS. I also run our stylish merchandise (that you can flaunt on campus) and Law School Local discount cards (good at a variety of places in the city), so please do come along and buy some!

I'm sure that many of you will be coming to university with a variety of emotions including excitement, fear or fatigue. I'm here to tell you that you'll probably go through stages where you feel all of these and it's perfectly fine. While it may seem like a culture shock from high school style learning, you will pick things up quickly and I can honestly say that my years at university have been the best of my life. University is a place where you study what you want, not what schools require you to know. This is a place where you can build close friendships with people who actually have similar interests to you and you can make memories that will last a lifetime.

While I'm sure you'll hear this a lot from people, please go to your lectures and seminars. Lectures are the bread and butter part of your learning and the lecturers will go over the key course content. Learning how to take good notes is key and important to get right early in your degree because you will need to know these skills for the rest of your degree. Seminars are where you go to cement your knowledge and apply it practically to problem questions. You can often listen to lectures online (and at 1.5 or even double speed) but please try to attend in person. Seminars are usually not recorded so it is crucial you attend these. You will thank me later for this.

My other key tip is to get active in campus social life. The AULSS runs dozens of events each semester including parties, educational seminars, competitions, careers events and much more! Check out our social media for more information! Are you still feeling like you are missing something social? There are over 150+ clubs at the university, not including the sporting clubs, so there are even more avenues to go out and make friends. Visit the YouX website to find out more!



**Vice President:**  
**Felix Eldridge**



**Treasurer:**  
**Minnah Butt**

Welcome to law school, first years! This is the start of an incredible 3-5 years for you - one full of learning, new experiences and probably a few mistakes. Adelaide Law School has been a place of both character-building and enjoyment for me and I believe it has the capacity to do the same for you. The people are friendly, the professors are inspiring and the course material is intellectually stimulating. Even if law turns out not to be your thing, the skills you will learn are invaluable. My tips for success are:

- Attend seminars! They give you a great idea of what to expect in exams and are a good place to ask questions. The seminar leaders are always wonderful, and the groups are much smaller than lectures which can be great for meeting people and facilitating discussions.
- There are no dumb questions - except ones that could be answered by reading the Course Outline. Read the Course Outline.
- Have a positive attitude towards challenges. The study of law is challenging and demands to be met with tenacity and determination.
- Understand your limitations. Don't take on too much too fast or you will burnout and be unable to discern which part of your life is stressing you out. It's okay to slow down a little as you settle in.

And of course, make an effort to meet new people. I'm often around the law school and always ready for a chat. Since I am also technically still in first year, I will see you in lectures and seminars, too!



## Director of Communications: Henry Allen

**Reps: Grace Jin,  
Minh Tran, Ruby Stewart,  
Samantha Kuan (IT Rep),  
Kush Goyal, Cerys Davies,  
Ikhwan Fazli (Hilarian  
Editors)**

Hi first years! On behalf of the 2023 Communications Portfolio, I want to say congratulations to all of you and a very warm welcome to the Adelaide Law School! You are now at the start of a very exciting chapter, and whilst your next few years are bound to be full of all manner of exciting experiences and escapades, in these early days it can be tough to know what exactly lies in store. Whether you're excited, nervous, or anything in between, we want you to know that the AULSS are here to do whatever we can to help guide your transition into uni, and make your home for the next few years as open and supportive as possible!

The Communications Portfolio's role is to try and make you as aware as possible of everything that's on offer, and make sure you have the resources and access to make the most of your law school experience. Whether you're more drawn to the education seminars, competitions, career opportunities, fundraising initiatives or social events, our representatives will keep you in the loop across all of our social platforms. We will also be assisting in the design and distribution of a number of helpful publications across the year, and helping to publish and promote information on the law school's rich history and culture.

Aside from our wonderful team of Communications Representatives, our portfolio also includes our IT Representative, who maintains our website and updates the jobs board, and the Hilarian Editors, the Law School's foremost providers of biting wit and satire, and the publishers of a certain infamous magazine. Together as a portfolio, we can't wait to bring the best of the law school straight to you, and doing whatever we can to make your life at the uni as enjoyable and rewarding as we can.

If you ever have any questions, queries or qualms, we are just a message away. Feel free to reach out through Facebook or Instagram, send us an email at [communications@aulss.org](mailto:communications@aulss.org), or drop by the office to say hi! I wish you the best of luck in your first weeks, make the most of every opportunity, and we look forward to seeing you around the Liggy soon!

Hello first years! On behalf of the 2023 Careers Portfolio, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all and congratulate you on getting into Adelaide Law School. Despite all the very normal emotions that you are inevitably experiencing, I must emphasise that the AULSS is here to help guide you through this new chapter of your life.

Whilst the transition into full-time lawyer-ing is several years away, the Careers Portfolio offers support to all students from their first to final year. By providing you with invaluable industry information, and hosting a range of seminars with legal professionals, you are sure to kick some career goals! In addition to this, we will also provide you with the law school's largest publication - the Careers & Clerkship Guide, which is an accessible 'how to' manual for understanding the journey into the legal profession.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, so please do not hesitate to come and say hi! I wish you all the best of luck and remember that myself and the rest of the AULSS will always be here to answer any of your questions.



## Director of Careers: Sofia Tait

**Reps: Lucas Michaels,  
Henry Lewis, Jarrod Eddy,  
Chris Mary, Jess March**

Hello first years! Welcome to law school and your second home for the next 3 to 5 years! I know law school is renowned for involving lots of readings but it's not all study with the Activities Portfolio organising so many incredible events for you to enjoy. These events are the perfect place to make new friends, get involved in uni life, get your head out of the books and have a guaranteed fun time!

We start off the year with our Sue Me Opening Party in the first week, which is the ideal opportunity for you to start meeting others who may even become your life-long friends! Moving along in semester one, we have our much-loved 'Pro Vino' Wine Tour, or essentially a day spent sipping wine in the sun. Next, you can't miss the Trivarsity Pub Crawl, where law students from all unis mingle to go bar hopping around town! Semester two is also packed with fun events, including our Back-to-School Party, the themed dress-up Quiz Night and Closing Party to celebrate making it through your first year.

Most importantly, the AULSS hosts and organises the one and only LAW BALL, the biggest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere! This is the must-go-to event that is sure to be a highlight of your year. We also have Law Dinner, the most glamorous dinner event that is always a favourite! Towards the end of each semester, there are alcohol-free events to promote wellbeing too.

AULSS events do sell out quickly so make sure you follow the Facebook and Instagram pages to snag up those tickets fast! We cannot wait to see you all at the events!



## **Director of Activities: Natalie Nimon**

**Reps: Charlie Hayes,  
Kathryn Jannes,  
Georgia Chiswell,  
Emma Colovic**



Hello amazing first years! On behalf of the 2023 Competitions Portfolio, I would like to offer you a massively warm welcome to Adelaide Law School and the AULSS. Congratulations on making it! I know you may be feeling slightly nervous right now (trust me, I was too!), but I can promise that you will meet so many incredible people, and the AULSS is here to support you every step of the way.

The Competitions Portfolio provides a vast array of opportunities to apply what you learn in your degree, meet other students, build your communication skills, and have fun doing it. Essentially, if you're looking for an opportunity to unleash your inner Elle Woods, we're here to help you. We offer a variety of opportunities for first years to get involved throughout semesters one and two. In semester one, we have opportunities for you to volunteer in our Client Interviewing and Witness Examination Competitions. If you're really keen, you can also compete in our Client Interviewing or Negotiations Competitions. In Semester two, we excitingly also have a First Year Moot, which is the perfect opportunity for you to get involved in a simulated appellant courtroom and meet other first year students.

In your later years, I also encourage you to get involved in our other competitions, including the Open and Novice Moots, Witness Examination, Criminal Law Moot, Mergers and Acquisitions, Family Law Mediation, and our Property Law Competition.

I've personally found competitions to be the perfect way to contextualise what I learn in my degree, learn new content and meet other people, so I really encourage all of you to be involved. If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at [competitions@aulss.org](mailto:competitions@aulss.org). Feel free to also say hi if you see me around the law school! Best of luck for the year, and I hope to see you around!

## **Director of Competitions: Patricia Pappas**

**Reps: Harry Passehl,  
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Yurui Jiang, Chloe Rungie,  
Evelyn Walker,  
Bhoomika Trivedi,  
Deeptanshu Sharma,  
Lili Caltabiano,  
Salma Mansurwala**



## **Director of Social Justice and Equity: Hamish McNamara**

**Reps: Jennifer Lamb,  
Lydia Mel, Angela Carlisle,  
Holly Saberton,  
Valentino Esposito**

Howdy all! My name is Hamish and I am the Director of Social Justice & Equity for 2023! The Social Justice & Equity Portfolio has long endeavoured to promote opportunities and events that will allow students to adopt a 'global mindset' and recognise that through their degrees they are positioned to be agents of change and can do a lot of good for the wider community. We do this through being your Social Justice Advocates on campus by raising awareness on issues happening in the legal community in addition to promoting accessibility amongst law students!

As we enter the 2023 academic year, the Portfolio is gearing up to host a variety of seminars and workshops that will expose students to social justice causes happening both on a local level and internationally. Our priority as a portfolio in 2023 is to champion the 'Indigenous Voice to Parliament' campaign and bring forth any public education efforts that expose students to the importance of this effort.

Further, the Portfolio is very proactive in fundraising for our community and throughout semester one will be actively working on campus to raise donations for JusticeNet's Walk for Justice campaign. This campaign raises funds for the largest pro bono legal provider in South Australia and the SJE Portfolio is excited to support this great effort again this year.

If you want to be involved in any element of the SJE Portfolio or have any questions or concerns, come along to an event, or get proactive on socials and fling us a message by contacting [socialjustice@aullss.org](mailto:socialjustice@aullss.org). We have a warm and amazing Portfolio this year so please reach out if you need anything!!! Have fun this year and we look forward to seeing you around campus!

P.S Don't Reply All to 'All-student emails', it doesn't work out well!



**The 2023 AULSS Executive Committee**

# First Year Rep Elections

Join the AULSS Committee

Each year the AULSS offers a great opportunity for two students in their first year of law school to run for a position on the committee, known as the First Year Representative. As the 2023 First Year Representatives, you are elected directly by your first year peers and will have the amazing opportunity to speak on their behalf. By being elected for this role, you will join the 2023 Education Portfolio. You will have the chance to raise new ideas, concerns, or any issues in AULSS meetings, and your main involvement will be running specific first year events for your first year cohort.

Being part of the AULSS means you get to work with the law faculty and students from all year levels in a welcoming and supportive environment. This is an exciting and proactive 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 that is not convincing enough, here is what the 2022 First Year Representatives have to say about the role!



*"Hi first years, hope you're all settling into law school nicely! I found my time on the committee as First Year Rep last year to be invaluable. The highlight for me was definitely the people I met and relationships I formed with both my fellow law school peers and other committee members. I can't recommend joining the AULSS enough, and regardless of whether you're on the committee or not, I encourage you all to involve yourself in as many of the committee events as possible!"*  
- **Gurjot Singh**

*"Hi everyone, hope the holiday break has left you refreshed and ready to start your first semester of law school! In 2022 I was one of two First Year Representatives, so I quickly became immersed in all things AULSS. I thoroughly enjoyed being a voice for our cohort and actualising all the ideas our first years had for fun, social and educational events, published exam and study guides, and general ways to better the law school, which we were able to contribute in AULSS meetings. A highlight of being part of the AULSS was definitely the friendships I've made and the mentorship and guidance I received from students more advanced in their degree.*

*Tagging along to sponsored events also taught me so much about the law industry, which contextualised my subjects early on. For these reasons I highly recommend nominating for First Year Representative - it will open you up to a whole new aspect of law school you would otherwise miss out on!"* - **Kathryn Jannes**



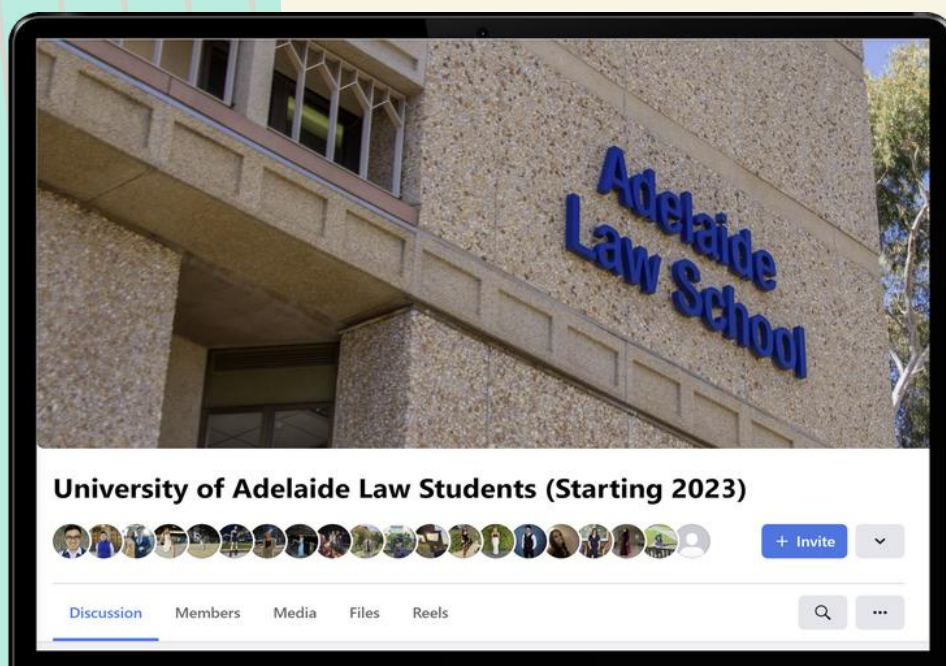
If you are interested in this position, please consider nominating yourself. Elections will be held in March and the nomination form will be emailed to you, so please ensure you actively check your inbox. If you have any questions, please get in contact with Tony Tu at [education@aulss.org](mailto:education@aulss.org) or stop by the AULSS office and have a chat with a member of our wonderful portfolio!

# Join the First Year Facebook Group



This is the dedicated Facebook group for the entire first year cohort. Throughout the year we will post about events, workshops, advice, tips and general information about the current affairs at the law school. It is also a forum for discussion and a platform to meet other fellow first years!

*Make sure to join to keep in the loop!*



*First Year*

# D R I N K S N I G H T

**START THE SEMESTER RIGHT BY MEETING  
YOUR OTHER FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ON A  
FUN NIGHT OUT!**

**THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU  
TO MAKE LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, SO  
DON'T MISS OUT ON TICKETS!**



**10 MARCH 2023, 7PM**

**ATLANTIS BAR & LOUNGE - BEER GARDEN**

# The Law Building: Ligertwood



## **WELCOME TO THE LAW BUILDING**

The Ligertwood building (affectionately known as 'Liggy') is the home of the Adelaide Law School. It was built in 1967 and is located on North Terrace, conveniently in front of the University tram stop as well as near(ish) Rundle Mall. Despite the not so aesthetic view from the outside, it is a great place. Here are a few important Liggy locations you should know about.

## **SIR JOHN SALMOND LAW LIBRARY**

This library, and the staff who work inside it, could quite possibly be the saviour of your law degree. Many students will benefit from pouring over cases so old they haven't been digitally uploaded yet, or the space to study quietly. Also referred to (again affectionately) as 'the basement', the law library contains all the resources a budding lawyer might need, including case summaries, textbooks, hard copies of legislation, legal dictionaries and encyclopedias. There is also a computer room, printers, scanners and other useful things to help with your study. The lower level is entirely for quiet study (so keep noisy group work to the upper levels). 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. Often you will find committee members here taking a break between lectures or planning the events and competitions we all get to enjoy. We are a friendly bunch and have an open door policy, so if there's a committee member inside, don't hesitate to knock and come inside for a chat, or ask questions about the AULSS or law school. You might even be able to score an AULSS branded keep cup!

## **CHILL SPOTS**

The Irene Watson Lounge, located on the ground/first floor is a great place to meet friends for coffee before a lecture or to work on a group assignment. If the weather is good, the courtyard is an excellent place to relax in the sun. The basement of the law building also has a few spaces to sit down and be at peace. If you like coffee, don't forget to visit St Raph's coffee cart with the lovely barista Michelle just inside or outside the foyer. Whenever you find yourself craving a caffeine hit, she's the person to go to (and you can get coffee discounts with the AULSS Law School Local Card too).

## **FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND**

Navigating Liggy is quite easy when you get the hang of it. Each room is numbered (e.g. room 1.11). The first number corresponds to the floor and the later numbers represent the room number. So, room 1.11 means the eleventh room on the first floor. Neat, huh! Bathrooms are allocated to genders based on floor. The basement bathroom is for use by males and the ground/first floor is for use by females. If confused, just check the sign before you go in.



# Degree Structure & Grading System

## 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 Closed Electives

#### Semester 2:

LAW 1510 - Contract Law  
LAW 1511 - Property Law  
2 x 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

**Closed Electives** = Electives that are law-related and offered by the Law School.

**Open (Non-Law) Electives** = Non-law electives that are offered by different faculties

# Degree Structure & Grading System

You will complete your Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) at the Adelaide Law School either as a single degree or part of a double degree program. Core subjects of your degree must be completed by all students, which are called the Priestley 11. The rest of the units are made up of electives, giving you the opportunity to study in areas of specialised interest. The degree plans on the previous page show the typical time frame and combination of subjects a student will take throughout their studies.

## **Electives**

These can be undertaken not just during the semester, but also in summer and winter school. Just remember to stay on top of your degree requirements! A list of electives 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 different to that of a single degree and will usually be five years instead of four. You can find examples of double degree study plans available at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/professions/students/study-plans>.

## **Grading System**

The grading system can be a little confusing to understand at first, but here is a quick summary of the system used at the Adelaide Law School and most other faculties.

<b><u>Mark</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
Between 1 - 49	Fail (F)
Between 50 - 64	Pass (P)
Between 65 - 74	Credit (C)
Between 75 - 84	Distinction (D)
Between 85 - 100	High Distinction (HD)

## **Overseas Exchange Program**

During your studies at Adelaide University, you have the amazing opportunity to participate in an exchange program with an overseas partner university for one semester (or sometimes longer). This is available for both single and double degree students. Since the opening of our international borders, the university has brought back its exchange programs. If you would like to find out more about different opportunities abroad, check out <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/study-overseas>. Additionally, we highly recommend you attend the Study Abroad Seminar that will be run later this year.

## **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](mailto:lawenquiry@ask.adelaide.edu.au).

# FIRST YEAR Q&A + STUDY TIPS SEMINAR



## GET OFF TO A GOOD START

*Have all your questions answered that arose during your first few weeks of law school. Hear from some of the top performing students on how to study for and ace your first year courses!*



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# First Year Core Subjects

## **Foundations of Law (LAW 1501)**

The Foundations of Law course is 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 lawyers think and approach scenarios before them. While students who took legal studies in high school may find themselves at an advantage in the first couple of 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, so don't stress if you haven't done legal studies before.

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 allow you 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, PASS leaders 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 at uni, so get involved and put yourself out there, you will not regret it!

## **Tort Law (LAW 1507)**

Have you ever wondered about the legal implications of finding a snail in the bottom of a bottle of a drink you just bought? Or your neighbour mowing his lawn at ungodly hours every night? What about a kid 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 legal education. It will not be long until you learn there is truly no limit to the stupidity of people and find yourself wondering why someone would ever do such stupid things. Torts will explore various real-life and hypothetical scenarios in both lectures and tutorials.

The course will primarily focus on the law of negligence with lectures and seminars covering the processes related to negligence claims. A variety of other torts will also be examined including assault and battery, conversion of goods and nuisance. The assessment for the course includes two written assignments, an online quiz and the final exam. This assessment structure provides a fantastic opportunity to familiarise yourself with typical law assessments and to begin developing your legal writing skills. There will also be plenty of feedback from these assessments to help improve your writing style and approach to problem questions.

# First Year Core Subjects

## **International Law (LAW 1508)**

International Law is an exciting opportunity to consider legal issues beyond the confines of the Australian legal system. In particular, the course covers the laws of treaties and their implementation (heads up, signing a treaty doesn't mean anything), customary international law, the beginnings of the Law of the Sea, Space Law, International Humanitarian Law and the Law of Armed Conflict, which means you get a taste of several different areas of law that are offered as electives that you can pursue later in your studies. The course is coordinated this year by Professor Dale Stephens.

The course will start with a small online quiz, followed by an essay or problem question on a particular issue of international law. Don't stress though - this 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)**

Principles of Public Law (PPL) is the introductory subject to wider areas of public law including Constitutional Law and Administrative Law which are core subjects in later years. In this course, students will cover the separation of powers, especially between the Judiciary and the Executive (you will become overly familiar with the term 'Boilermakers'), examine the Federal and State Constitutions, look into the concepts of responsible and representative government, consider the implications of human rights laws and much more! Taught by the amazing Cornelia Koch, it's a fantastic subject that shouldn't be (and can't be) missed!

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 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.

We also recommend taking advantage of the state parliament tour organised specifically for PPL students. You will get a behind the scenes look at where our state laws are introduced, debated and passed.



# First Year Tips & Tricks

## **Turn up, be present and enjoy the journey**

The reality of starting university can be daunting, but just know that university life presents the opportunity to learn in every sense. Attend a combination of lectures, seminars, readings, PASS classes and study groups, find out where the Liggy dungeon is and make friends by being present on campus. All of that will help make these the best years of your life.

## **Keep on top of things, do more than the bare minimum and give yourself a chance**

Assignments come thick and fast after week four, quizzes all count towards your final grade and a fundamental skill learned in week three is just as likely to help you in an exam as an examinable point in week twelve. It's therefore really important to manage your time so you can enjoy uni life (pub crawls, quiz nights, the Law Ball, drinks nights and other AULSS events). The bare minimum of watching lectures and showing up to seminars will give you a fighting chance, but doing more than that will give you your best chance, including study groups, PASS classes, readings, concise exam notes, participating in seminars and seeking out more experienced students.

## **Know your study plan**

Study plans are different for everyone. There are so many double degrees and majors, so get to know your study plan and keep on track of any changes that arise.



## **Be comfortable asking for help and with peer to peer learning**

University is full of helpful people, from the librarian to the professors, your fellow first year students who will be your industry peers one day, and older students both in age and seniority who have done what you are about to do. The AULSS provides invaluable opportunities to connect with and learn from these people.

Not only is there a formal mentorship program starting in week two, there is the St Raph's coffee cart, sports teams, seminars and social events where you can meet new people, make friends and seek out valuable knowledge and guidance. Law students are by nature collaborative and older law students are often harmless creatures who are more than willing to help.

## **You miss 100% of the shots you don't take - Wayne Gretzky**

First year students have just as good a shot as students in later year levels at any opportunity that presents itself (aside from being President of the AULSS - refer to the Constitution for details). Sign up and apply for anything you think you have a shot at, because you may surprise yourself and get a learning opportunity or into a talent pool. The worst that can happen is you'll be rejected, but applying for that clerkship in week two of year one could be the best move you ever made.

# First Year Tips & Tricks

## **Don't stress too much about the job market and what kind of lawyer you want to be**

There is no one-size-fits-all formula. Everyone comes to law school with different aspirations and there are many paths to reach your dream job. Some may go on to become great lawyers, while some may never practice law. Careers change and paths diverge. Employers value different experiences and the retail, hospitality, volunteering, sporting, community and service roles that you may perform or the career you had previously if you are a mature age student, may be invaluable in landing that dream role as a first year paralegal.

## **Join the University Of Adelaide Law Students (Starting 2023) Facebook page!**

This is your page with tailored content for first year students and the best way to keep in touch with your fellow law class.

## **Get those competitive juices flowing**

The AULSS Competitions Portfolio runs some amazing competitions including the first year moot. Competitions are a great opportunity to learn, meet senior students, make new friends, network with judges, distinguished alumni and lecturers, and practice your legal skills.

## **Attend as many AULSS events as possible!**

The AULSS is your society for your benefit. It runs pub crawls, wine tours, movie nights, quiz nights, career fairs, court tours, competitions, Law Ball, BBQs, coffee mornings and seminars. Get around it as everything we do is for you.



## **Join the AULSS - run for a First Year Representation**

Acting as a First Year Representative on the AULSS committee is something you can proudly put on your CV. You will develop skills early in your law degree, from leadership and organisation to collaboration and communication (our law school runs more events and has more people than most law firms). Beyond First Year Representative positions are executive and committee positions that you can get co-opted into, and there is no better way to form connections with a wide range of students at different year levels.

## **Be kind to yourself**

The first year of law school is likely the start of your university journey. There will be a learning curve involved and the reality is that high school is the culmination of secondary education, whilst the first year at uni is the start of tertiary education. For law students who are traditionally high achievers, it may be a moot point to make in week one, but you need to be kind to yourself and remember there will be three or four more years after this first one, so if you don't get the grades or GPA you hoped for in your first semester, there is still plenty of time.



# MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## STARTING WEEK 2

Do you ever wish you had someone you can ask questions or seek advice from?

We know how stressful first year of university can be, which is why the Education Portfolio runs a mentorship program where first year students are matched with a mentor in their third to final year of study. This is an informal buddy system that allows you to reach out to your buddy whenever you are struggling or if you would just like to chat!

This program is extremely flexible. You can meet with your buddy as and when you like, but we recommend you meet at least five times a semester.

And the best part? You can sign up at any time in the semester!

**SIGN UP DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED SOON!**



# Lectures & Readings

## Lectures

First year law courses include either a one or two hour weekly lecture held in person on campus. During lectures you will be provided with key information and relevant cases for each topic. Although some lectures can also be viewed live online and recordings are available via Echo360, there are advantages to attending in person.

Most lectures are designed to be interactive. Your lecturer will often encourage discussion, invite you to ask questions and at times use Echo360 to participate in short quizzes. Attending in person means you can request clarification on certain points, discuss problem questions in groups and develop your communication and problem-solving skills. Lectures are also a great opportunity to meet other students and if time permits, speak directly to your lecturer in the break or after the lecture.

Lecture recordings are a valuable resource if you prefer the flexibility of watching lectures later or want to revisit a topic, but remember, they may not always capture student discussion if a microphone is not available. Whichever format works best for you, our main advice is to watch your lectures weekly. Keeping up with course content is your first step to success. We certainly don't recommend binging a semester worth of recordings during exam season.

When it comes to note taking, you may choose to use a laptop, tablet or notepaper and pen. You can also print the corresponding PowerPoint slides from MyUni prior to the lecture and mark them up with your comments. We also recommend you take a mobile device to lectures so you can participate in the Echo360 quizzes. Don't worry, they are anonymous and a great way to prompt discussion and learn.

## Readings

Depending on the course, readings may include chapters from a prescribed textbook, cases, statutes, commentaries and other materials that support and expand on topics covered in lectures. Excluding textbook chapters, readings are generally uploaded by your course coordinator to MyUni.

Many first year students are overwhelmed by the volume of reading required each week, especially when law texts and cases can be a little on the dry side, but with some simple planning, strategy and discipline, it is possible to get through what you need to each week.

First, get organised. Plan your week and schedule time for your readings. Second, be strategic. Often you don't need to spend hours analysing every detail of a case when a broad understanding will do. Similarly, textbooks are a valuable resource for explaining concepts and cases covered in lectures and will supplement your learning, so the assigned chapters are worth reading, but focus on areas where you need a deeper understanding and skim chapters when you already have a good grasp of the content. Textbooks are also helpful when researching for an essay or assignment. Pro tip: Textbooks are expensive but often available second hand via the University of Adelaide Law Chats Facebook group.

Regardless of your approach, it's important to be disciplined and get through as many readings as you can. The more effort you put into them will benefit you in the long term. Over time you will develop the ability to read more quickly and identify key points, an essential skill for anyone who chooses to practice law.

# Seminars

Seminars are where the magic happens. It's where you take what you have learnt in lectures and readings that week and apply it to potentially real world problems and scenarios.

Depending on the course, seminars are either one or two hours long and are designed to be attended in person, with an online seminar available for remote students.

We can't stress enough the importance of attending seminars. The problem questions and tasks you work through together in class provide invaluable practice for exams, essays and assignments. You will find seminars even more beneficial if you've read the materials and cases in advance and attempted the assigned problems. Seminars are not recorded, so if you're unable to attend, it's worth asking another student for their notes.

Don't be afraid to participate in class discussion. Even if you're unsure of your answer, working through your approach and analysis of a problem will be a catalyst for other students to contribute, enables your seminar leader to directly assist and will improve the class's overall learning experience.

For more practice of the types of questions you'll tackle in seminars, we highly recommend attending the course's Peer Assisted Study Session (PASS). Who doesn't want to be extra prepared for exams!

## After Your Seminar

So you've completed your weekly topic by watching the lecture, completing your readings and attending your seminar. What now? While the topic is fresh in your mind, we recommend you consolidate your learnings and prepare concise notes that you can take into your exams.

Focus on extracting key legal principles and how you might apply them to a problem question, preparing important case summaries and capturing key points and arguments that may be useful in an essay. Being disciplined with this approach means you can spend more time revising during your exam preparation rather than scrambling to pull adequate notes together.

# Answering a Short Answer Question

Should you require further support, refer to the Academic Assistance page in this guide for a summary of educational resources and services available to you.

Effectively answering a short answer question is a skill. This style of question requires a more concise and critical answer compared to an extended essay question. For students not used to word limits this can be difficult to master, however like most things, repetition is the mother of skill and practice is critical to improving your technique.

## **What are the most common mistakes?**

It is common for students who are new to answering short answer questions to start by repeating the question, then spend time describing legal principles rather than engaging with the facts, providing analysis and responding directly to the question. Good short answers demonstrate to the marker you understand the key legal principles and can apply them to the facts provided.

## **How to approach a short answer question and avoid common mistakes**

It's critical you read the question carefully, understand its scope and what you are being asked to do. Semantics are important here. You must be able to differentiate between being asked to 'describe' an issue, 'discuss' an issue (which requires analysing each side), 'argue' a specific perspective or 'compare and contrast' both sides of an issue. Only then can you set out your primary argument using the relevant legal position. Ensure your position is strong, clear and relevant. If appropriate, you should also acknowledge potential counterarguments, and in your answer counter those arguments using legal principles and evidence.

## **How to format a short answer question**

### Introduction

In your opening paragraph, it's important to provide your reader with a roadmap of your answer. Known as signposting, outline the arguments you intend to make, your position and the relevant legal points on which you will rely.

### Key points

A short answer question should include between three to five key points, and you will be guided by the number of marks allocated to the question. Each point should have its own paragraph. Begin by asserting your point of view, then include specific examples as supporting evidence for your argument. Conclude each paragraph with a sentence that links well to the next paragraph.

### Conclusion

Always end your short answer question with a conclusion. Remind your marker of your key points and bring together your analysis to form your overall position. If appropriate and time permits, you may also choose to include a comment on the future of the relevant issue based on past trends.

# Answering a Problem Question

A problem question refers to a scenario and set of facts followed by instructions to assess the situation from a legal perspective, advise a client on a potential claim, identify possible defences or suggest available remedies. Although you will no doubt have completed assignments in previous studies, nothing will compare to a legal problem question! A key difference is that there is no 100% right answer. The aim is to apply the law to the facts so you can advise your client on the most likely outcome if it was argued in court.

## How to approach a problem question

### **1 Read the facts and identify the question or what advice is to be provided to the client**

- You can do this in whatever way works best for you, but most people like to skim read first and then read through more carefully, highlighting key points.
- Make sure to read the question as it will almost always direct you to the particular topic your lecturer wants you to focus on.
- 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 Identify who you are advising**

- Are you advising the plaintiff or the defendant? This might change your approach to answering the question or the advice you provide.
- Are there multiple legal claims involved? Ensure you deal with each party separately in order to ensure your answer is coherent.

### **3 Identify the legal issues**

- As you read through the facts, highlight any potential legal issues based on your knowledge of the law.

### **4 Apply IRAC to structure your answer**

- Don't worry if you've never heard of IRAC because you will spend a lot of time during first year, particularly in the Foundations of Law course, learning this key concept. For now, you can refer to the next page for an overview.
- The way you answer a problem question may differ from another student. Some students follow the IRAC structure strictly, whilst others use it more loosely. What's important is you demonstrate to the marker you can identify the legal issues and respective legal rules and apply those legal rules to the facts.

# IRAC: An Overview

IRAC refers to Issue, Rule, Application and Conclusion. It is a common model used in legal problem solving that helps structure your analysis so the reader can follow your argument. You will use IRAC regularly throughout your law degree, particularly when answering problem questions in assignments and exams.

## ISSUE

This is the legal question or problem that must be answered. You should state the issue clearly either in the form of a question or statement. Issues may be broken down into sub-issues or elements, and IRAC applied to each of these.

## RULE

This is the legal principle that applies to the issue. Find the legal principle in primary sources of law such as case law and statutes. If the rule comes from case law, this is the *ratio decidendi* (reason for the decision). If the rule is contained in a statute, this is the relevant provision. Sometimes the rule is obvious, whilst at other times you may have to work to find it. The rule can sometimes be, and most often is, a combination of various rules learnt throughout your course from different cases. Thus, you must accurately explain the rule you're applying and include the relevant legal authority. Please remember that any legal authority must include a citation. You will learn to apply AGLC for citations throughout the Foundations of Law course.

## APPLICATION

This is where you apply the legal principle (rule) to the facts provided. This section is typically the most detailed and where you will get the bulk of your marks in an exam situation or assignment. Simply stating the rule is not enough, you must apply the rule effectively to the facts provided and showcase your legal analysis and reasoning. How is the scenario similar to, or distinguished from a previous case? When arguing a legal issue, consider both sides of the argument. You will likely get additional points for raising potential arguments of the opposing party and countering them with further legal reasoning. Applying the rule to the facts is the only way you will arrive at a tentative conclusion, which is the final step of the IRAC method.

## CONCLUSION

This is where you directly answer the legal question or problem stated in the Issue section. The conclusion will be based on what you determined during your legal reasoning. Restate the issue and offer a final position based on your strongest arguments. It is a good idea to avoid speaking with absolute certainty here. For example, your answer may look something like 'A will **LIKELY** succeed in an action for negligence' rather than saying 'A **WILL** succeed in an action for negligence'. This is because in reality you cannot be certain of the outcome of a legal action, only the likelihood of success. However, read the question and respond accordingly. Your lecturer may want you to conclude more definitively.



# PROBLEM & SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS 101

Are your assignments fast approaching?  
Need help answering different question styles?  
If so, this seminar is for you!

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Napier 209 Lecture Theatre



# Legal Research & AGLC 101



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Join our Law Librarian for a demonstration of key legal research techniques and an overview of the AGLC system of legal citation. These are essential skills for every law student!

# How to Create

A case summary is an overview of the key facts, issues, legal reasoning and decision of a case. Each time you read an important case, it's worth creating a summary so you can refer to it during the semester and in your exam.

Reading, understanding and effectively summarising legal cases is an extremely valuable skill. Case judgments can be long, confusing and at times difficult to make sense of. To help you develop your skills, we've prepared the following guide.

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## **Read the headnote and catchwords, then skim the case text**

The headnote and catchwords sit at the top and is written by someone other than the judges hearing the case. They are designed to provide a snapshot of the case and do not form part of the judgment. Read the headnote and skim the text of the case to gain a basic understanding. Pro tip: If you're reading a case online, use Ctrl + F to search for keywords.

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## **Re-read the case and highlight key points**

After reading the headnote and skimming the text you should have a general understanding of the case. Read the case again, this time highlighting key points to include in your written summary. It will be tempting to highlight a lot of text, but remember, you only want key points that will assist you when answering a short answer or problem question, most likely under time constraints in an exam situation. Consider using different colours to highlight material facts, parties, different judgments and legal issues.

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## **Make note of specific details**

Now that you've identified the key features of the case, it's time to organise these details in a written summary for ease of access in future. You should include the following in your summary:

- **Case citation (e.g. *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* (1992) 175 CLR 1)**
  - It's crucial when answering questions in an assignment or exam that you provide legal authority. Remember to note the date of the case here too.
- **Name of the court and the judge(s)**
  - Was it a joint or separate judgment? This information will appear in the headnote and up to seven judges will be included depending on the court.
  - By identifying the court in your summary, you will be able to determine the court's jurisdiction and if there is a binding precedent on other courts based on this decision.
- **Parties of the case**
  - Include key parties involved in the case. Depending on the type of matter being heard, the parties may be called the applicant, plaintiff or defendant, appellant or respondent.
- **Remedy or orders sought**
  - What did the applicant/plaintiff/appellant want?
- **Prior proceedings**
  - If the case has been heard before, you may wish to consider what happened in the lower courts. This may provide background information on the facts and the legal issues at hand.



# a Case Summary

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## **Include the facts of the case**

We recommend using bullet points for key facts to keep them brief and accessible. You should include enough background information so you can draw distinctions or analogies to the scenarios that arise in a problem question you're analysing. Keep in mind that effective use of analogies is often the difference between a Distinction and a High Distinction.

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## **Pinpoint the relevant legal issues**

Identify the issue of law being discussed in the matter. This is similar to what you will do in a problem question. Consider the cause of action on both sides as their respective arguments will help you determine the legal issue.

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## **Note the outcome/decision**

What did the judge decide, or if there was more than one judge, what did the majority decide? Who was the successful party? If it was an appeal, was the appeal upheld or denied? Were the orders or remedies sought awarded? If so, to whom?

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## **Consider the Reasoning**

This is the process used by the judges to come to their decision. Trace their arguments in the judgment, including any dissenting judgments. This will likely form the substantive part of the summary.

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## **Identify the *ratio decidendi***

The 'ratio' is the principle of law or the legal reason that 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.

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## **Identify the *obiter dicta***

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

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## **Comment on the impact of the judgment**

How was the decision 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.

# Exam Preparation

Exam time can be a stressful period for many students. In first year, exams account for between 60 to 65% of your final grade, or up to 90% if you redeem an assignment, so being prepared and confident on exam day is critical if you want to ace your course. Here are some recommendations to help make that happen.

## **Start preparing early**

Throughout this guide we've highlighted the importance of keeping up with course content. We can't stress enough how beneficial it is to attend lectures and seminars, complete your weekly readings and prepare your exam notes at the completion of each topic while the information is fresh in your mind. If you fall behind during the semester, you will spend precious revision time pulling notes together rather than revising and completing practice exams.

## **Prepare effective notes**

You're allowed to take as many printed or handwritten notes into an exam as you wish, but that doesn't mean you should take everything you have produced throughout the semester. The key to effective exam notes is being able to access information quickly, so you want them to be targeted and accessible. Trust us when we say you won't have time to read through lengthy documents or a textbook to find what you are looking for in an exam. We recommend you prepare a consolidated set of notes from lectures and readings. Perhaps more importantly you should draw on the work you've done in seminars here. It's likely you will have worked through problem questions and potential essay topics and your seminar leader has guided you through the approach and what is expected of you in an answer. Use this structure to prepare a skeleton answer or notes that act as a process for answering a potential question. There is no right or wrong way to prepare notes. What's important is they are concise and you are familiar with the content. Pro tips: Start each new topic on a new page. Attach different coloured tabs to each new section for ease of access. Use page numbering and a contents page to help with navigation. Use a highlighter to colour code key information, cases and legislation.

## **Complete practice exams**

Your course coordinator will upload previous year's exams to MyUni in Weeks 11 or 12. These will generally include notes on what the marker expected in each answer. These are a valuable resource and we recommend you complete as many as you can (without looking at the feedback first) so you become familiar with what to expect and the types of questions you may be asked. Given in person exams are handwritten, you should also try to complete at least one under exam conditions to practice your timing and handwriting. Practice exams are a great way to test your notes and identify necessary improvements. Most courses will dedicate the final week before SWOTVAC to revision. Ensure you attend the lectures and seminars so you can ask final questions before your exam. Similarly, your PASS leader will likely run a session where they work through a previous year's exam.

## **On the day**

Your exam time and allocated seat will be posted to MyAdelaide. Ensure you have everything you need - your student ID, printed notes, pens and highlighters. Arrive early and take some time to prepare your mind. You may wish to connect with friends or sit quietly and review your notes one last time. Whatever you choose, remain calm, stay positive and trust that your hard work will pay off.



# EXAM PREP 101

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Join our panel of experienced law students as they share their tips and tricks for preparing for and nailing your law exams.

# Career Information for First Years

Beginning law school can be daunting. Many of you may not know anyone working in the field or studying law. You may feel overwhelmed by the competitive nature of the legal profession or stress about your job prospects after graduation. As a first year student, you don't need to worry about not having a clerkship or internship now; however there are steps is the time to learn and develop skills that will lead to these opportunities in the future.

While firms usually only accept students in their third, fourth or final year for clerkships, there are many volunteering and extracurricular opportunities available to first year students. Not only does taking the initiative to volunteer look impressive on your CV, it also equips you with skills that will make law school that little bit easier and may help you gain an internship in the future.

## Things you can do in first year for your career

### **Work on your communication**

Many of you may initially struggle to convey your ideas within the seemingly low word counts of your law assignments. Being able to do so effectively is an especially important skill to master. Legal writing requires you to communicate your ideas and information concisely and with the greatest possible clarity. Developing your written skills by seeking feedback on your assignments, working on your referencing and ensuring you are exposing yourself to more opportunities to write will help develop this skill. You could write articles for the *Hilarian*, *OnDit* or other magazines as well as join organisations like Toastmasters where you would be able to work on your written and spoken communication skills.

### **Widen your perspective**

If your schedule allows, consider joining a university club or volunteering in a non-legal capacity. Not only will this provide you with an avenue for stress relief, which can help you personally and possibly academical as you would have better perception of fact patterns, it can also help you develop transferable skills like managing projects or working in teams and shows you are well rounded. It also demonstrates to an employer that you can relate to people which is an important skill as a lawyer.

### **Build a professional network**

It may be overwhelming to reach out to people you do not know, but effective networking and having a professional network will be invaluable .Making good impressions helps you stand out from the crowd. If employers know and trust you, they are far more likely to work with you than someone they are unfamiliar with. There are a number of things you can do now to begin networking.

#### **Create a LinkedIn profile**

While you may feel like you have nothing to post on LinkedIn, merely having an account with a profile picture on the platform demonstrates to others that you actively engage in the legal community. Do not underestimate how impressive an established LinkedIn profile appears. Employers will likely look you up so don't be scared to tell the world what you're up to!

#### **Join a legal association**

As a student, you can join an established legal association such as the Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association or the Asian Australian Lawyers Association. These associations provide you with an opportunity to attend events and engage with established solicitors and barristers, judicial officers, and government workers.

#### **Attend AULSS events**

Maximise your law school experience beyond the classroom by attending AULSS events. AULSS events provide the opportunity to build meaningful professional relationships with other students, academics and our guest speakers.

# Volunteering Opportunities

## **Roma Mitchell Community Legal Centre (RMCLC)**

The RMCLC is a non-government funded organisation that provides free pre-booked sessions with practising solicitors who provide free legal advice to individuals on a range of legal topics. The RMCLC is also affiliated with numerous Aboriginal Reconciliation events including Sorry Day, Candlelight Walks around Government House and NAIDOC week. As a volunteer, you will commit to either weekly or fortnightly shifts on Monday 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: [https://sacommunity.org/org/201644-Roma\\_Mitchell\\_Community\\_Legal\\_Centre\\_Inc](https://sacommunity.org/org/201644-Roma_Mitchell_Community_Legal_Centre_Inc)

How to apply: A resume and CV can be sent at any time to [rmclc@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rmclc@ozemail.com.au) with a CC to [Patrickrmclc@gmail.com](mailto:Patrickrmclc@gmail.com).

## **Women's Legal Service of South Australia (WLSSA)**

The WLSSA is a non-profit organisation working to provide free legal advice and assistance to women in South Australia with a focus on women experiencing domestic and family violence, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The WLSSA have two intakes per year for legal volunteers - a summer and winter intake. Volunteers will ordinarily work 1-2 shifts per week and will assist with the legal advice phone line, administrative duties, data entry, and be able to sit in on client interviews. If you are interested, visit the WLSSA website via the link below to find out more about volunteer roles available.

Location: Level 7/45 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Website: <https://www.wlssa.org.au/volunteering>

How to apply: Send a CV and a cover letter indicating your interest via email to [admin@wlssa.org.au](mailto:admin@wlssa.org.au). Do note that applications are accepted all year round and the WLSSA will keep your interest on file for the next upcoming intake.

## **Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)**

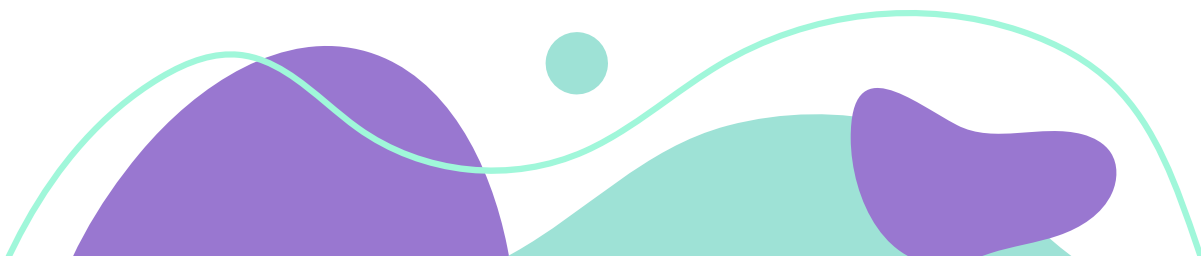
The ALRM is a not-for-profit and independent Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. The main purpose of the ALRM is to assist Aboriginal people, particularly those imprisoned or detained in custody. The goal is to reduce the helplessness and oppression faced by Aboriginal people through the use of the law. If you have an interest in Aboriginal rights and/or criminal law, we highly encourage you 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 Street, Adelaide 5000

Website: <https://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.

For more information about the various volunteering opportunities, please have a look at the AULSS volunteer handbook at <https://www.aulss.org/s/Volunteer-Handbook-2.pdf>





**CAREERS X EDUCATION**

# **HEADSTART SEMINAR**

**Overwhelmed by the thought of needing a clerkship sorted in first year?**

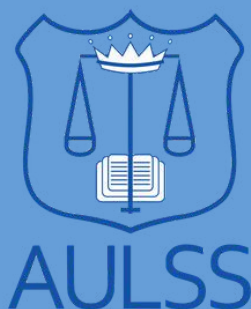
**Not sure what employers are looking for?**

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.

**25 MAY 2023 | TIME AND LOCATION TBC**

Make sure to check the AULSS Facebook for additional details!

# TRIVARSITY CAREERS FAIR



**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
- Mock interview sessions
- Gaining an insight to Community Legal Centres

24 MARCH 2023  
11:00AM-2:00PM

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# AULSS Competitions

## First Year Moot

Moots are mock cases on appeal before an appellate court (like the Supreme or Federal Courts). The First Year Moot is tailor-made for you as it 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 interviewing simulates an interview between a potential client and a team of two competitors. The process is simple: a potential client will approach your team with a problem, and your goal is to help your client understand the law around said 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\*

This is one of the most common forms of Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR) used in practice. Competitors must 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's 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 competitions 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's 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 will only be 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**

**\*The winners of these competitions will get an opportunity to represent the Adelaide Law School at a national level in the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA) competitions.**



# COMPETITIONS

## Information Night.

Come along to an information seminar held by the Competitions Portfolio who will discuss competitions scheduled for Semester 1. These include:

- Open Moot
- Novice Moot
- Negotiations
- Client Interviewing
- Witness Examination

Learn about what the competitions are, what is required of you and hear top tips from past winners!

1 March 2023 | 6pm | Ligertwood Lecture Theatre 231

# COMPETITIONS & Volunteering REGISTRATIONS

Following our information session, registrations will open for all five competitions.

If competing is too daunting for you, give volunteering a shot! It is a great way to see it all in action. We accept volunteers to be clients or witnesses in our Client Interviewing and Witness Examination competitions.

Be sure to have this marked in your calendar because spaces fill up quickly!

**Be sure to check the AULSS Facebook for updates!**

Registration opens 1 March 2023 @ 7:30pm and closes 6 March 2023 @ 5:30pm



COMPETITIONS X CAREERS

# COMPETITIONS COME & TRY

In collaboration with the Careers Portfolio, the Competitions Portfolio hold a Come and Try Day.

Come along to be walked through a problem question by a past winner, and even have a go at competing!

We have four sessions, which allow you to try out every competition.

Registrations for this event open Monday 27 February  
and close Thursday 2 March at 5.30pm.

4 March 2023 | 12pm | Adelaide Law School.  
Check the AULSS Facebook for updates!



# Extra-Curriculars

## AULSS Sports

Represent the AULSS on the sporting field and sweat it out on the glorious indoor courts of Stepney. Whether your sport of choice is netball, futsal or dodgeball, the AULSS has you and your registration fees covered. Memories made on the pitch while representing your law school against Adelaide's finest will keep one battle ready and fit enough for climbing the Liggy stairwell.

## The Law Revue

Adelaide Law Revue is a sketch comedy show, written, directed and performed by University of Adelaide Law students in September each year. It is said that laughter is the best form of medicine and one of the best ways to make law school bearable is to laugh about it. It is for this noble purpose that a small group of students put on a comedy sketch show. The Law Revue is a long-standing tradition that sees a merry band of erudite, witty law students write and stage a production, featuring a series of skits and musical numbers. It is a scarily accurate satire of law school life, a great way to lighten up life and is always an unmissable sell-out event. Beyond the casting call there are opportunities to be involved in the technical team or backstage crew. Roles will be made available via email so keep an eye on your inbox.

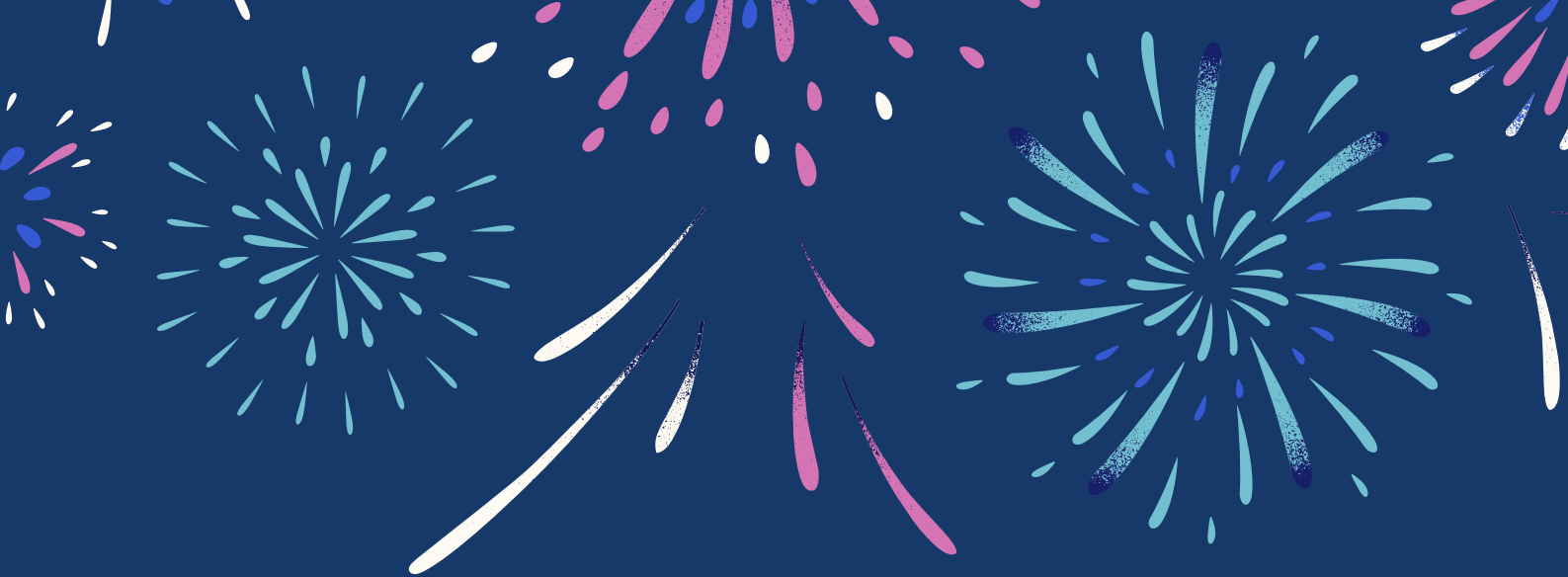
## The Walk for Justice

This wonderful event raises vital funds for JusticeNet SA and celebrates your future profession's pro bono commitment to ensuring disadvantaged South Australians have equitable access to the legal system. Able, fit and young students join their future colleagues to enjoy a 5km walk through the Botanic Gardens, along the River Torrens and culminating at the Published Arthouse where they will be rewarded with breakfast served by JusticeNet's 'Breakfast Club' of legal, corporate and community leaders (good walk, good company and networking with like-minded generous people). You can assist this cause by walking with the AULSS team organised by the Social Justice Portfolio and helping the student society do its bit to help support JusticeNet's work helping the most disadvantaged in your community, including those experiencing poverty, disability, risk of homelessness, refugees and people representing themselves in court. Look out for an invite in your inbox.

## University Clubs

If the above are not enough then there are over 160 clubs at the University of Adelaide! Most of them have stalls during O'Week and many members of your committee would be more than happy to point you in the direction of their co-curriculars. Campus life is lively and there are opportunities to meet students who are not doing Law, which after a day in Liggy could be a good thing.





JOIN US FOR THE

# AULSS OPENING PARTY

3 MARCH 2023 | 7:30PM TILL LATE  
THE MAID HOTEL

*TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!  
CHECK THE EVENT ON FACEBOOK!*



# PRO VINO

THE ANNUAL LAW SCHOOL WINE  
TOUR YOU CANNOT MISS!

25 MARCH 2023

ENJOY A FULL DAY OF WINE, FOOD  
AND FUN IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS





# LAW BALL



DON'T MISS THE LARGEST LAW BALL IN THE  
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

— 2023 —

Date & Location TBC

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Students' Society (AULSS)

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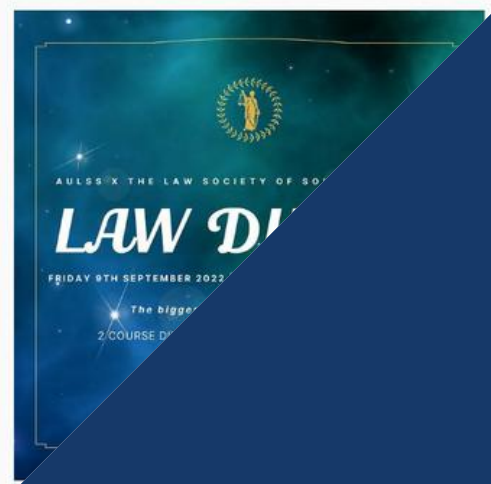
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# THE AULSS FACEBOOK

Keep up to date on events, competitions,  
seminars, opportunities & publications

Find out more at  
<https://www.facebook.com/AULSS1>



# AULSS INSTAGRAM

Get updates, stay in the loop, and find out what's going on around the Law School.



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# International Students

Hey international students of 2023! My name is Aiden Zeyang Wang and I'm thrilled to be elected as your International Representative for the year ahead. Along with the rest of the Education Portfolio of the AULSS, we're here to be your touchpoint and support you along the way of your Australian study abroad experience.

For the first time, the AULSS established a dedicated voice for international students at Adelaide Law School and I'm honoured to explore this newly established position with all of you! Whether you are new to Adelaide Law School or have been here in the past years, I would like to congratulate your effort for making it here from all over the world. For some of you, we may share experiences and for some I may not, but regardless, we are all here to embrace a truly global and international experience that will no doubt become a memory of a lifetime for all of us.

Being an international student is not easy. Your sacrifices should not be overlooked, and your enormous contributions should not be taken for granted. To be here, you all have been working incredibly hard. Hence, I'm here to encourage you to make the most out of your University of Adelaide experiences and be your supplement when you need.

To support your law school experience, I have planned a series of events to integrate you better amongst the wider domestic population. From meet-and-greet to semester catchups, from migration to study plan, I'm sure you will be able to take away something useful and contribute this towards your studies in the future. Being your rep will greatly afford me the leverage to support you in any ways possible and I'm always down for a friendly chat!

After all the above, if you're still reading, here's a bit about me! I was born in Beijing and moved to Los Angeles, California after primary school. After a good few years of middle school and a bit of high school, I decided to break new grounds here in Queensland and eventually South Australia. I've always been quite adventurous and travelled to many places like Europe, Africa and Hawaii for vacation once, just a couple of years back. I do spend quite a lot of time around uni so do come and catch me either in the Hub or Ligertwood!



**International  
Representative:  
Aiden Zeyang  
Wang**

As a third year international student at the law school, looking back at my past few years, I'm extremely grateful to all the people who supported me along the way and now its time for me to pass on that gratitude to you! During your degree, there will be ups and downs, sometimes you will face difficulty in many ways possible and most expected. However, I trust you will become more resilient and adaptable to face the world after these 4-5 years of your study. Be mindful to reach out to those around you, proactivity go and engage with your studies, support services and most importantly, don't forget to take good care of your health, both mental and physical.

Lastly, I wish you all the best of luck in law school and all of your amazing future endeavours. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to my email [internationalrep@aulss.org](mailto:internationalrep@aulss.org) and other social platforms! See you there!

# Mature Age Students



## **Mature Age Representative:** **Leah Schlein**

The AULSS welcomes all mature age students to Adelaide Law School. We are excited to have you join us and hope you are looking forward to commencing your law degree.

My name is Leah and I'm the AULSS Mature Age Representative. I'm in my second year at Adelaide Law School and remember very clearly the courage it took to start this new chapter in life. When I began I heard a lot of discussions about the transition from high school to university, but very little about what challenges lie ahead for someone who hadn't taken an exam in over a decade. But I'm so pleased to tell you that first year was an incredible experience and I discovered I wasn't the only mature age student walking the halls of Liggy. You should be incredibly proud to be here and I want you to know that you're not alone. Although it will be hard work, you will surprise yourself and more than likely exceed your expectations, and make some terrific friends whilst doing it.

Whatever your circumstances, I recognise the unique challenges you may face during your time at law school. Whether you are balancing family or financial commitments, I am here to support you along with the rest of the AULSS committee.

I encourage you to join the dedicated Adelaide Law School Mature Age Students Facebook group to hear about the events I have planned for us, connect with your fellow students of all ages, speak up in classes, attend other AULSS events and even challenge yourself in law competitions. I'm confident if you get involved you'll find a supportive network of students, faculty and staff who are all keen to help you achieve your goals and succeed in your studies.

And finally, I am so eager to meet you. Please don't be shy and introduce yourself via email at [matureagerep@aulss.org](mailto:matureagerep@aulss.org) or on campus whenever you see me. I'd love to have a cup of tea with you and hear about your journey to law school, and if it helps, answer any questions you may have, share my own experiences and knowledge so that your time here is the best it can be. Like our Education Director Tony said, law school is much better as a shared experience.

# Online Services



**MyUni/Canvas:** This will be your most used university website.

This is where you will find every bit of information about each course you are enrolled in, including lecture slides, readings, seminar materials and discussion boards. It is also where you will find all of your assignments and links to Turnitin where you can submit them and receive grades and feedback. For the tech-savvies among us, this is your go-to app. Essentially this app is a more compatible version of the MyUni portal for your smartphone or tablet. Tip: Turn on push notifications to be notified that your assignment grades have been released.

**Student Email:** Other than MyUni, your student email will be the main method of communication between you and university staff. If you do not want to miss out on guest speakers, special events for law students or even job and volunteer opportunities, make sure you regularly check your university email inbox. The student email service is available via Microsoft Outlook as part of Microsoft 365, which you can find information about here:

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/technology/o365-for-students#will-i-be-able-to-download-a-copy-of-office-365-through-my-account>.

**Library/Libguides:** This will 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 is a credible source if the library has included it! You can also use this search to source physical books across all uni libraries and request to have them set aside for you: <https://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/home>.

**Echo360:** This app essentially allows you to view lecture recordings and slides wherever your smartphone or tablet device is - on the bus, train, car, kitchen or at the gym. You will also use this app to participate in quizzes during lectures.

**Lost on Campus:** Can't find room 333 Ligertwood for your next class? Lost on Campus is here for you. This handy application will help you find your lecture theatre, nearest toilet, office or café. 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. This nifty website comes with shortcuts to your timetable, academic results, campus map, library search and much more. Simply sign in with your university username and password and you are ready to go. <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/app/>

**ADAPT and Facilities Bookings:** This is the university's external VPN that allows you to log into the uni system from home as if you were on campus. Use this to access certain information from the library but also to book study spaces or meeting rooms from home by following the instructions at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/technology/your-tools/academic/adapt> and then going to the facilities website and going to 'web room booking'. If you're already on campus you can skip the ADAPT step and just use this link: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/infrastructure/facilities-bookings>

# Health and Wellbeing

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 the stress.

The AULSS is committed to ensuring you feel comfortable seeking support if you are feeling stressed, anxious, or have 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 and wellbeing.

**Student Life Counselling Support** is located on the ground floor of the Horace Lamb Building and provides free, confidential, short term counselling support to enrolled students seeking to address both personal and study related issues.

- Phone: (08) 8313 5663
- Website: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling/>
- Location: Ground floor, Horace Lamb Building, North Terrace Campus

**University Health Practice** 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 including general health checks, immunisation and contraception advice.

- Phone: (08) 7095 0273
- Website: <https://universityhealthpractice.com.au/>
- Location: Ground floor, Horace Lamb Building, North Terrace Campus

**Wellbeing Hub** provides a wealth of study tips, information and advice about relationships, physical and mental health, and a range of other information and support to help maximise your wellbeing.

- Website: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/wellbeing/>

**Lifeline** is committed to supporting Australians in times 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 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 across 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/>
- Location: 173 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

# 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 content you've learned in lectures and seminars with your fellow peers. These voluntary hour-long sessions are run weekly and do not require any form of prior registration or booking. Overall, PASS is a great way to improve your grades while also meeting new friends along the way. Keep an eye on your student emails for more detailed information and check the website below to see if your subject has a PASS class:

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/pass/course-and-session-times>

## **Discussion Boards**

Every course on MyUni has a discussion board that operates as a Q&A forum between staff and students. Students may post any questions they have relating to the course and they will be answered in a timely manner. All questions and answers are visible to every student in the course, so you can always refer 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 2023) Facebook group is also a great place to post questions related to your courses.

## **Staff 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. Office hours are when you can drop in (or make an appointment via email) to ask 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 you think ahead! Remember that our law school student advisors are also always around to support you if you feel 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 on 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 on 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 programs are available for international students who seek language support resources. 30 minute one-on-one mentoring appointments are available from Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 4.00pm and are held both in the Writing Centre and online.

# University Services

The university and related organisations within it have some fantastic services available for students to use.

## **Ask Adelaide**

Ask Adelaide is your go-to student service centre. The Ask Adelaide team can help with your general enquiries by live chat, phone or in person. If you're on campus and need assistance with things like enrolment support, directions to buildings or your student ID card, you'll find them on level 3 of Hub Central near the staircase that is closest to the southside of the Hub.

## **YouX**

YouX is there to help you get the most out of your uni experience. YouX runs everything from O'Week, social clubs, large events on campus, short non-academic courses and provides various discounts to its members. You can speak to a YouX Student Ambassador at YouX HQ on level 4 of Hub Central, or find out more on their website <https://youx.org.au/>.

## **YouX Student Care**

Within YouX you'll find the YouX Student Care team, which provides a variety of independent services for students who need support with academic, administrative and welfare issues. Visit the Student Care website for more information <https://youx.org.au/support/studentcare/>.

## **Career Services**

Career Services is the section of the university that helps students with career options. Whether it is a bit of advice, assistance with your resume or posting internship advertisements, Career Services is a great way to get ahead of the competition. You can find out more here: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/careers/>.

## **Other Services**

If you're an international student, a student with a disability or a First Nations student, there are dedicated support services available to you. For more information check them out here:

International Student Support: <https://international.adelaide.edu.au/life-on-campus/support-services>

Disability Student Support: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/disability/>

Wirltu Yarlu (First Nations): <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlu/>

# AULSS Merchandise

So you've been accepted into law school and now you want to look the part? Never fear, AULSS merchandise is here! We have some of the best merchandise around campus, so keep your eyes on our social media platforms for details of how to get your hands on it.



## Law School Local

Are you a sucker for a discount? We certainly are! Law School Local is a rewards card that helps YOU 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!



# Inappropriate Behaviour

The AULSS is a responsible student society that wishes to ensure the safety and enjoyment of AULSS members, law school and other students, university faculty and staff, and members of the public when attending AULSS events.

We want everyone to have a good time and feel safe at our events. It makes life easier and more enjoyable for everyone if we all behave appropriately. To minimise the risk of inappropriate behaviour, following is guidance on how we conduct ourselves and ask you to behave appropriately.

- 1** We have a **ZERO** tolerance policy towards any inappropriate behaviour.
- 2** We will **NOT** tolerate any inappropriate behaviour including verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment, serious intoxication, damage to goods or property or anything that violates any rules of the venue or state laws.

The AULSS is comprised of students who are running a volunteer led student body for everyone. Below is the way we will deal with any inappropriate behaviour and try to ensure we meet our obligations and keep everyone safe:

- 1** In the event of antisocial behaviour, the relevant Director running the event, or in their absence, the relevant Committee member who is primarily running the event, will have the discretion to decide whether or not the offending person can remain at the event, or whether they should leave.
- 2** If a person conducts themselves inappropriately, the AULSS may choose to exclude them entry to future AULSS events. In this situation, the President of the AULSS will write to them advising them of that decision, and they may choose to write to the Dean of the Law School to inform them of that decision.
- 3** If you see any inappropriate behaviour at an AULSS event, please let a member of the AULSS Executive or Committee know, or report it to the university.
- 4** Anyone who is removed from an AULSS event for behaving inappropriately will be reported to the university and/or police depending on the seriousness of the offence.



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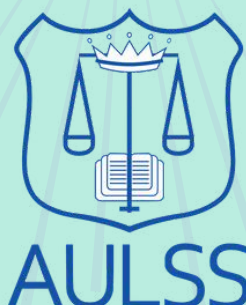
with Attorney General Kyam Maher MLC

14 March 2023 | 6pm | Location TBC

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MAKE SURE TO CHECK INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES!



# Save the Date

WEEKS 1-12 OF SEMESTER 1 2023

01

Wednesday: Competitions  
Info Night @ 6pm  
Friday: Opening Party @  
7.30pm  
Saturday: Competitions  
Come & Try Day @ 12pm

02

Monday: Call for First  
Year Rep Nominations  
Friday: First Year Drinks  
Night @ 7pm  
First year mentoring  
program commences

03

Monday: Close of Call for First  
Year Rep Nominations  
Tuesday: Indigenous Voice to  
SA Parliament Seminar @ 6pm  
Wednesday: First Year Q&A +  
Study Tips Seminar @ 11.10am

04

Tuesday to Thursday: First  
Year Elections 10am-2pm  
Friday: Triversity Careers  
Fair @ 11am  
Saturday: Pro Vino

05

Wednesday: Problem &  
Short Answer Questions  
101 seminar @ 1.10pm

06

Wednesday: Legal  
Research & AGLC 101  
Seminar @ 11.10am

07

Competitions Grand Final  
Week!  
Date TBC: How to  
Interview Evening

08

Free Week!

09

Mooting Grand Final  
Week!

10

Wednesday: Exam Prep  
101 seminar @ 11.10am  
Thursday: Careers guide  
launch

11

Thursday: Education X  
Careers Headstart  
Seminar

12

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

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