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## Important Dates for 2011

The information below relates to ordinary Semester 1 and Semester 2 topics. For information relating to the census and withdrawal dates for summer topics and intensive topics (e.g., practical legal training topics), students are referred to the Faculty Administrative Officer for Law and/or the website [http://www.flinders.edu.au/studentinfo/important_dates.htm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/studentinfo/important_dates.htm).

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About the Law School

The Law Programmes

The Flinders Law School provides undergraduate degrees in Law, Bachelor of Justice and Society, majors in Criminal Justice and Legal Studies towards the Arts and Behavioural Science degrees; Law teaching for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the Business School, and postgraduate courses. There are four undergraduate Law degrees: the Bachelor of Laws (LLB), the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (LLB/LP), the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours) (LLB/LR)(UG) and graduate entry of the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (LLB/LP)(G). They are available for entry immediately from secondary school or during or after completion of another degree, and can be taken in combination with another degree. A special sub-quota exists for Indigenous students. The Bachelor of Justice and Society which is not a Law degree is also available for entry immediately from secondary school and prepares students for careers oriented around concepts of justice, policy and society. The major sequence for Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Behavioural Science (BBSc) students, is in the field of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies with some of these topics available to Law students. The undergraduate Law degrees incorporate an honours programme. Postgraduate study is available by way of research degrees Master of Laws (LLM) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). An intensive postgraduate suite of courses in International Law and International Relations commenced in 2008.

The Law School’s academic staff are active researchers, many with national or international reputations in their fields. They are involved in a range of external activities that regularly bring them into contact with the legal profession and the broader community. The Law School prides itself on its friendly and relaxed atmosphere, as well as on its commitment to high quality teaching and scholarship.

The School was established to help meet an overwhelming demand for university places in law. In 1992 the first 60 undergraduates were admitted into LLB programme. Since that time the size of the intake and the choices available to students have increased dramatically. Most significantly, the Degree of Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (LLBLP) degree was introduced by Flinders Law School in 1999 to incorporate practical legal training as part of the undergraduate degree in Law. Students are thus able to complete all requirements for admission to practice as a lawyer as part of their undergraduate education and may meet the costs of their education, on a HECS-HELP debt basis without any upfront course fees. Part of the delivery of the practical legal training (PLT) component is achieved through an agreement between Flinders University and The Law Society of South Australia, so that Flinders students may take a topic taught by The Law Society. The incorporation of PLT into the degree flows from a philosophy
articulated from the establishment of the Flinders Law degree whereby skills training is integrated with the study of substantive law topics. These skills enhance the appreciation of the ways in which legal rights and obligations are given effect in practice but are relevant to almost all applications of legal knowledge, not just legal practice.

Features of Flinders’ PLT component include:

- Practical training topics are integrated with the substantive topics of the course and designed specifically to build on what students have already done.
- The practical topics involve teaching from experienced teaching staff from within the Law School (many of whom have a practice background) and practitioners currently working in the profession.
- Students are enrolled in a Flinders programme of study with all the University’s consequent rights and privileges.
- The course can be taken on a HECS-HELP debt basis.

As part of the Law School’s community involvement, two special lectures are sponsored. The Elliott Johnston Lecture is held during Law Week in mid-May and involves an invited speaker on a topic relating to the law and Indigenous people. The Alex Castles Memorial Legal History Lecture is held in alternate years and involves an invited speaker on a topic relating to the development of the law in Australia. The highly successful Visiting Judicial Fellow programme brings to the Law School a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, who contributes in various ways to the School’s activities for one week. During the law degree opportunities for community service are provided, especially in conjunction with the Southern Community Legal Service and via the elective topic Social Justice Internship.

One thing that has changed little over the past decade has been the success of the Flinders Law programme. Our graduates have given us high ratings and they in turn have been highly valued by employers for the skills they possess. With the Law School now also responsible for the popular and innovative Criminal Justice and Legal Studies majors, and the Bachelor of Justice and Society its role in providing high quality education and training will continue to evolve.
Charter and Goals of the Law School

Charter

The Law School is a community which seeks to promote a broad understanding of Law and legal systems through teaching, scholarship and involvement in the community at large.

Goals

1. To maintain and develop a high quality LLB/LP programme which provides a broad legal education, integrates practical legal training with the teaching of substantive law, and allows graduates to pursue a variety of careers in the legal profession and in other sectors.

2. To maintain and develop high quality Criminal Justice and Legal Studies programmes including the Bachelor of Justice and Society degree to provide an understanding of criminological and socio-legal research, justice policy and the impact of the legal system on society and the community.

3. To maintain and develop other undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education programmes which reflect staff expertise and meet the needs of the community.

4. To promote equity in access to legal education and to the legal profession.

5. To encourage and provide support for legal and criminological research and to enhance the national and international reputation of the Law School.

6. To foster co-operation with the University community, with other institutions and with other disciplines.

7. To promote a healthy, pleasant, inclusive and mutually respectful working environment in which the Law School can be effectively managed and workloads equitably distributed.

8. To promote a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect between the staff and students of the Law School.

9. To promote a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect between the Law School and the legal profession and the wider community.

10. To gain recognition for having achieved these goals.
**Graduate Qualities**

In keeping with the ethos of its Charter and Goals, the Law School strives to imbue the following qualities in each of its graduates:

- are knowledgeable;
- can apply their knowledge;
- communicate effectively;
- can work independently;
- are collaborative;
- value ethical behaviour; and
- connect across boundaries.

**Legal Education at Flinders**

The course leading to the degree of LLB/LP is designed with the intention that students will obtain: (a) knowledge, understanding and the capacity to critically appreciate and evaluate Australian law and the Australian legal system, taking into account historical development and societal imperatives; (b) facility in a range of basic legal and generic skills that assist in the translation of legal rights into effective outcomes; and (c) competence in applied legal skills essential to the ethical and professional conduct of legal practice, broadly construed. The overarching aim is to have graduates properly prepared to enter upon the practice of Law in Australia, and, where recognised, overseas.

Particular skills emphasised include:

- legal research techniques, in particular the capacity to locate primary source material (statutes and judicial decisions) in both the traditional hard copy and in the developing range of electronic data bases;
- legal reasoning, especially case analysis, statutory interpretation and an appreciation of how facts are established and their relevance determined;
- critical evaluation of legal rules and policy issues;
- presentation of arguments, both orally and in writing;
- interpersonal communication, for instance, in the contexts of interviewing clients or conducting negotiations; and
- use of plain and understandable English in legal drafting and other forms of writing.

Legal skills such as the interpretation and analysis of statute and precedent, the oral and written presentation of legal argument, the ability to retrieve
information and the capacity to distinguish the relevant from the irrelevant are of value in a variety of careers, as well as professional legal practice.

Within Australia, the content of both academic and practical courses in Law is influenced by the lists of subject areas, skills and values which have been agreed by admitting authorities. These lists set out what is essential if a graduate is to be admitted as a legal practitioner. Compliance with these lists is regulated in this State by the Legal Practitioners Education and Admission Council (LPEAC), which is satisfied that the Flinders degree is fully compliant.

The topics for the Law degree are taught on a semester basis. The first year of the course seeks to introduce students to the nature and structure of the legal system and to a cross-section of substantive legal principles involving civil law, criminal law and public law. The remaining compulsory law topics consolidate these principles and cover the remaining areas of substantive law and legal procedure generally accepted as the core areas. Elective topics enable students to develop specialist knowledge and skills, a greater understanding of the social impact or theoretical bases of the law, and an appreciation of possible future directions of the law. The PLT topics provide students with the knowledge, skills and values relevant to the conduct of legal practice.

Students are expected to view the Law in its historical, conceptual and social context. Critical evaluation of the evolution, purpose and operation of the Law is part of all compulsory and elective topics. Study of the History of Legal Ideas is one topic within the compulsory core. Within the Law degree, attention is directed to philosophical, economic, racial and gender-based analyses. The PLT topics are linked to the substantive topics in the law core so that students are able to apply substantive principles within the related practical environment.

**Law School Building**

The Law School at Flinders University is housed in the Law and Commerce Building, which opened in March 1993. In accordance with our commitment to interactive teaching, the building has various sizes of lecture theatres and a specially designed Moot Court and interview rooms, as well as seminar and tutorial rooms. This attractive and award-winning building blends in with existing architecture on the south ridge of the campus, is air-conditioned and has a landscaped central courtyard.

**The Flinders Law Library**

The Law Library provides the link to an extensive range of online legal databases and services which, together with its 96,000 volumes, provides an excellent teaching and research resource. The Library was established
with a grant from the University and a successful public appeal. Members of the legal profession were very generous contributors.

The Law Library is located on Level 3 of the Central Library Building. It has purpose-built accommodation, comprising a magnificent reading room containing the collection of books, law reports, statutes and journals, together with reading accommodation. Generous provision of student computer workstations and associated facilities provide easy access to online services.

Adjacent is the Law student hub with computer workstations, group study and audiovisual facilities and the Law Library’s Information and Reserve Loans service point. The Law Liaison Librarian also located in this area, assists with training and reference inquiries. The Law Library’s webpage is: http://www.flinders.edu.au/library.

Link from there to see the electronic resources available to Flinders staff and students.

A good Law Library is the resource centre of any Law School, and learning to access it is one of the most important legal skills that students acquire. Tours of the Library and research skill training are arranged for all first year students early in first semester.

Community Engagement

The Law School is committed to active engagement with the community beyond the campus through a range of School and individual initiatives. The School’s regular Public Lectures focus on topics of current interest and importance. The Elliott Johnston Tribute Lecture is held annually in Law Week. It reflects Elliott Johnston’s deep commitment to aboriginal rights and is jointly hosted with Yunggorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research. The Alex Castles Legal History Lecture is presented bi-annually in the Spring. It offers a unique opportunity for eminent speakers to follow the late Professor Castle’s example and ‘help lawyers and others to perceive Australia’s history as unique, different and worthy of special study’. ¹ The School is also delighted to host a public lecture each year by the Visiting Judicial Fellow from the Federal Court during His or Her Honour’s tenure with us.

Individually, Law staff share their skills and expertise through expert comment, consultancy, presentations and membership of numerous government and professional boards and committees. They also work with a range of community organisations. Among these currently are: the International Humanitarian Law Committee of the Red Cross; the Australian Council on Children and the Media; Amnesty International; the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; the Don

¹ M. Kirby, 2003
Dunstan Foundation; the University of the Third Age; Yarrow Place and the Australian Refugee Association.

Finally, in a joint initiative for staff and students, the elective Social Justice Internship helps improve public access to law. This topic gives students the chance to work, under supervision, with clients at a University Legal Advice Clinic or in several community agencies. It is one of the School’s most engaging features: ‘a fantastic topic’ ‘there was a real sense of helping people who felt lost’ ‘the most valuable experience I have had at university’.

Governance

The Law School is part of the Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law, and is one of four Faculties in the University. The School provides advice on academic matters to the Faculty and the University through the School Board. The School Board includes academic staff, general staff and student members. Students who have academic issues that they believe should be brought to the attention of the Board should speak to their student representatives.

The School Board has several committees, one of which is the Teaching and Learning Committee. This Committee advises the Board on all matters relating to teaching and assessment, including the approval of proposed new topics, and scrutinises assessment schemes formulated by the teaching staff. The Teaching and Learning Committee contains student representatives. Advice to the School on matters affecting students generally is provided through the Staff/Student Consultative Committee.

The senior administrator within the School is the Dean of Law, a senior member of the academic staff whose functions include being responsible for matters relating to resources and staffing, as well as representing the School in dealing with the Faculty, the rest of the University, the legal profession, and the broader community. The Dean is assisted by Associate Deans and Heads, and Directors of Studies, by the Manager of Student Services, the Manager Resources and Development; the Dean’s Secretary, and by other academic and support staff. There is also an Administrative Officer for Law in the Faculty Office, who has particular responsibility for student-related administration.

Flinders Law Journal

The Flinders Journal of Law Reform was launched by the Law School in December 1995 and renamed The Flinders Law Journal in 2010. It publishes contributions from Australian and international scholars on topics relating to law. The Journal has two issues a year. Occasionally it publishes special issues in which scholars consider one particular area. Ideas for special issues are always welcomed. Students wishing to assist
with the production of the Journal are encouraged to approach the Editor. Also all students are invited to submit any outstanding piece of legal writing to the Editor for possible publication. For more information please visit: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehlt/law/flinders-law-journal/

Degree Programmes in the Law School
The Law School is responsible for the following degree programmes:

- the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (LLB/LP);
- the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Graduate Entry) (LLB/LP);
- the Bachelor of Laws (LLB);
- the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours) (LLB/LP(Hons))
- the Criminal Justice major in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Behavioural Science (BBSc);
- Bachelor of Justice and Society (BJS);
- law topics for the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) (BCom(Acc)), Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) (BCom(Fin)), Bachelor of Business (BBus) and Master of Accounting (MAcc);
- Master of Laws (International Law and International Relations);
- the research higher degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Laws (LLM) by thesis.

The following pages provide detailed information as to the LLB/LP degree, the various ways in which it can be taken (including the option of graduating with just an LLB), and the topics that may be studied towards it.

Applying to Study at the Law School
To apply for a place in the LLB/LP (Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice) (Undergraduate or Graduate Entry) or the Master of Laws (International Law and International Relations) at Flinders University you will need to lodge an application with SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre) via its website www.satac.edu.au.

Information relating to postgraduate research programs in Law can be accessed at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/courses/rhd/rhd_home.cfm

International students wishing to enrol in any of the courses offered by the Law School should contact the International Office in the first instance, phone (08) 8201 2727.
New-In-Law

The New-In-Law programme is essential for any new Flinders law student. It provides an introduction to the place, the people, the work and the opportunities that comprise the Law degree and it welcomes incoming students to their academic home. It builds on our reputation as a ‘first-year-friendly’ Law School and is designed to ensure that new students lose no time in establishing themselves successfully on their Law degree journey.

Using the first week of the academic year, New-in-Law includes challenging, interesting and purposeful activities and plenty of opportunities for incoming students to get to know their classmates, the Law staff and their peers. New students will also meet their peer mentor, an experienced Law student who possesses vital information about surviving Law School and has a commitment to help.

Students enter the Law School from a wide range of previous ‘lives’. New-in-Law focuses students’ diverse skills and interests on their Law degree. It is fundamental to developing the confidence and competence needed to make the most of their time with us.

The Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice Programme

The Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (LLB/LP) may be taken as a first degree in a minimum of four years full-time (or the equivalent part-time) or as a graduate-entry program in a minimum of three-and-a-half years full-time (or the equivalent part-time). The course is offered by the Law School, one component of Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law.

Students who do not wish to undertake the Practical Legal Training (PLT) component may complete a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) as a first degree in three-and-a-half years full-time (or the equivalent part-time), or as a graduate-entry program in three years full-time (or the equivalent part-time). However, these students cannot to be admitted to legal practice without completing a formal course of practical training.

Part-time students should note that minimum enrolment requirements apply in the first semester of First Year. Students must undertake both LLAW1211 Legal Research and Writing [Research I, Writing I] and LLAW1212 Criminal Law and Legal Method [Statutory Interpretation]. Note: Students who do not intend to undertake the Legal Practice component of the award are encouraged to notify the Faculty Administrative
Flinders Law School Officer (Law) during their final 12 months to ensure that they are recorded as a graduand of the LLB.

Both the LLB/LP and the LLB/LP (graduate entry) must be completed within 10 calendar years of commencement, unless the School Board permits an extension of time.

Students exiting the award with a LLB will not be eligible to be admitted to legal practice without the completion of further practical training requirements. Under arrangements currently in place the School cannot accommodate the return, for practical legal training purposes, of students who choose to exit with a LLB degree alone.

**LLB/LP and LLB/LR**

To complete the 4 year LLB/LP and LLB/LR degree at Flinders University, students must pass a total of 144 units. Of these, 94.5 units are compulsory topics, 31.5 units are chosen from a range of elective topics (22.5 units for LLB/LR students who also take LLAW6001 Dissertation), and 18 units are legal practice topics. Students undertaking the 4 year LLB/LP on a full-time basis will ordinarily adopt the following course of studies:

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LLAW3211 Corporate Law 2 [Ethics II] 4.5
LLAW3212 Civil Litigation 1 [Advocacy] 4.5
Law Electives 9.0

Semester 2

LLAW3221 Real Property Law 4.5
LLAW3222 Civil Litigation 2 [Negotiation] 4.5
LLAW3223 Evidence 4.5
LLAW4213 Criminal Practice and Advocacy* 4.5

YEAR 4
Semester 1

LLAW4211 Legal Practice Management [Research III]* 4.5
LLAW4212 Transactional Legal Practice* 9.0
Law Electives 4.5

Semester 2

LLB/LR(UG) must take LLAW6001 Dissertation 9.0
Law Electives 9.0

The Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Graduate entry) Programme

The LLB/LP(G) and the LLB/LR(G) can be completed in a minimum of 3.5 years full-time (or the equivalent part-time).

Students who do not wish to undertake the Legal Practice component may complete a LLB in three years full-time (or the equivalent part-time). However, these students cannot to be admitted to legal practice without completing a formal course of practical training.

Part-time students should note that minimum enrolment requirements apply in the first semester of First Year. Students must undertake both LLAW1211 Legal Research and Writing [Research I, Writing I] and LLAW1212 Criminal Law and Legal Method [Statutory Interpretation].

The 3.5 year course is open only to graduates who have completed a recognised university degree course prior to commencing the LLB/LP(G) or the LLB/LR(G), or who (having been admitted as an undergraduate) complete such a degree during their LLB/LP studies. Students must take a total of 135 units comprising 94.5 units of compulsory topics, 13.5 units of Law elective topics, 4.5 units for LLB/LR(G) students who also undertake LLAW6001 Dissertation, and 18 units of legal practice topics. If taken on a full-time basis the following course of studies will usually be adopted:
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*Not offered in 2011

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**Part-time Study**

Part-time study of the law courses is available. In first year it is recommended that even part-time students take three law topics in each
semester (a three-quarter load). It is essential that the following topics are completed successfully in Semester 1: LLAW1211 Legal Research and Writing [Research 1, Writing 1] and LLAW1212 Criminal Law and Legal Method [Statutory Interpretation I].

Thereafter the order of topics should correspond to the progression set out in the degree structures above, with particular care being given to the matter of prerequisites.

**Enrolment Loads**

Normal full-time enrolment is 36 units per year or 18 units per semester. Enrolment beyond this limit is permissible in some circumstances in accordance with University and Law School policies. Summer electives are offered primarily to increase flexibility for students, not to speed up degree completion. Accordingly, the availability of summer electives does not alter the expectation that the normal annual load remains at 36 units.

**Student Workloads in the LLB/LP**

Almost all Flinders topics have a 4.5 unit value. The exception relates to some dissertations and PLT topics. Each topic offered by the Law School has a unit value. All First Year topics have a value of 4.5 units. Flinders University uses unit values not only to define its degree requirements, but also to provide guidance to students on how to plan their study time. Students should see the hours linked to unit values as an indication of the estimated minimum work time necessary for them to achieve an average grade. The University’s general standard is that for each unit taken, approximately 30–36 hours of student effort (including both time spent in formal classes and individual study time), may be required over the course of a semester in order to obtain an average grade. This means, for instance, that a student who is undertaking a standard full-time load of topics totalling 18 units in a semester might expect to have to devote approximately 18 x 30 = 540 hours to 18 x 36 = 648 hours over that semester. Assuming a full continuum from week 1 to the end of the examinations period (including mid-semester break and swotvac), this averages to 30–36 hours per week of effort on the part of the student. In other words full-time study is the equivalent of a full-time job. Students should reflect on that fact before trying to ‘overload’ on their topic commitment.

The standard set by the University is intended to indicate the estimated time needed by a student, working effectively, to achieve an average grade. Experience shows that an ‘average grade’ in a Law topic is a bare Credit (that is, a mark at the lower end of the Credit range). Some
students will find that they need to work harder to achieve such a grade, especially in the early years of the LLB/LP course when trying to come to terms with legal issues and acquiring the skills needed to comprehend and analyse legal materials. Students must realise that more time may need to be devoted in individual circumstances in order to achieve even an average grade, let alone a higher grade. And there can be no guarantee, of course, that the mere investment of time will necessarily result in an average grade. The University’s approach to the question of student workloads can be read at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/student/SecC_expected.html.

Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)

For students who commenced their degree before 2011 there are two ways for them to obtain a LLB (Honours) or LLB/LP (Honours) neither of which involve completing an extra year of studies (as is often required under other degree programmes). The first simply depends on performance throughout the degree. A student who has a sufficiently high grade point average (GPA) for their Law studies at Flinders will be eligible to graduate with an Honours degree without any additional requirements. The second method is to enrol in the 9 unit elective LLAW4042 Legal Research Paper, comprised of two 4.5 unit topics LLAW4042A and LLAW4042B, and obtain a sufficiently high Honours score through a combination of the result in that topic and overall GPA (or just the GPA, if that is to the student’s advantage). There is therefore no guarantee that successful completion of LLAW4042 Legal Research Paper will result in the award of an LLB (Hons) — that will also depend upon the Honours GPA. The Topic requires the completion of a supervised research project. There are three particular reasons why students may wish to take up the option of doing a legal research paper:

- to maximise their chances of obtaining Honours, or of obtaining Honours at a higher classification;
- to increase the chances of obtaining a scholarship for postgraduate study (some scholarships, for example for higher degree study at Flinders itself, may be more difficult to obtain without previously undertaking a research project); or
- simply in order to have the opportunity to do an extended piece of legal research.

Categories of Prerequisite Topics

Most topics taught by the Law School have prerequisites or concurrent enrolment requirements. These requirements are imposed to ensure that teachers of upper year topics can assume certain knowledge or skills on the part of those in the class and organise their teaching accordingly. They fall into three categories:

Prerequisite: a topic which the student must have passed before enrolment in the relevant topic;

Concurrent prerequisite: a topic which the student must either have passed before enrolment in the relevant topic, or be taking concurrently;

Co-requisite: a topic which the student must do at the same time as the relevant topic.

Details of prerequisites and concurrent enrolment requirements for each topic are set out in the current University Course Information publication. An online version, including any amendments made since publication, can be viewed at http://www.flinders.edu.au/calendar/vol2/home.html.

Waiver of Prerequisites

In certain cases, a prerequisite or concurrent enrolment requirement may be waived. The School Board has adopted the following rules in this regard:

1. The Director of Studies may grant the request for waiver if:
   - the relevant topic coordinator consents (provided that it is reasonably practicable to seek that consent);
   - the Director of Studies is satisfied that the student’s ability to complete the topic satisfactorily will not be unduly hampered either through lack of adequate knowledge of content or through lack of previous attainment of necessary skills; and
   - the Director of Studies is satisfied that any administrative goal for the prerequisite or concurrent enrolment requirement has either been substantially achieved or its achievement would not be unduly hindered by granting the request for waiver.

2. The Director of Studies may, in considering whether to grant the request for waiver, take into account:
   - the student’s reasons for seeking the waiver;
   - any prior relevant studies or experience the student has had;
• the student’s level of academic achievement in prior and current studies and the circumstances under which it was achieved; and
• such other matters as bear upon the criteria which must be satisfied.

The School Board has expressly adopted the view that the desire to undertake, or the fact that a student has undertaken, a topic offered over the summer, will not be relevant reasons.

3. For waiver of prerequisites for PLT topics, all requests must be directed to the Director of Professional Programmes. In some instances, requests for waivers must be sent to the Legal Practitioners Education and Admissions Council (LPEAC). Waivers will only be granted for prerequisites of PLT topics in exceptional circumstances.

Core Topics: List of Prerequisites and Enrolment Restrictions

(Prerequisites may be modified from 2012)

The symbol † indicates a co-requisite; ^ indicates a concurrent prerequisite. Prerequisites may be modified from 2012

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Combined Law Degree Programmes

Range of Programmes

Law students (other than those who are graduates when they are admitted) may choose either to undertake the LLB/LP (or LLB) alone or undertake it in combination with one of the following:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)
- Bachelor of International Studies
- Bachelor of Justice and Society
- Bachelor of Science

What is a Combined Degree?

The term ‘combined degree’ can be a little misleading. If students choose to study Law under a combined programme this does not mean that they enrol in a single degree with a special title. Instead, a combined degree programme in Law involves studying concurrently for the LLB/LP and for one of the non-Law degrees listed above. They must enrol in the two degrees separately, study them separately and if they are successful, they will be awarded them separately. What the combined degree regulations ensure is that if students are engaged in the concurrent study of a Law degree and an approved non-Law degree, they can obtain the two degrees with fewer units of study than if they had undertaken them separately.

The Law Component
As far as the LLB/LP is concerned, the combined degree regulations require a minimum of 135 units of Law topics to be taken. Students wishing to undertake a combined degree with the LLB alone will be required to do a minimum of 117 units of Law topics.

The ‘Second Degree’ of the Combined Degree Component
As well as the minimum 135 units required for the LLB/LP, students undertaking a combined degree must meet the requirements set out in the relevant section of the current University Course Information publication for each of the non-law degrees. Further information on these requirements is available from those responsible for administering these degrees.

Limits on Double Counting
Students enrolled in a combined degree programme are permitted to ‘double count’ a certain number of topics: that is, have them credited towards the requirements of both the LLB/LP and the non-Law degree in question. However because there are a number of electives which can easily count towards more than one degree, and because we do not want students choosing such topics solely in order to reduce the length of their programme, each programme has a minimum number of total units that must be completed. These are as follows:

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In the case of Bachelor of Arts students undertaking the Criminal Justice major, you must discuss your full programme with the Administration Officer (Academic) in the Bachelor of Arts Office.

Programmes of Study
Once students are admitted to a combined degree programme, there is no set programme of study for them to follow. It is up to students to consider each year how much they wish to study towards each degree and what
programme best suits them. Normally, however, they might expect to be undertaking both Law and non-Law topics in each year of study.

There are two exceptions to this freedom of choice. First, in their First Year of Law students must enrol in first semester in LLAW1211 Legal Research and Writing [Research 1, Writing 1] and LLAW1212 Criminal Law and Legal Method. Second, students must keep in mind that most topics within the Law School have prerequisites which must be satisfactorily completed before enrolment in these topics will be allowed. **Students should therefore consider more than just the current year of enrolment but also their intended progress through the remainder of the degree, and take steps to ensure that any prerequisite requirements for future topics will be satisfied.** The Director of Studies, Faculty Administrative Officer for Law or the Law School Student Services Manager can assist students.

**Withdrawal from Combined Degree Programmes**

Since the basis of the combined degree programmes is that students undertake two degrees separately but concurrently, they are free at any stage to withdraw from one and complete the other on its own. But if they do this, they may find that they lose the benefit of the combined degree regulations and will need to take longer to complete the remaining degree.

**Transferring into or between Combined Degree Programmes**

Students who are already enrolled in a ‘straight’ Law degree at Flinders, and who want to transfer to a combined degree programme, can, in their first year, request enrolment into the second degree by submitting a help request via the Frequently Asked Questions website at: faq.flinders.edu.au. If a student has already completed a full-time year of study in Law, an internal transfer form can be lodged by visiting the Admissions Office, located in the Student Centre.

**Postgraduate Degrees in Law**

**Research Degrees: PhD, LLM and MA**

Students may enrol in the postgraduate degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Laws (LLM) by thesis. Students are able to research
in any of a wide range of areas of public and private law, though subject always to the availability of a supervisor on the staff of the Law School. The School has particular expertise in the following areas:

- commercial law, including contract law, corporations law, consumer protection, Malaysian commercial law;
- crime, law and justice;
- dispute resolution, including evidence, procedure and alternatives to litigation;
- environmental law;
- health law and policy, including legal issues relating to medical treatment, mental health and disability;
- human rights, at both international and domestic levels;
- international law;
- Islamic Law;
- legal and criminal justice education;
- legal profession and legal practice, including the judiciary;
- legal theory and legal history;
- property law, including housing law;
- public law; and
- women, gender and law.

The PhD can be completed in 2–4 years full-time, or 3–8 years part-time, and involves the completion of a research thesis of between 70,000 and 100,000 words. The LLM, which requires the completion of a 35,000 to 50,000 word thesis, involves 1–2 years full-time study, or 2–4 years part-time study.

Students interested in writing a thesis on a subject relating to criminal justice also have the option of enrolling in a Master of Arts (MA) by thesis. Further details are available in the Criminal Justice Handbook.

Postgraduate research students are given desk space within the Law School and provided with a computer which is networked to research facilities, and provided with email contact. They are invited to participate in the staff and postgraduate seminar programme including presenting seminars on current research. The Law School provides part-time teaching in several of its core topics and postgraduate students may wish to apply to teach in one or more topics in tutorials or workshops.

Further information on admission is available from the Faculty Research Higher Degrees Officer (Ph: 8201 2493) or from the Associate Dean (Research) within the School. Information on scholarships, for which
research students may apply, are available from the Academic and Student Services Division, Higher Degree Administration and Scholarships, located in the Student Centre 8201 3115.

**Coursework Degree: Master of Laws (LLM) International Law and International Relations**

Since 2008, the School of Law has offered a Master of Laws (LLM) in collaboration with the School of International Studies. Graduates with non-Law backgrounds in international relations or related areas, as well as Law graduates, are eligible to apply for entry. The coursework program is taught intensively. The two core topics are:

- LLAW9500A The Relationship between International Law and International Relations;
- LLAW9500B Contemporary Issues in International Law and International Relations;

In 2011, the Law School will be offering as elective topics, LLAW9504 Comparative Law in a Global Context, LLAW9507 Law of the Sea, LLAW9508 International Environmental Law, LLAW9502 International Human Rights. Other electives will be offered by the School of International Studies.

These courses are taught in 3 day intensives during the year run on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Further information can be found at http://www.flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad/laws.htm.

General enquiries can be directed to Christine Shepherdson, ph: 8201 3018 or email: christine.shepherdson@flinders.edu.au.

**General Information**

**Academic Integrity**

The University’s policies are located in the Student Related Policies and Procedures Manual at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/student.html and in a summarised form in the Enrolment Guide. These policies refer to the crucial requirement that students understand and respect the rules and practices of academic integrity. Breaches will have consequences — always serious, sometimes severe. Breaches include (but are not limited to) plagiarism; collusion; cheating in examinations and tests; submission
of the same piece of work in more than one topic; or providing another
student with the means of copying.

As there are common misconceptions about ‘plagiarism’ it is well to say
here in clear terms what it is. ‘Plagiarism’ consists of using another
person’s words or ideas as if they were your own. It can take the
following forms:

- presenting extracts, without quotation marks and/or without
  appropriate referencing, from books, articles, theses, other published
  or unpublished works, films, music, choreography, working papers,
  seminar or conference papers, internal reports, computer software
  codes, lecture notes or tapes, numerical calculations, data or work
  from another student.’ In such cases, it is not adequate merely to
  acknowledge the source. This applies to material accessed in hard
  copy, electronically or in any other medium;
- close paraphrasing of sentences or whole paragraphs with or without
  acknowledgement by referencing of the original work;
- adopting ideas or structures from a source without
  acknowledgement;
- using source codes and data from others’ work without
  acknowledgement;
- arranging for someone else to undertake all or part of a piece of
  work and presenting that work as one’s own;
- submitting another student’s work whether or not it has been
  previously submitted by that student.²

The Law School takes a very serious view of all breaches of academic
integrity. Of special concern is the failure in written assignments to
acknowledge that words or ideas taken from another person are in fact the
work of that other person. Students working in pairs or in ‘study groups’
must ensure that collaboration does not extend to the actual writing of
individual assignments. It is only permissible if the lecturer in the topic
has indicated that this is what is required or permissible.

Each year, several students are dealt with pursuant to the University’s
formal procedures for dealing with allegations of breaches of the
requirements of academic integrity. Penalties, including failure of the
topic, have been imposed. In addition, the admitting authorities in this
State have determined that ‘if a student has been found to have
engaged in any academic dishonesty during their courses of study,
this should be disclosed’ (as part of the Admission process to determine
an applicant’s fitness and propriety to be admitted as a legal practitioner).
In the Statutory Declaration in support of this application for Admission
consent is given to the Board of Examiners to make enquiries from any of
the learning institutions attended.’ In this regard, applicants for admission

will be expected to disclose not only formal findings of academic dishonesty but pending allegations of academic dishonesty yet to be resolved, and any situation where a sanction has been imposed even without a formal finding of academic dishonesty; eg, a deduction of marks; award of a zero mark; a requirement to re-submit; a requirement to undergo counselling or attend a workshop on academic dishonesty.

Admission to Practice

Admission of law graduates to practice as legal practitioners in South Australia is a matter for the Supreme Court of South Australia and is governed by the Rules of the Legal Practitioners Education and Admission Council (known as the LPEAC Rules). In other words, successful completion of the LLB/LP degree does not guarantee the right to practise law. Rather it permits students to seek Admission on the basis of having satisfied academic and practical requirements for Admission (Flinders students who choose to exit with only the LLB degree, satisfy only the academic requirements for Admission).

Admission ceremonies are held by the Supreme Court monthly, except January.

Information regarding the procedure for application or admission can be obtained from the Law Society website:

www.lawsocietysa.asn.au/other/registry.asp#Local Applicants

Note that this information is directed to the Law Society’s Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) students and must be adapted for use by Flinders students. The required statutory declaration must refer to the LLB/LP from Flinders University, and a letter of successful completion is issued by Flinders in lieu of a certificate of the Graduate Diploma.

In support of the application for Admission the Statutory Declaration requires disclosure of any matters likely to affect fitness to be admitted.

An essential requirement for admission to practice is for applicants to satisfy the Supreme Court that they are of ‘good character’ to be able to be admitted as legal practitioners. The Supreme Court, in making its determination, relies upon (but is not bound by) reports prepared by a body known as the Board of Examiners, which has as its Secretariat the Legal Practitioners Registry. It is a consequence of the ‘fit and proper’ person requirement that applicants are required to disclose certain matters to the Board of Examiners. Applicants are expected to act with the utmost frankness and candour in making their disclosures and any matters likely to affect their good name and character or otherwise affect their fitness to be admitted must be disclosed. This includes, but is not limited to, convictions of or charges
with criminal offences. It also includes disclosure of academic dishonesty or plagiarism matters (see ‘Academic Integrity’ above).

Increasingly admission authorities across Australia are seeking reports from the University on all applicants for admission.
Flinders Law School Procedures as Part of Admission to Practice

Students should note that for admission there are several steps that must be followed, each with firm deadlines, and the entire process takes time. Students are usually admitted to practice prior to formal graduation from the University, i.e.: prior to the actual conferral of a degree at a graduation ceremony.

The Faculty of Education, Humanities, Law and Theology will assist students by automatically generating letters certifying successful completion once all degree requirements have been fulfilled and the Flinders University Law School Board of Examiners has met and final results in all topics have been made official. That letter must be attached to the Notice of Application for Admission to Practice. Please note that finalisation of results (i.e., grades) is a function of the Law School’s Board of Examiners (note, this is a different body from the Board of Examiners referred to above).

The Law School’s Board of Examiners meets several times a year to finalise results for all the Law School’s topics. Special efforts are made for the Board to meet in time for students whose only enrolment in Semester 2 is in PLT topics to be admitted no later than the final Supreme Court Admission Ceremony in early December, thus obviating the need to have Admission delayed by several months over the Summer Recess. However, students must note:

- it is not possible to hold Examiners Board meetings immediately following the completion of each and every PLT topic;
- if a student is enrolled in ordinary (i.e., non-PLT) topics in the same semester as PLT topics, the finalisation of results for all of the student’s topics will only take place at the Law School Board of Examiners meetings that are regularly scheduled to occur several weeks following the end of each semester’s Examinations Period; and
- with the exception of Legal Practice Management, a given student’s results in a topic will not be marked or finalised in advance of or in isolation from the finalisation of results of all the other students enrolled in that topic, as that is neither educationally sound nor conducive to ensuring appropriate concern is demonstrated at institutional level for matters of academic honesty.

Accordingly, prior to making commitments to employers, family members or others in relation to dates of Admission to Practice, students should take all of the above into account, and in particular should check with the Law School as to exactly when their degree
requirements will be officially satisfied under the University’s procedures.

Amendment to Enrolment

Students wishing to amend their enrolment can do so on-line at https://stuadmin.flinders.edu.au/login. See the ‘Important Dates for 2011’ section, page 4. Enrolment Services can be contacted on (08) 8201 3950 or 1300 360 351 (local call cost) for assistance.

Total withdrawal from the degree is a step which is not to be taken lightly, and the School of Law would be failing in its duty if it did not ask students to think seriously before taking such a step. Students contemplating this should contact the Director of Studies or the Faculty Administrative Officer (Law), to ensure that all options which may be available have been considered.

Assessment Policies

The University’s policies concerning assessment are set out in full in the Student Related Policies and Procedures manual, available on the University website at: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ppmanual/student.html. In addition, the Law School has adopted its own very extensive set of policies and procedures on assessment. In some instances they expand upon the University policies, while in others they deal with matters not covered by them. The Law School policies are available on the Law School website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehlt/law/

Bookshops

Unibooks is located at Flinders University, on the Plaza. Recommended texts and topic readers can be purchased there. Texts may also be available through other Adelaide outlets and book retailers.

Computing Facilities

Within the Faculty of Education, Humanities, Law and Theology, general access computing facilities are available in Room 1.15 of the Law and Commerce Building. A condition of this facility is that it is used for quiet study purposes only. To gain access to these computing facilities students must have their student card activated at the commencement of every year. The Students Services Area can provide assistance with the activation process.
Change of Address/Name

Students can change their address on-line at https://stuadmin.flinders.edu.au/login. Any change of name should be submitted to Academic and Student Services Division, Student Systems and Enrolment on the appropriate form as soon as possible to ensure that mail is sent to the correct person. Re-enrolment information, official notification of results and other important material may be sent out to students by mail. It is vital, therefore, that students keep the University informed of change of any name or address.

Course Advice

Advice as to study programmes for the LLB/LP may be obtained from the Director of Studies, the Faculty’s Administrative Officer (Law) or the Student Services Manager (Law). Where students are enrolled in combined degree programmes, advice in relation to the non-Law component should be sought directly from the relevant persons in the non-Law areas.

Cross-Institutional Enrolments

Students interested in undertaking topics at another university should contact the Faculty Administrative Officer (Law) on (08) 8201 3793 for advice. Permission may be granted in appropriate instances. Interested students should be aware of the School’s policy on credit transfer, which is available from the Law School website: (http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/law/).

Deferral of Studies and Leave of Absence

Under the University’s policies, students offered a place within the undergraduate LLB/LP may defer their studies for one year before taking up their place. This deferral is done through SATAC. Students offered a place within the graduate entry LLB/LP cannot automatically defer their studies before taking up their place. Students who have already commenced the LLB/LP (and completed at least one semester of study) may apply for leave of absence for up to one year by submitting a help request via the Frequently Asked Questions website at faq.flinders.edu.au. In special circumstances, the Director of Studies may approve a second year of leave. A student who does not enrol in any given year, and who is not granted leave of absence, forfeits his/her place in the course and may have to re-apply, through SATAC, to gain entry into the course, unless the University makes a decision, upon application, to permit re-enrolment in exceptional circumstances. The application
through SATAC will be in competition with all other applicants for admission and an offer cannot be guaranteed.

**Enquiries**

Students needing help with academic matters or matters relating to their undergraduate programme should contact the Director of Studies. For help in general matters, including enrolments, admission to the degree, change of enrolment, applications for status (credit transfer) or any other problems, students should contact the Faculty Administrative Officer (Law), whose office is located in the Education building. Enquiries as to admission into the LLB/LP or LLB programme should be directed to the Admissions Office (Ph: 8201 3074). Information relating to postgraduate degrees by research at Flinders Law School may be obtained from the Associate Dean (Research). Information relating to Practical Legal Training may be obtained from the Director of Professional Programmes, or the PLT Administrative Officer, Christine Shepherdson (christine.shepherdson@flinders.edu.au or Ph: 8201 3018). Information relating to the Criminal Justice programme may be obtained from the Director of Studies (Criminal Justice), (Dr Derek Dalton Ph: 8201 5285). General enquiries not covered by the above may be directed to the Law School (Ph: 8201 3539). The Law School’s fax number is 8201 3630.

**Enrolment Procedures**

New and re-enrolling students enrol on-line. An enrolment letter detailing enrolment procedures, enrolment changes, fees and other matters will be forwarded to new students in January 2011. Students seeking to do their final year PLT topics should note that the first topic, Legal Practice Management (Placement) commences in January (to be held at The Law Society’s PLT premises in Franklin Street, Adelaide). Further advice about the enrolment process will be sent to all Law students via email.

**Flinders Law Students’ Association**

The Flinders Law Students’ Association (FLSA) is the representative body of Flinders law students and is run by Law students, for Law students. It is separate from the Law School and organises social events (such as the Law Ball, BBQs, pub ‘crawls’, and a Quiz Night); runs legal competitions (such as mooting, witness examinations, and negotiation); provides advocacy and representation for students; publishes careers guides and a quarterly magazine, and provides careers and educational
information. FLSA is a member of the Australian Law Students’ Association and facilitates the Flinders delegation to ALSA’s National events and conferences.

You can find FLSA on Facebook and they are currently located in room 2.51 in the Law School, or at: http://www.flsa.org.au/index.php

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**How the Law School Contacts Students**

The standard means of communication with all students enrolled in the Law School is by means of the official student email address. All enrolled students are provided with an email account by the University. Each student will have a username (or login ID — ‘Flinders Authentication Name’ [FAN]) and password which will be handed out on a printed form to first-time enrolling students at enrolment. If you have already been issued with an email account in previous years, continue to use this account. Students without personal computers may use the University computing facilities. (All significant notices will also be posted on the Law School noticeboards.)

Your Username and initial password can be obtained from Student Records. If the initial password doesn’t work, or if you don’t remember what it has been changed to, contact the Customer Service Centre (extension 12345, or email flinders.edu.au//isd/csc), or the Library (extension 15378). **Students must communicate with the University using their student email address.**

The University’s policy is that the official Flinders Student email address must be used when transacting University business. If you have a personal email account that you check more regularly, then you are encouraged to set up a forwarding facility from your Student Email account by using the ‘Email utilities’ at website http://www.lib.flinders.edu.au/help/comphelp/email.html.

Barring absolutely exceptional circumstances, the Law School will not write or telephone individual students about matters that have been the subject of an email message to them. We simply do not have the human or financial resources to do so. Accordingly students must take responsibility for accessing these email messages, or risk suffering adverse consequences.

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**Law School Website**

The Law School has its own home page on the Web and it can be found at http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehlt/law/. It is used as an important source of news and information about the Law School and its policies and procedures. Forms and the text of policies can be downloaded, as can
Handbooks. Importantly, there is a link to Flinders Learning Online (FLO), which is the platform used to give students access to information, materials and other resources for topics taught by the Law School.

**Materials**

Materials for topics taught by the Law School will be made available either in class, on FLO or from the Student Services Area. Materials for which a charge is imposed, is available through the Unibooks bookshop on the University plaza. No charge will be imposed in relation to any materials which are required for completion of a topic, or of which students effectively need a personal copy for the purpose of their studies. Materials in this category might include topic outlines, details of assessment schemes, reading lists, tutorial problems and assessment exercises. Many topic materials are also accessible through FLO.

**Notices**

Students are encouraged on a regular basis to check the Law noticeboards in the courtyard of the Law and Commerce Building, where information about special lectures/seminars are will be displayed. Any changes to the regular lecture/tutorial times or venues and urgent notices will be displayed on FLO and emailed to students.

**Messages**

Messages for Law School staff can be left by emailing the member of staff direct or by telephone (phone numbers are available for staff here: http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehlt/law/staff/). If you are experiencing difficulties contacting a member of staff, telephone Student Services on 8201 3539 and leave a message. The standard format email address for staff is <firstname.lastname@flinders.edu.au>. The Law School’s generic email address is <law.office@flinders.edu.au>.

**Staff Availability**

Academic Staff may designate certain hours for informal academic counselling outside scheduled lecture, workshop and tutorial times, or invite students to email them to arrange an appointment. Staff availability is listed on the Law School website and may be displayed on individual staff members’ office doors. These are times when staff make a commitment to be available to their students, but arrangements may also be made at other times by mutual agreement.
Status for Previous Study

LLB/LP students who have previously completed other studies at a tertiary level may apply for status or credit for those studies towards their LLB/LP. Applications must be made using the ‘Application for Credit’ form available at: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/credit-transfers.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/credit-transfers.cfm). Enquiries should be directed to the Faculty Administrative Officer (Law).

Student Support Services

Student Support Services provide a range of services as follows:

- **Careers and Employers Liaison Centre** — assistance includes details on private firms and government departments and help in the preparation of written applications for jobs and practice interviews. Phone 8201 2832.

- **Disability Services** - assist students with physical, vision mobility, medical, hearing, learning or psychiatric disability where their disabilities may be restricting their educational opportunities. Phone 8201 2943 or email dlo@flinders.edu.au (appointments); TTY (telephone typewriter — for the hearing impaired) 8201 3242. Reasonable adjustments to teaching and assessment methods can be **negotiated** with the topic coordinator following a defined University procedure. Please contact the Faculty Disability Academic Advisor, Alan Leaver, room 2.12 Law & Commerce Building, or email alan.leaver@flinders.edu.au for assistance and information.

- **Equal Opportunity Unit** — students who have problems with discrimination because of their gender, race, religion or disability are advised to contact this office. Phone 8201 3735.

- **Health and Counselling Services** — helps where personal and social problems interfere with the ability to study effectively. Staff include registered psychologists and social workers. Phone 8201 2118.

- **International Office and International Student Services Unit** — provides assistance to international students in areas of admission, scholarships, and accommodation Phone 8201 2727 (Office) or 8201 2717 (ISSU).

- **Student Learning Centre** — Students who feel they have difficulties with academic skill or the English language may wish to contact the Student Learning Centre, which has lecturers who help students develop the academic and learning skills necessary for successful tertiary study. They can help all undergraduate, postgraduate and international students to develop more effective study strategies. Advice on student assignments and help to improve students’ English language competency is also offered. Phone 8201 2518.
• *Yunggorendi* — provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians with all aspects of their University work. Phone 8201 3033.

In the first instance, students seeking advice or assistance with problems should generally consult the Faculty Administrative Officer (Law) on 8201 3793.

**Study Overseas on Exchange**

Flinders University has established a number of exchange programmes around the world to enable Australian students to experience study and life in other cultures. Flinders University students can now choose to study Law or Criminal Justice for one or two semesters in a number of world-class universities in the USA, Canada, Europe, South America, United Kingdom and Asia. There are no tuition fees above HECS-HELP debts for the exchange programme, and eligibility for Youth Allowance or Austudy continues for the period of the exchange. To assist students applying, the University also offers a number of scholarships each year ranging from $1500 to $5000. For further information contact the Student Exchange Officer, International Office of Flinders University, telephone 8201 2727, fax 8201 3177, or email: international@flinders.edu.au.

**Topic Coordinators**

The role of a Topic Coordinator is to assume overall responsibility for the teaching and assessment of a topic, and to act as a point of contact for the Dean, staff and students in relation to any matter or query which arises in relation to that topic.

**Youth Allowance/Austudy**

It is strongly recommended that any students who have any queries regarding financial support to undertake studies should contact the Financial Counsellor, Flinders Campus Community Services (FCCS) on 8201 3746 or 8201 2371 or the Faculty Administrative Officer (Law) on 8201 3793.