Are you Indigenous?
Do you want to study Law, Criminal Justice or Justice and Society?

Flinders University recognises the unique position of Indigenous Australians as First Nations people and we have a commitment to Indigenous education and engagement.

Why study law?
- Many transactions between government, other organisations and Indigenous people are conducted within a European legal framework. This is, and has often been, disempowering for Indigenous people. However, the law can also be a powerful tool for those who can understand it and use it skillfully.
- Law can teach you about your rights, your community's rights and the law's historical and political context.
- Most Flinders Law School graduates have employment within 12 months of graduation and successful Indigenous law students have significantly higher rates of employment. The first Indigenous person graduated from the Flinders Law School in 1996.

The Law School works in partnership with Yunggorendi First Nations Centre at Flinders building a culturally safe environment for Indigenous students and staff. This includes:
- facilitating pathways into Law: Bachelor of Justice & Law (Law Pathway) and the Indigenous Admissions Scheme
- advising on and offering academic and other support, including Indigenous Tutorial Assistance
- referrals to other Flinders services such as Scholarships and Health and Counselling
- mentoring by Flinders staff as well as through the SA Indigenous Law Students Mentoring Program
- jointly hosting the annual Elliott Johnston Tribute Lecture on a topic related to Indigenous people and the law.

With only four years study, Flinders’ Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice meets the academic and practical requirements to be admitted as a barrister and solicitor in Australia. This means that you can become qualified to practice quickly and without having to pay upfront fees for the final part of your training, unlike at many other law schools. Our courses include work placements in a variety of settings. For students of exceptional ability, we also offer the Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours) as an enhanced program.

What would I study?
As an Indigenous student, you bring your own experience to your studies, contributing to a diverse learning environment across your program, as well as in specific topics. For example, 2nd year Law topics for all students with a specific emphasis on Indigenous peoples:
- LEGL2117 Legal Fictions: Race, Crime and Sovereignty
- LLAW2221 The Constitution and the Australian People [Indigenous / Social Justice]
The Law School also offers an acclaimed program in Criminal Justice available to law and non-law students and law topics for Commerce students. Legal Studies and the Bachelor of Justice and Society have a strong social justice basis with many topics incorporating a range of aspects of disadvantage related to Indigenous communities from a number of perspectives:

- **LEGL1102 Contentious Justice Issues**
- **LEGL2116 Young People and the Law**
- **LEGL2113 Protecting Children**
- **LEGL2110 Access to Justice, Policy and Reform.**

Students undertaking a Bachelor of Justice and Society can choose from electives taught by other disciplines and Yunggorendi, such as:

- **AUST1004 An Introduction to Aboriginal Studies**
- **AUST2612 Reconciliation and Indigenous Knowledges.**

### A current student commented:

I'm currently in my last year of my law degree here at Flinders. I moved to Adelaide from my community in the Flinders Ranges so not only was I transitioning to University study, I was transitioning to city life... something relatively foreign for me. But Flinders is great, the campus has such a positive and welcoming atmosphere, and the staff are passionate and engaging. Law school has given me a number of opportunities I never imagined: travelling interstate for Law Conferences, participating in International Law Competitions, undertaking practical experience in high level government offices, meeting many incredible and inspiring people, but most importantly equipping me with the skills and knowledge to make a real difference for the community. I can't recommend Flinders highly enough!

**Kris Wilson, 2012 Yunggorendi Fourth Year Undergraduate / Honours Scholarship winner**

### Where do our graduates go?

Not all law students become barristers or solicitors and, along with others who’ve studied legal topics, many graduates are employed by large firms, government or private-sector organisations. Some move into areas such as policy development, administration or law reform. Read more from graduates, including South Australian Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, Khatija Thomas’ earlier experience as Legal Advisor, Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (Phnom Penh) at [www.flinders.edu.au/careers/degree/laws-and-legal-practice.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/careers/degree/laws-and-legal-practice.cfm)

### Another of our alumni commented:

I’m currently employed as a native title lawyer in my home community in WA after being a Judge’s Associate in the District Court of SA. I decided to come to Uni after participating in the debating team in year 10. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of forming an argument for or against a topic and proving my point. I decided to study at Flinders because of what the Law School was offering. Yunggorendi also enlightened me to the great support that was on offer for Aboriginal students and assisting me in the transition from secondary school to tertiary studies.

**Abbey Shillingford, Graduate**

*Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice/Bachelor of International Relations*

More information is available:

- [www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/law including Graduate entry](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/law)
- [Law School Indigenous Students Mentors grant.niemann@flinders.edu.au; and jenny.richards@flinders.edu.au](mailto:grant.niemann@flinders.edu.au; jenny.richards@flinders.edu.au)
- [SA Indigenous Law Students Mentoring Program rebecca.anson@lhh.com.au](mailto:rebecca.anson@lhh.com.au)
- [Yunggorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research Tel: (08) 8201 3033 or 1800 641 811](mailto:Yunggorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research Tel: (08) 8201 3033 or 1800 641 811)
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