

Faculty of Law | Te Kaupeka Ture

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Kia ora!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our postgraduate students. I hope very much that you will enjoy your time at the University of Canterbury. I hope also that when you leave you will have many happy memories, in addition to a well-deserved and valuable postgraduate qualification.

*Professor*

The LLM (ILAP) is designed for students who have a basic knowledge of law and wish to develop their specialist knowledge in international law and politics.

A candidate for the LLM (ILAP) must, before enrolling for the degree, either qualify for the degree of Bachelor of Laws with a minimum B grade average, or be admitted with academic equivalent standing as entitled to enrol for the degree of LLM (ILAP).

The degree may be studied full-time (minimum period of enrolment one year, maximum two years) or part-time (minimum period of enrolment two years, maximum period of enrolment four years). Students are required to re-enrol and pay fees each year in order to remain enrolled.

The degree may be awarded with Honours, which may be First Class or Second Class (Division I or II).

Students who have been advised by the University that they have been admitted to candidature for the degree need to complete enrolment formalities. Further details are available from



Teaching staff will often display notices outside their office doors indicating when they are available to see students throughout the year. They can also be contacted by e-mail or by telephone.

Enquiries may be made to administrative staff offices in person between the hours of 9am – 5pm during weekdays, or by telephone or e-mail.

Provided there is space available, you may be allocated a desk in the Law Postgrad space on level 4 of the ICT Building. If you wish to use this space, you will be allocated an individual desk and computer, and granted 24-hour access via your Canterbury card.

All students can use any student computer rooms on campus, in any library, or in their own halls of residence.

Photocopying facilities are available in the library. **P h o t o c o p y i n g   c o s t s   a r e   a   s**

Postgraduate students will have printers available in the designated postgraduate rooms. See the IT Services website for printing information and costs – <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/it-logins-and-tools/it-service-desk>.

See the IT Services website for information on internet access – <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/it-logins-and-tools/it-service-desk>.

Postgraduate students are given a student email address upon enrolment. Email is used extensively by the University and it is essential that students check their UC email address regularly.

Teaching handouts and reading lists are placed on AKO | LEARN, **t h e   U n i v e r s i t y   l e a r n i n g   p l a t f o r m   y ' s** for students to access.

- x Copy Centre
- x IVR student phone system
- x ITS student internet access
- x Student Association membership

For more information on the use of your Canterbury Card, please refer to <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/canterbury-card>.

All library staff and contact details together with other useful information about library services may be found on the library website: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/library>.

Please ensure that at all times the University has complete and accurate details of the courses for which you have enrolled. To do this, submit a change of enrolment by logging in to myUC and following the instructions: <https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/login>. Failure to gain approval for a course change may result in the withholding of a degree. ILAP students will be emailed a request by the Faculty of Law after the final date for course changes, asking you to confirm your enrolment details. See page 3 for important information on fees refund deadlines.

In the event of prolonged/frequent absences, please see one of the ILAP Co-Directors to discuss any consequences these absences may be having on your studies. Students are referred to the LLM (ILAP) Regulations for further information regarding suspensions or extensions of candidature.

If a suspension or an extension of overall candidature is sought, the application must be made by the student in writing, and supported by appropriate documentation, eg medical certificates. This application should be made, in the first instance, with one of the programme Co-Directors:

[Shea.esterling@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:Shea.esterling@canterbury.ac.nz) or [william.grant@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:william.grant@canterbury.ac.nz)

For details of timetabling and semester dates of ILAP courses, refer to the Course Information System at:

<https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/GetCourses.aspx?course=ILAP6&viewby=semester&year=2025>

Any concerns about cultural matters can be raised through formal channels such as meeting with the Executive Dean of Law or making submissions to the UC Grievance & Academic Processes Coordinator (<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/concerns/help/>).

There is a graduation ceremony for students in April and August of each year.

Please note that for students handing in their ILAP dissertation (ILAP640) in February, it may not be possible to graduate in the April ceremony. This is because of the need to allow external markers sufficient time to mark the dissertation. Please check with the Co-Directors in due course.

Graduate in person: If you wish to graduate in person, you must apply by the cut-off date for the relevant ceremony. For further information, please see the graduation page on the UC website <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-support-info/study-topics/graduation>.

Graduate in absentia: A number of our postgraduate students are from overseas and owing to travel arrangements are not able to attend graduation in person. If this is the case, you can choose to receive your testamur (document) by mail. You can apply



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In choosing options from the schedules below, you should note that courses are taught and assessed by a variety of methods.

ILAP629	Special Topic	15	Not Offered
ILAP630	Law of the Sea	15	Not Offered
ILAP633	Problems in International and Regional Trade	15	Not Offered
ILAP641	The Rights of Indigenous Peoples	15	Not Offered
ILAP642	Private International Law	15	Not Offered

For current information regarding lecture times and venues, please refer to the Course Information System (CIS) on the UC website:  
<https://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz/GetCourses.aspx?course=ILAP6&viewby=semester&year=2025>.

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Dissertations are between 15,000 and 20,000 words in length. Footnotes are included in this limit but the bibliography is excluded. Students are encouraged to consider their dissertation topic as early as possible; however, it is acknowledged that students may prefer to complete some of their course work before finalising their topic. Possible topics and supervisors should, in the first instance, be discussed with one of the Co-Directors of the LLM (ILAP) programme.



Course Supervisor: Prof Neil Boister

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the field of international criminal law, including the substantive criminal law (the international crimes of aggression, war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity), and the prosecution of these crimes in national and international criminal courts.



Course Supervisor: Prof Chris Riffel

This course will provide an introduction to the regulation of international trade under the auspices of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The WTO is responsible for regulating trade in goods, services and intellectual property at the international level. Moreover, these days trade rules impact on more than just **t r a d e : t h e y r e s t r i c t ( o r a t l e a s t i m p a c t u p o n** environment, human rights, health and culture.

The WTO is comprised of three pillars as well as a sophisticated dispute settlement mechanism: the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (in goods) (GATT), the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). This course will focus on trade in goods and, to a lesser extent, services and the relationship between the WTO rules and competing social policies.





In many, if not all subjects in international law and politics, there is some degree of doctrinal dispute. In such areas, although it may not be possible to reconcile all the different propositions expressed, some attempt should be made to appraise their relative merits.

Due credit will be given for the selection and use of appropriate material so long as it is properly used and acknowledged. The primary consideration is that the essay should be your own work. This does not, of course, preclude the use of others' ideas, nor does it mean that quotations cannot be used. What is



You should meet occasionally with your dissertation supervisor to discuss the progress of your research. In particular, a of your





It is recognised that students will discuss course work and assignments with others, and such discussion is an important part of the learning process. However, any work presented by a student for credit in a course must be that student's own original work. For credit in groups, the work submitted must be the original work of the group.

Work produced using generative artificial intelligence (AI) text generators, such as ChatGPT, is not original.

Work submitted in breach of these requirements or which fails to comply with other instructions, contravenes the University's Academic Misconduct Policy and all credit for the work in question forfeited, or the matter will be referred to the Integrity Officer for investigation and possible disciplinary action. The University's Academic Misconduct Committee.

Penalties which may be imposed in the event of a finding of academic misconduct include loss of credit for a course or an item of assessment and, in serious cases, suspension or expulsion from the University. A record is kept of all instances of academic misconduct in the University misconduct register for a period of ten years. Students who are involved in any misconduct matter also risk creating a situation in which the Dean of Law is unable to give a Certificate of Standing for the purposes of admission to the Law Society.

Instances of academic misconduct in coursework and assignments include but are not limited to:

x Plagiarism. Plagiarism means the dishonest presentation of work that has been produced by someone else as if it is one's own.

Please note that the presentation of someone else's work may still constitute poor academic practice, and this may be reflected in the mark awarded.

x There are academic conventions governing appropriate ways to acknowledge the work or part of the work of another person and these are set out in the New Zealand Law Style Guide. The use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) text generators, such as ChatGPT, to generate text or other content, except where such use is expressly permitted and is declared or referenced by students in the manner required.

x Submitting for credit in a course an essay or other work, is substantially the same as work which has already been (or will be) submitted for credit in another course, whether in the School of Law or some other department or academic institution.

x Copying the work of another student. This includes copying the work submitted by another student for credit for a course in the School of Law or some other department or academic institution.

x Knowingly allowing another student to copy work which that other student then submits for credit for a course in the School of Law.

x Arranging for another person to complete work which is then submitted for credit for a course in the School of Law. An example falling in this category is work submitted for credit which has been obtained from a commercial assignment completion service. Care must be taken when using editing services as it is only assistance with grammar, punctuation and expression that is permissible.

x Completing work for another student which is then submitted by that other student for credit for a course in the School of Law.

x Including made up or fabricated material in work submitted for credit for a course in the School of Law.

See also the University Academic Misconduct Regulations, and Misconduct Procedures Guide for Students – refer to UC Calendar and UC website (<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/about-uc/corporate->

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BA, LLB, LLM (Natal) PhD (Nottingham): Neil's research interests include transnational criminal law, transnational criminal justice, drug control, regional criminal justice, and the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal.

, Dr. Jur (Göttingen), LLM (Vic): Professor Butler's academic distinctive research areas: human rights and international commercial contracts. In both she combines the domestic with the international and crosses boundaries among traditional legal subjects. Her approach is responsive to needs and issues arising in Creating synergies between subject areas, disciplines and people has been one of her key and unique

, Maitrise (Nancy), Magistere (Nancy), LLM (NUI), PhD (Cant): Annick's research interests focus upon European Union and comparative law, specifically with regards to gender equality and equal treatment, social and employment law, reconciliation between work and family life, pregnancy and maternity rights. She is interested taking a feminist legal theory lens to understand the interconnection between gender and a wide breadth of law and societal areas.

, LLB (Hons) (Dubl), MPhil

When selecting a dissertation topic and dissertation supervisor, you may wish to consider the following staff research interests:

- x Karen Scott
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