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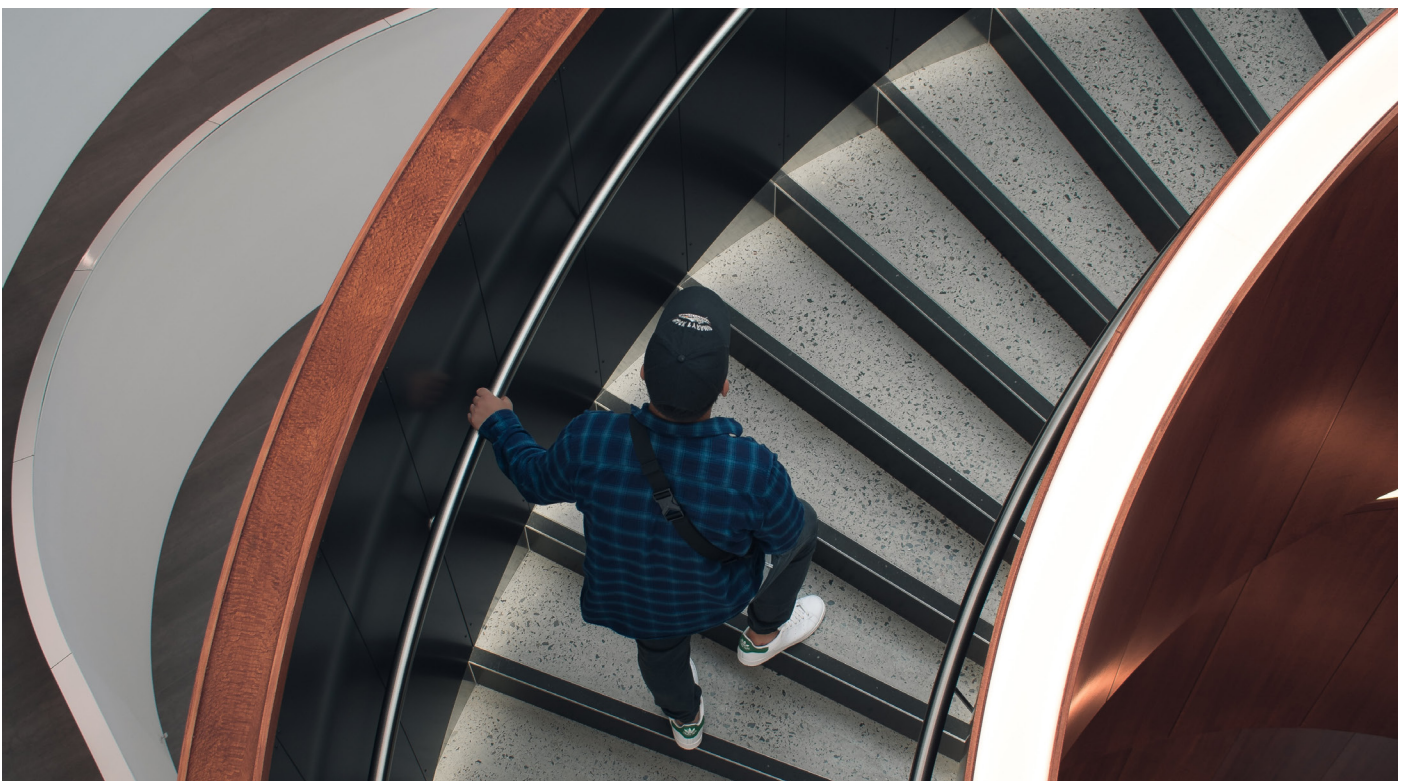
Read advice from International law students, other law societies on campus and all the different student support available at USYD.

Career Oppurtunities

Discover vocational oppurtunities on offer for international students in Australia and how to apply.

Visa & Migration

Find out about the visa and migration process from an accredited specialist immigration lawyer.



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Foreword



Abbey Shi, International Student Officer

Welcome to the SULLS International Student Guide! Hailing from China when I was 17 years old, I was determined to explore my passion for social justice through the vehicle of law school and satisfy my academic rigour here. Currently in fourth year, I find my experience at law school one of my most rewarding of my life so far. In particular, SULLS has provided me with many windows to explore interests and expand my understanding of the legal realm.

Travelling from miles away and establishing life from a new country is never easy, and I am glad that I was offered great assistance from the more experienced peers and mentors that I met at law school. I hope this guide offers you the essential information that you need through your journey at law.

You can discover fantastic venues, explore career and volunteering opportunities, learn about fun Aussie lingo and find useful visa and immigration tips. We also have introductions from other law societies on campus and advice from high-achieving students.

If you have any further questions or any queries, feel free to contact the SULLS executive or email me at international@suls.org.au. We are here to assist you in any way we can to ensure that your voice is heard and queries are answered.

Abbey Shi

International Student Officer, Sydney University Law Society

The SULLS International Guide was relaunched in 2019 in response to a growing need for an accessible resource for international students to help navigate the administrative, academic and social maze of a new country and culture. Having briefly studied and worked overseas during high school and university, I can only imagine the challenges that you face and admire your resilience and determination from an outsider's perspective.

This year, we have sought to condense the guide to make it easier to locate important information. As the globe tackles the biggest public health challenge in a century, we have been forced into an uncertain world which requires significant adaptation and swift change to life as we know it. In response, we have included helpful information about support programs and academic progression to help you navigate these challenging times. The impacts on student wellbeing are often not obvious until much later and SULLS seeks to ensure that its members feel supported and included in its programs, even in a remote setting.

I hope you find this guide useful in navigating these challenges and encourage you to reach out to Abbey (International Student Officer) if you have any questions or concerns.

Alison Chen

Publications Director, Sydney University Law Society



Alison Chen, Publications Director

President's Welcome

Welcome to the Sydney University Law Society (SULS) and welcome again to Sydney!



Amer Nasr, President

Deciding to go to law school is in itself a major achievement. Even more so, for you as an international student who has decided to undertake this journey here in Australia! Although I am an Australian citizen, I moved back to Sydney only a year ago and am often mistaken for being an international student, like you. I was born and raised in Brazil by Lebanese parents, but lived in many different countries (as an international student!) and hence I do understand some of the difficulties you may be facing.

Being an international student in Sydney can be difficult. You first take the leap of faith to study the law of a country you may not be familiar with, you then face the challenge of paying international fees and to top it off, you are unsure whether you will be able to remain working in the city you may have started calling your home. Therefore, as President of SULS it is my pleasure to make sure you have the support you need while you face these challenges.

Fortunately, as a member of SULS, you will have access to many support programs, social events, career information panels and publications (such as this one!) that offer the information you need to equip yourself against these challenges. I must admit, SULS does not always have answers to all your requests, but this year, we have been working especially hard to reinvent our programs, to better support and implement the requests of many of our peers.

Among the programs we have prepared for you are: Career Information Seminars, International Student Mentoring Program, an English as a Second Language Moot, and a SULS WeChat Account. One of our three goals for the year has been better engagement, and therefore we have also established better partnerships with other international student law societies (mainly CLSS, KULS and SEALS) through our very first social event, the Welcome Drinks, and through our postponed International Student Cocktail Gala Night.

I would like to thank Abbey Shi (International Student Officer), Alison Chen (Publications Director) and all the editors for contributing to this publication. Hopefully this Guide provides you with the information you need to help you during your time at Sydney Law School. Please stay in touch with us through our website, our Facebook page, and/or through our email.

It is in these times of uncertainty and isolation due to COVID-19, when it is key to retain our sense of community. We are one community at SULS, and we are here to represent and assist you in any way we can.

Amer Nasr

President, Sydney University Law Society

Key Dates

Note: the dates listed below are subject to change without notice. Please refer to <https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/key-dates.html> for the most current information.

2020 University Key Dates

24 February 2020: Semester 1 starts
31 March 2020: Semester 1 census date
10 April 2020: Good Friday public holiday
13 April 2020: Easter Monday public holiday
13 April 2020 to 17 April 2020: Mid-semester break
25 April 2020: ANZAC Day public holiday
1 June 2020 to 5 June 2020: Semester 1 STUVAC
8 June 2020: Queen's Birthday public holiday
9 June 2020 to 20 June 2020: Semester 1 exam period
22 June 2020 to 2 August 2020: Winter School
8 July 2020: Semester 1 results published
24 August 2020: Semester 2 starts
28 September 2020: Semester 2 census date
5 October 2020 to 9 October 2020: Mid-semester break
5 October 2020: Labour Day public holiday
23 November 2020 to 27 November 2020: Semester 2 STUVAC
30 November 2020 to 12 December 2020: Semester 2 exam period

2020 SALS Key Dates

The most direct way to know about SALS' upcoming events is through the SALS Weekly Newsletter. It is sent to law students every Sunday with general announcements and everything happening in the following week. Sign up at <https://www.sals.org.au/register>.

You can also follow the SALS Facebook page and Instagram to know more about SALS! Search "Sydney University Law Society" on Facebook and @sals_sydney on Instagram.



Getting to Know SULLS

The Sydney University Law Society (SULLS) is the primary association for students studying law at Sydney University, and is officially associated with the Faculty of Law. The membership of the society comprises all students in the Faculty of Law proceeding to a degree or diploma (including undergraduate, postgraduate, and Juris Doctor students).

As the largest and most active society at Sydney University, SULLS aims to enrich the law student experience. SULLS provides the law school community with a variety of social events, educational support, mooting and skills competitions, career events, sporting functions, and initiatives that inspire students to use the law as an instrument for social change.

The SULLS office is located at Room 103, New Law Building F10, Level 2. The office is open from 10am-2pm, Monday-Thursday. You can stop by during office hours to ask questions and chat with the SULLS Exec! During COVID-19 campus closures, you can also book an online consultation here: www.sulls.org.au/contact-us.

The 2020 Executive of SULLS is composed of 22 individuals across various portfolios. The contact details of the Exec can be found here: www.sulls.org.au/executive. Please feel free to email any Exec member via the email addresses provided.

A brief overview of our portfolios and their initiatives are listed below. For more information, please refer to our 2020 Introduction to SULLS Handbook: www.sulls.org.au/publications. If you have any feedback or suggestions for SULLS, don't hesitate to fill out the SULLS suggestion box: www.sulls.org.au/suggestion-box

Note: If you commenced studying at Sydney Law School in 2020, you need to sign up to become a member of SULLS: <https://www.sulls.org.au/register>. If you commenced studying before 2020, you are automatically a member of SULLS and do not need to register for membership.



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Look out for:

- Online Textbook Exchange (2nd hand textbook marketplace): www.suls.org.au/online-textbook-exchange
- 2020 Education Guide: www.suls.org.au/publications
- Education FAQs: www.suls.org.au/education-faq
- JD/LLB collaborative study groups
- Mental Health Table Talks
- Soft Skills workshops
- Peer Assisted Study Sessions (run by Faculty): sydney.edu.au/students/pass
- Suls Tutoring Database (<https://www.suls.org.au/tutoring-service>)
- Law School Basics Series
- Dear Faculty Column in the Suls Weekly newsletter

Look out for:

- 2020 Careers Guide: www.suls.org.au/publications
- Clerkship Presentations and Practice Group Presentations from our sponsor firms www.suls.org.au/publications
- Careers Mentoring Program
- Social Justice and Non-Commercial legal sector events
- Workplace Rights Panels

Look out for:

- Social Justice Competitions
- Policy Discussion Panels
- Social Justice Careers Events
- *Dissent* Social Justice Journal (in collaboration with Publications)



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- Look out for:*
- Brand new merch and online merch store
 - Treasury budget updates
 - Greater funding for equity and social justice initiatives



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- SULTS Weekly
 - Supplies in the SULTS office
 - Late office hours on Tuesdays



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- Look out for:*
- Welcome Week events
 - End of Semester Informals
 - Flagship social events such as Law Ball



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- Look out for:*
- Introductory Mooting Program
 - New Intervarsity Competitions
 - ESL Mooting Program (in collaboration with International)
 - For more information consult the 2020 Competitions Handbook: www.suls.org.au/publications



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- Look out for:*
- Campus reps
 - Online and on-campus wellbeing events



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- Look out for:*
- New sporting events, on-campus and online
 - Bondi to Coogee Hike



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- Look out for:*
- *Citations* - the new SULTS blog
 - *Footnotes* - SULTS podcast
 - *Law in Society* journal
 - *Dissent* Social Justice journal (in collaboration with Social Justice)
 - *Yemaya* Gender and Sexuality journal (in collaboration with Women's and Queer)
 - *Mosaic* Race journal (in collaboration with the Ethnocultural portfolio)



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Look out for:

- ESL Mooting Program (in collaboration with Competitions)
- Career Information Seminars
- International Student Mentoring Program
- SULLS WeChat Account



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Look out for:

- Women's Mentoring Program
- Panels and Discussions
- Leadership Workshops
- *Yemaya* Gender and Sexuality Journal (in collaboration with Queer and Publications)



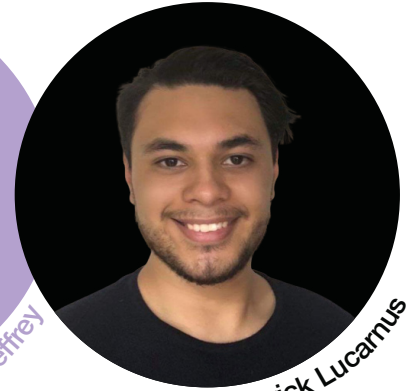
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- Queer Mentoring Program
- Rainbow Moot
- Panels and Table-Talk events
- Queer Networking Events
- *Yemaya* Gender and Sexuality Journal (in collaboration with Women's and Publications)



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- NAIDOC week
- Networking events for Indigenous students



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- Equity Grants Scheme
- Textbook Loans Scheme
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Events



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- Mentoring program
- 'Law in Foreign Lands' series
- *Mosaic Race Journal* (in collaboration with Publications)



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- New SULLS branding
- Creative mental health project



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Look out for:

- Website redesign and live chat
- Redesigned SULLS newsletter

For more information consult the 2020 Student Support Services Handbook: www.suls.org.au/publications

Campus Guide

Places to Eat

Abercrombie Business School (ABS) Café

ABS Café is tucked away in the far corner of campus adjacent to Abercrombie Road. Whether you're in the mood for a classic ham and cheese croissant or a poke bowl, ABS Café has a wide variety of hot and cold food that will fill you up.

Claim to Fame: Bahn Mi's and '\$6 curry or stir-fry after 6pm' deal from Monday to Friday

Ralph's Café on the Boardwalk

Ralph's Cafe on the Boardwalk is located next to the University Sports and Aquatic Centre. It offers a variety of pastas, sandwiches and salads.

Claim to Fame: Plenty of seating space and iced coffee with ice-cream

Carslaw

Carslaw is a small but busy café which sells a variety of pita wraps, (really good) fries and the wide selection of cakes and pastries. This is the place to go for all your turmeric, matcha or chai latte fix!

Claim to Fame: Quick and convenient coffee fix

Courtyard

Courtyard is tucked away in the Holme Building near Parramatta Road. It offers a range of pizza, pasta and salads and is incredibly aesthetic. It's great for a quick coffee fix in the morning as well as chill drinks after a long hard day of class.

Claim to Fame: The aesthetic and the excellent range of gluten-free and vegetarian options

Laneway Café

Laneway is located on Level 3 of the Wentworth Building opposite the Student Centre. It has an impressive selection of wraps and sandwiches (which they toast for you!) as well as fresh muffins and pastries. The staff are lovely and are always playing killer tunes.

Claim to Fame: Lovely staff and not as busy during coffee peak-hours

Ralph's Café

Ralph's is located next to the Square and is a little bit out of the way but well worth the trek. They offer an excellent selection of fresh, gourmet Italian sandwiches, wraps and pasta.

Claim to Fame: The best burgers on campus!

Taste Baguette

Ah, the quintessential law student watering hole and meeting place. Taste has a large selection of quick pick-up lunch options including their famous baguettes as well as salads and cakes. In addition, Taste has an extensive, albeit expensive, breakfast and lunch menu. See you at Taste?

Claim to Fame: Convenient, easy and reliable



Taste Baguette



Courtyard Café

Study Spaces

Can't stand the dirty looks when you nibble on a snack in the Law Library? Never make it to uni early enough to snag a seat? The Law Library is a popular study area but there are plenty of other options:

Fisher Library - right next door to the Law Library, connected via an underground tunnel on level 1. It has 9 levels worth of space for you to explore.

Pro: usually spots are available, especially in the two hour section or on higher levels

Con: much harder to find a place with powerpoints

Sci-Tech Library - also nice since there is a spacious area with natural light with a view of some greenery.

Pro: better lit and airier than the Law Library

Con: still gets quite crowded at peak times

During library closures, here are some other spaces you can study in. Don't forget your student card!

Abercrombie Business Study Hubs - very popular, so don't expect to come here without bumping into some friends!

Many places are available in all three hubs, and there is also hot water, a microwave and a printer in each hub.

Pro: easy access to microwave and ABS cafe

Con: not as quiet as law library

Carslaw Study Hubs - 24/7 study hub (don't forget to bring your student card after 6pm) with two areas with seating and PCs and Macs. A decent amount of seating available.

Pro: not too hard to find a place to charge

Con: can get a little noisy at times

New Law - Have you seen the new furniture in New Law? SULS is working with faculty to find more study locations and to make more furniture available across New Law (and in the New Law Library)

Pro: Study comfortably close to your classes

Con: Not a quite study area!

Brennan McCallum Hub - opposite Manning Building. A hidden gem as it is far from where most law students have class.

Pro: spaces are usually available, places to charge

Con: a bit of a trek

Social Sciences Building - also a bit of a trek from the Law Building, but with a fair amount of space for group study. Hot water, microwaves, printers and computers available here.

Pro: nice and new with bookable study areas

Con: a bit of a trek and can get full during peak study times

Non-SULS Campus Activities

Whether you're a science buff, a chocolate fanatic or a musical prodigy, you'll find something to love at the University of Sydney. There are a plethora of events held on campus by various clubs, societies and faculties throughout the year. The best way to keep on track of these events is to keep an eye out on University of Sydney Union's (USU) Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/USUAccess/>



Other Law Societies on Campus

South East Asian Law Society

Ever felt all alone in a foreign land wishing that you could be back home with family? Join us at South East Asian Law Society (SEALS) and you'll never feel that way again! Being an international student can be tough, especially when the stresses of being away from home add on to the pressure of going through law school. We offer a support system; somewhere you can come to feel at home and know that you have friends that have your back. Not only do we throw fun parties, but we also ensure that we set ourselves up well for our careers.

2020 has been tough and unpredictable, however, if things go back to normal, we have great things in store for 2020. We start off the school year with an orientation day to help new students familiarise themselves with the university and their peers. There are also a few dinners scattered throughout the school semester for members to catch up for a night of fun. We also host a variety of game nights or movie nights, all accompanied with good food, drinks and even better company - so you'll have a break from the stress from law school! A highlight of Semester 1 was also the inter-society law social night that we held at a club!

However, it's not all fun and games. Here at SEALS we highly value enriching ourselves and upgrading our skills, especially to do well at university and prepare us for our careers. One of our most successful programs is the buddy program, where a senior member pairs up with a junior member, and mentors them throughout the school year. Another popular event we host is our annual Working in Sydney as an International Student event, where we bring esteemed speakers to a question and answer night. Here, our members are encouraged to mingle with these established lawyers in the workforce, who were also once international students, and clarify any careers questions they might have. We are also looking to host more educational events in the coming year to enhance our law skills.

So if you're from South East Asia and you're looking for a society to join, or if you're simply interested in the culture and making friends with international law students, SEALS is where you'll not only make amazing lifelong

friendships but also skills and tips to help you through law school. So look no further because we're perfect for you! Hope to see you soon!

Visit

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Chinese Law Students Society

The Chinese Law Students Society (CLSS) was founded in 2004. We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of law students' life and providing its members with global legal opportunities.

We have always been supportive towards members' development in university and beyond. We provide academic as well as competition support to students through events and programs. We also provide opportunities for students to socialise and network as we believe mutual growth can be achieved through sharing and caring.

CLSS also engages in community service to enable our members to put their learning into practice whilst pursuing a good cause. CLSS is currently providing support to students affected by COVID-19 in order to facilitate their understanding of issues.

CLSS has been working closely with prestigious international law firms and strive to provide members with career opportunities within and beyond Australia. Our Annual Flagship event is the Hong Kong Law Fair where all the firms and students come together. Despite not being able to be hosted physically this year due to the pandemic, we have been working with the firms constantly to provide insightful virtual meetups. Stay tuned to our WeChat, Facebook, LinkedIn and Email for updates!

Our current executive team includes: Ken Leung (President), Tian Du (Vice President), Anthony Hua (Vice President), Debbie Chan (Secretary), Chelsea Yang (Treasurer), Chris Li (Education), Lindsey Rui (Publication), Beatrice Tsang (Social), Yvonne Lin (IT), William Tai, Flora Zhao and Mason Tsoi (General Executives).

CLSS is looking forward to meeting you all in person in the near future when everything resumes normal. We will always be supporting our students and we warmly welcome students from different walks to bolster their personal and professional aspirations together with us.

Ken Leung

President

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Korean Law Students Society

The Korean Law students at the University of Sydney ('KLUS') is more than just a bunch of Korean-Australian law students who like to gather and drink soju. The KLUS executive team of 2020 is comprised of: Sandy Cho (President), Ashley Kim (Vice President), Inho Son (Treasurer), Jessica Kim (Secretary), Gerard An (Senior Advisor), Joshua Lee (Events Director), Julia Kim (Medical Director), John Kim (General Committee) and Rachel Park (General Committee).

Throughout the year, we organise events to provide our students with various opportunities. In Semester 1, our events are held with an outlook to provide our first year students with the opportunity to integrate smoothly into the Law School and to KLUS; and strengthen the connection between KLUS members and alumni. We usually facilitate events such as Welcoming Dinners, small-group mentoring sessions, JD coffee sessions, on-campus Korean barbeque gatherings and many more. Our social events allow students to meet not only their fellow friends and/or seniors, but also our alumni members.

Students are therefore provided with an opportunity to socialise with their peers and network with our alumni members practicing law, and even obtain vital notes, tips and tricks to survive law school.

In Semester 2, more focus is placed onto the career aspect of Law School. Our main event is the Legal Careers Forum where we invite Korean-Australian legal professionals in diverse practice areas to provide an insight about the legal profession, and our students are provided with the invaluable opportunity to ask yearning questions and establish solid rapport with the legal professionals.

We also aim to promote the continuing development and cementing of the positive relationship between our members. To achieve this, we hold social events such as on-campus meetups, MTs, and End of Year dinner.

Outside the university settings, KLUS engages closely with the Korean Australian Lawyers Association ('KALA') and provides opportunities for students to attend events organised by KALA. We aim to expand our participation in KALA events, for example by attending KALA's sporting events as a team, as we believe that it would be a great opportunity for students to network and become a part of the Korean Australian legal community. KLUS has also been actively involved in promoting the trade relationship between Korea and Australia through our relationship with KOTRA, the Korean Trade-Investment Promotion Agency, by participating in forums and advertising relevant opportunities through social media.

KLUS works in conjunction with SULS, SEALS and CLSS to promote the quality of our students' journey through law school. Although KLUS is a compact society, our focus is less about being exclusive but more about achieving solidarity through our shared connection and experiences of being 'Korean'. We are also a diverse community which is open to LLB students, JD students, domestic and international students. We hope we can assist and add a positive light to the journey of each and every student at the University of Sydney Law School.

Soo Young (Sandy) Cho

President



Studying Law at USyd

Advice and Tips from International Students

Clement Decheng Sun LLB V

International students in a law degree usually have more opportunities than international students in other faculties to explore their interests due to the extended length of their course, and the combination of degrees. I would highly recommend international students to spend time to think about your interests, whether it is in the corporates, social justice, advocacy, politics and industrial relations.

When you consider your future career, the priority of consideration shall not be the economic rewards of an average person in this career, but how much passion and talent do you have for higher achievement. Personal achievement, instead of the area of practice, determines rewards and satisfaction of life.

For international students who are interested in advocacy and social justice, my advice is “DO IT”. There is a range of organisations where international students can have real career paths, not-for-profits, NGOs, Aboriginal organisations, trade unions and advocacy groups. Interestingly, most of these organisations, unlike many corporate firms, do not set permanent residency and citizenship requirements in their recruitment, which is good news for student visa holders. International students can participate in SULLS social justice programs, student activism, and social movements where knowledge of the law is highly valued and seek a career after that.

For international students who come from a non-Anglo background, and learned English as a foreign language, be confident with your culture and identity. Your cultural identity can provide a tremendous advantage in your university life and career. The least wise attempt is to force yourself to adapt to a particular mode of life. Broadening the understanding of the local culture is crucial but the international background is, without doubt, an asset in a multicultural community and a globalised industrial environment.

Lastly, having genuine friends can help you go through this long and stressful course much more comfortable. International students can benefit from the peer inspiration in academics, career and mental health. International students often receive more solitude, especially if they did not spend their secondary school years in Sydney. Making friends may take a bit more effort for them. However, SULLS and other clubs at USyd can be great places to go, and it's never too late to start doing so.

Nadia Sia LLB II

Keep in touch but not too much!

Coming to a new country can be daunting. You might not know anyone, get lost on campus or even struggle with English especially if it is not your first language. Being homesick can be a real issue and I definitely faced it when I started uni. Calling friends and family back home may help, but it might make you miss home even more. In my experience, one way to survive this is by getting involved! Join societies or volunteer for events! You will quickly realise that you aren't alone. I joined the SULLS sports committee in my first year of uni and it helped me to meet many new people. If sports is not for you, fret not because there are many other activities offered in USYD.

Lots of Reading!

Law school is infamous for drowning its students in readings. Ask any law student and you will hear how they can never keep up with their reading list. It's important to keep up with your workload and one way of doing that is through having a solid group of friends to study with. If group-work is not your thing, you better get used to it. Studying law is rarely a one-man job. By having friends to study with, I was able to share notes and work through problem questions together. Don't be afraid to make friends who are older as well! You will not only gain some valuable tips for your units but may also be rewarded with notes or secondhand textbooks.

Work Experience!

Many of us stress about finding internships and jobs. Especially as an international student, these opportunities are few due to certain restrictions. You may want to get a job/internship that is suited to your career such as interning in a law firm or court. But don't stress over these things too much. Get involved in societies, these will be able to teach you relevant skills. Or you can volunteer at legal centers. If you are adamant on finding a job, you can find one even if it is unrelated to your future career plans. Personally, I became a tennis coach because I desperately wanted something on my CV but it has also taught me invaluable soft skills that I believe will help me in the future.

Stay healthy!

Like I mentioned, your workload will be immense. But you still need to take care of your health. No one wants to fall sick. It worries your family back home and trust me, it's a hassle falling sick when you must get those class participation marks. So, take study breaks, go for an exercise and socialise with friends. Many students forget this but what you eat is important too! Make sure to do those weekly groceries for fresh food. Please stay away from living off takeaway or microwaveable food.

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As an international student myself, I understand how challenging it is to survive at law school. Although having great academic results and securing a satisfactory graduate job may be the two most common goals for law students, you should also make full use of your time here to socialise and make as many friends as possible. Trust me, they are never mutually exclusive and it is essential that we help each other out during this long journey!

It's always good to have friends from different backgrounds and cohorts. You can not only obtain insights from like-minded people with different cultures, but also gain some valuable study tips from senior students who have done the units.

Attending events held by different student societies is a good starting point. Apart from SULS, there are also three societies run by students with various international backgrounds – Chinese Law Students Society (CLSS), South East Asian Law Students Society (SEALS) and Korean Law Students Society (KLUS). They all hold events such as mentoring programs or welcoming parties to let students meet each other.

Moreover, you may also find many career-related events held by those societies. For example, CLSS holds Hong Kong Law Fair and Law Firm Information Sessions every year for law students who want to pursue a legal career in an international law firm in Hong Kong. Make sure you keep an eye on those events. Most importantly, don't be shy and remember to be friendly to others. The only occasion where law students truly bite each other is debating in the court after being qualified, but put that aside, we are all in this together.



University and Law School Administration

Note: The information below is general advice only, and may not take into account your circumstances, particularly with remote study and COVID-19. As the situation is constantly changing, please refer to the University's official COVID-19 website for the most up-to-date study and administration advice: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/coronavirus-infection-university-of-sydney-advice.html>

Academic Issues

Academic Appeals

There are three stages in the academic appeals process. They are:

1. resolution with the original decision-maker,
2. appeals to the faculty/Academic Panel, and
3. appeals to the Student Appeals Body.

Different faculties have different procedures regarding the appeal process. For example, Sydney Law School requires students to engage in a self-reflection before appealing to the original decision-maker.

For more information please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/academic-appeals.html>

Simple extensions

If you cannot submit your assignment on time, you can talk to your unit of study coordinator about your situation and apply for a simple extension. It is an informal arrangement between you and the coordinator and you can have an extension of up to two working days.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/simple-extensions.html>

Special consideration

If you need an extension for more than two working days, you need to provide relevant evidence and apply for special consideration. The common examples include short-term and acute illness, misadventures such as car accidents, and essential commitments such as jury duty,

military service or commitments representing the University, state or nation. Note that travel plans, public transport delays, minor illness or time management issues are not sufficient.

For more examples of special consideration and required documents, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration.html>

Exam Clashes

If you have two exams on the same day, you will take one in the morning and another in the afternoon. You will have at least a 40-min break between the two exams.

If you have three exams on the same day, you will take two exams on the same day and another on the following day. The University will email you about the schedule and you will be required to take a different exam and complete a statutory declaration form stating that you will not discuss exam information with other students.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/exams/timetables.html>

Degree load and progression

Reduced study load for student visa holders

Generally student visa holders need to undertake a full-time study load (24 points/semester). However, you can apply to reduce your study load if:

- You have a serious illness or injury;
- A close family member has died;
- Faculty cannot offer any other units of study due to the structure of your program; or
- Your Faculty Academic Advisor recommends you to reduce your study load so that you can complete your remaining units of study.

Note that reasons relating to finance or work outside your studies are not valid. Receiving credit from previous study or Summer/Winter School is not a valid reason either, unless your remaining units cannot make up 24 credit points.

For more information and specific application criteria please refer to: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/reduced-study-load.html>

Change your Course

Your faculty may allow you to upgrade or downgrade your course, or transfer from a combined degree into a single degree. This is called an allowable course transfer. The application deadline for Semester 1 is 7 February 2020 and for Semester 2, 17 July 2020. You can apply for an allowable transfer in Sydney Student. If your application is successful, the university will issue you a new electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE).

If you are not eligible for an allowable transfer, you can apply for internal course transfer. The application for Semester 2 is from early May to 30 June 2020. If you want to change from a single degree to a combined degree, the university will issue a new eCoE. But if you want to change to a new curriculum version of your current course, the university is unable to issue you a new eCoE which means you must ensure you can complete the transferred course without overstaying your visa in Australia.

You can also change streams but you may not receive credit for your previous study. You should consider how the transfer will affect your student visa.

For more information please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/change-course.html>

Discontinue a unit of study

If you discontinue a unit of study before the census date, there is no academic or financial penalty, however you need to ensure you are still meeting your visa requirements.

There are two types of discontinued unit of study: DC (discontinued not to count as failure) and DF (discontinue fail).

If you discontinue a unit of study after the census date but before the DC deadline, you still need to pay for the unit but it will not count as a fail on your transcript and as a result does not affect your WAM. The DC deadline for semester-long units is usually the end of Week 7 in Semester 1 or 2 but you should always check the specific DC deadline for your unit at <https://sydney.edu.au/students/study-dates.html>.

If you discontinue a unit of study after the DC deadline but before the DF deadline you will receive a DF. You need to pay for this unit but will not receive a mark for it. It will count as a fail on your transcript but does not affect your WAM.

Note that DC or DF will reduce your study load. This means you need to apply for a reduced study load in order to comply with your student visa requirements.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-unit-of-study.html>

Discontinue your course

If you want to discontinue your course, you should contact University Compliance Officers for advice (email: student.compliance@sydney.edu.au) and make sure you check the key dates and deadlines (<https://sydney.edu.au/students/study-dates.html>) to avoid academic penalty or financial liability.

You need to notify the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) within 31 days of discontinuing your course. Your eCoE will be cancelled and you need to contact within 28 days to arrange an alternative visa if you wish to stay in Australia. For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-course.html>.

If you discontinue your course within the first six months to accept an offer at another university, you need to request a release. For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/release-for-student-visa-holders.html>.

Suspend your studies

You can only suspend your study if there are compassionate or compelling circumstances beyond your control, such as serious illness/injury, death of a close family member or a traumatic experience. Note that financial reasons or reasons relating to work outside your studies are not valid.

For more information regarding specific compassionate or compelling circumstances and the documents required, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/suspend-studies.html>.

Request special permission for a unit of study

You can apply for a special permission to undertake a unit of study if you do not meet the required prerequisite, you want to overload your credit points in a semester or in your course, or you want to undertake a unit of study out of sequence etc. You need to make sure that you fulfil all your visa requirements before you make a request. In your application, you need to state why you are applying for special permission and provide relevant evidence.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/request-permission-unit-of-study/special-permission.html>.

Student Support at USYD

Support at Law School

For more information on the support services that SULLS and the University offer, check out the 2020 Student Support Services Handbook at suls.org.au/publications.

Grants for International Students

There are now grants available for international students. More information can be found here. <https://www.study.sydney/news-and-stories/news/nsw-government-supporting-international-students-through-covid-19>

Lucy Mentoring Program

The Lucy Mentoring Program is a program for female students who study in the Business school or Law school. You will spend at least 35 hours at your mentor's workplace and learn from their expertise and knowledge.

You need to be in your second or later year of study at the Business School or in your penultimate year at the Law School undertaking a combined degree of Commerce and Law. If selected, you will be required to attend briefings, networking events, workshops and submit a learning journal.

For more information, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/lucy-mentoring-program.html>

Faculty of Law Information Desk

The information desk is on Level 3 of the Law School building. It is open from Monday to Thursday between 10am to 4pm (closed between 12pm to 1pm) and on Friday between 10am to 1pm.

The information desk is there to help you with any general inquiry and you can usually find assignment cover sheets and unit of study outlines (at the start of semester) there as well.

Note: due to COVID-19, the Law Reception is closed until further notice.

Know your rights

As an international student, you have the right to a safe and enjoyable experience while studying in Australia. Under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, international students have various rights. Make sure you are aware of these rights and be sure to seek advice or help if you believe your rights are being infringed.

For more information visit this link: <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/39586>. See the legislation here: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00292>.

If you are employed or undertaking an internship, you are also legally entitled to fair work rights. For more information, check out the 'Living and Working in Sydney' section (pg 27), the SULLS Careers Guide at suls.org.au/publications or the Fair Work Ombudsman website: <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/visa-holders-migrants>.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

The international student community is one integral part of our University. With more than 10,000 international students enrolled in the undergraduate section, we make up about 29% of the entire undergraduate population. Most international students at our university come from a country where English is not the national language. As a student from a cultural background vastly different from Australia, you might encounter many difficulties in the process of adapting.

The language barrier is no doubt an austere hurdle you have to surmount to study here. Being one of the most sophisticated social sciences governing how communities ought to function, the study of Law can be particularly difficult for anyone to persevere through, let alone students studying in a second language. You may have heard of how stressful law school may get with the endless readings, complex writing tasks, and notorious on-call presentations, which is especially so for those having little experience with spoken English.

Apart from academic life, living in Sydney may introduce a range of issues for international students too. Culture shock may be one of the first things that you run into. You may upset someone or be upset with someone without even knowing, and you may even feel an extra coating of stress around the pressure your law books are already giving you. You may even feel you are being unfairly treated as a foreigner in the community or your rights have been deprived one way or another.

However, having the courage to choose this path means that you must have the willpower to face these challenges. Although this journey will be rough, don't feel too discouraged, you are not alone and as the international students' representatives, we are always willing to help make your time here enjoyable and memorable. The International Student Collective is an organization under the University of Sydney Student Representative Council (SRC) designated to provide all international students with support and advocacy. No matter where you are from and what language you speak, studying here brings us together in solidarity. We advocate for student welfare and aim to resolve student issues in the University and the wider community. If you are stressed about studying, want private consultation, have legal issues, or any general issues you run into as an international student, please feel welcome to email us or message us on Facebook.

Email: international.officers@src.usyd.edu.au

Facebook: International Students Collective USYD

University of Sydney Union (USU)

Hi there, Welcome to the University of Sydney and Sydney! I'm Connor, the President of the University of Sydney Union (USU). The USU is Australia's oldest student union and our purpose is to be the heart of campus life. We began as a humble society for student debaters and we're proud to be one of few remaining independent, student-led organisations in Australia.

The USU is governed by a Board of 13 Directors – 11 elected from and by the membership and two appointed by the University Senate. It provides key programs, services and facilities that enhance campus life for the many thousands who join and interact with us. All income the USU receives is reinvested in our organisation for the benefit of current and future members of the University community.

Membership of the USU is free - and you can sign up at <http://usu.edu.au/Membership>. Membership allows you to join all 250 clubs and societies, and get involved in our programs and volunteering opportunities. It also allows you to apply for jobs at the USU. We are also offering USU REWARDS which members a 10% discount at all USU outlets.

The USU strives to be as inclusive as possible including catering for both domestic and international students. The USU offers international students some unique opportunities. First, there are two hundred clubs and societies students can choose to join. It's a great way to have fun, trying something new while making some new friends from Australia and overseas. We also have an International Student Lounge in Wentworth building which is home to Unimates, an international student club that holds regular social and cultural events such as weekend trips to the Blue Mountains and tours of Sydney. The USU hosts the International Festival which is a three-day cultural event held in August celebrates the diversity of students on campus with globally-focused activities, performances and learning experiences for everyone.

We host the Australian Discussion Groups which are a free casual discussion group to practice conversational English, discuss Australian culture, learn Aussie slang and meet new people. Free snacks are provided. We also have a language exchange program where you can meet new people from all over the world while learning a new language or practising one you already speak. At the start of semester we host a series of events including campus tours which are guided by our friendly volunteers.

We also have Sydney day trips where you can discover Sydney with fellow international students. Visit the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, Manly Beach and other famous sights, all whilst making new friends. The USU also throws a Welcome to Sydney Party every year at Manning Bar with free food and entry for USU members. Dance all night, win great prizes and make new friends.

Feel free to find out more and keep up to date with the USU via our social media sites including our Facebook page (University of Sydney Union USU) or WeChat account (ACCESSUSU).

Connor Wherrett

President, University of Sydney Union

Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA)

The Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association is the body for JD (and other postgraduate and research) students. It has a legal and caseworker service similar to the SRC, and it holds drop-in sessions for student advice on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 1 to 3pm. The Legal Service also holds a drop-in session on Thursday between 1 to 3pm.

For full details of the types of assistance you can seek, please visit the SUPRA website at www.supra.net.au.

To contact SUPRA, email help@supra.usyd.edu.au or call 9351 3715. The SUPRA offices are on Level 2 of the Holme Building, Camperdown campus. To get to the SUPRA offices, enter the Holme Building via Science Rd, head through the Holme Courtyard and take the lift (next to the Courtyard Restaurant and Bar) down to Level 2.

University-wide Student Support Services

Counselling and mental health support

Many University services have temporarily changed their operations due to COVID-19. Please contact the relevant service provider for more information.

The Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) are free and confidential.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am-4:30pm

Location: Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building

Phone: +61 2 8627 8433 or +61 2 8627 8437

CAPS offers individual counselling session and sexual assault services. CAPS also runs a series of workshops that help you to learn the skills to cope with stress and adapt to change. For more information about the counselling services, self-help resources and workshops, please visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support/resources-workshops.html>

Health Services

University Health Service is on Level 3 of the Wentworth Building on the Darlington Campus. It is open from Monday to Friday between 8:30am to 5:30pm. You can make an appointment by calling 9351 3484 or book an appointment online at <http://sydney.edu.au/health-service/services/index.php>.

For more information about health services on campus and after hour health services, please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/health-services.html>.

Student Centre

Provides advice and information about matters such as timetables, enrolments, exams, special consideration, exchanges and graduation.

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Location: Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building (G02).

Telephone: 1800 793 864

Make an enquiry online: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/forms/make-an-enquiry.html>

Timetable Assistance

For information about timetable assistance, click here: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/timetables/assistance.html>. For assistance with your timetable, follow this link: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/forms/timetable-assistance-request.html>

Legal Services

Undergraduate: SRC Legal Service - <http://srcusyd.net.au/src-legal-service/>

Postgraduate: http://www.supra.net.au/cpt_helps/legal-service/

Both legal services are free for USyd undergraduate and postgraduate students.

International Student Support

If you have questions about your studies and welfare or other concerns, email: international.support@sydney.edu.au

Compliance Officers

For issues related to your student visa and your general academic progression, University of Sydney Compliance Officers are here to help. If you have questions and concerns email them at: student.compliance@sydney.edu.au

PASS

(Peer Assisted Study Sessions)

What is PASS?

PASS consists of weekly one hour sessions where students work collaboratively on theory and problem questions. It is a free learning program that is directed towards students in the first three years of their LLB degree or the first year of their JD degree.

PASS supports the following units (including both full-time and part-time streams for JD units):

Semester 1

LAWS1015 – Contracts (LLB)

LAWS1023 – Public International Law (LLB)

LAWS5001 – Torts (JD)

LAWS5002 – Contracts (JD)

Semester 2

LAWS1012 - Torts (LLB)

LAWS1016 - Criminal Law (LLB)

LAWS1017 - Torts and Contracts II (LLB)

LAWS5004 - Criminal Law (JD)

LAWS5005 - Public International Law (JD)

LAWS5006 - Torts and Contracts II (JD)

Why attend PASS?

- Statistics show that students who regularly attend sessions succeed in the relevant unit.
- PASS Facilitators are high-achieving law students who have attained an excellent result in the subject they facilitate.
- PASS in Law is internationally recognised – the team was recently awarded the 2016 Australasian PASS Team Award.
- PASS is a great way to make friends in a relaxed, laid back environment
- PASS is all about YOU – students focus on the areas of the course they feel need the most work!

What students said about PASS

“It was great that we could so easily ask questions and give our opinions without feeling hesitant”

“The weekly content is highly relevant. Most importantly, the students are encouraged to think themselves.”

“The peer discussion part is the section I like, since it would build up some friendship in the meantime learn something that I don’t understand.”

For more information, see the PASS Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/PASSUniversityofSydney>) or <http://www.suls.org.au/peer-assisted-study-sessions/>



Exchange Programs

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University or overseas hosting institutions may suspend international programs at short notice. Please check the University's advice and any government guidelines and regulations before planning your trip.

University-wide Exchange

Please note: All winter short-term programs have been cancelled for 2020.

Key Dates	Application Deadline
Semester 1 2021 exchange	June 2020
Summer short-term programs (December 2020 - February 2021)	August-November 2020
Semester 2 2021 exchange	November 2020
Semester 1 2022 (Canada and UK Conservatory Programs only)	November 2020
Winter short-term programs (June-August 2021)	February-April 2021

Eligibility and Application Process

To be eligible for exchange, you need to have a credit average (65% or higher) over the most recent 48 credit points completed at the time of application (including currently enrolled units). If you are an undergraduate, you need to have completed a full-time year of study (48 credit points) in your current course. If you are a postgraduate, you need to have completed a full-time semester (18-24 credit points) in your current course and you need to be studying a degree with more than 72 credit points in order to be considered for a one semester exchange.

At the time of your application, you need to choose three destinations to include your application, ensure there are enough units of study available for exchange, and have an academic plan for your degree demonstrating how an exchange fits within your course structure.

In the process of choosing your destination, you should consider the availability of subjects at your host institution, the level of study in your exchange semester, the language of instruction at your host institution, cost of living in the destination, accommodation options and student support services available at your host institution.

Make sure you request conditional credit approval from your faculty and apply for any scholarship/loan available for the exchange program.

Scholarships that are available for international students are listed as follows:

- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship Super Partner Scholarships: \$2000
- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship
- Academic Merit Scholarships: \$1500
- Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Scholarship
- Short-term Scholarships: \$1000-\$1500
- Dalyell Scholars Global Mobility Scholarship: \$2000

Check out the 2020 Global Mobility Guide for more information: <https://bit.ly/3dCnWV7>.

For more information regarding semester exchange, check the Global Mobility website: <https://bit.ly/3arVzXW>.

You can speak to a Sydney Abroad Peer Advisor for any enquiry. The Sydney Abroad counter is located in the Student Centre on Level 3 at Jane Foss Russell Building. Email sydney.abroad@sydney.edu.au for more information.



Law Faculty Exchange

To be eligible for a Law School-specific exchange, you must:

- Be in the penultimate or final semester of your JD or LLB degree when undertaking the exchange.
- Have a high credit average (70% or above). Note that many destinations require a higher WAM.
- Be enrolled full-time at the University of Sydney (18-24 credit points) whilst on exchange.
- Produce evidence that you are proficient in the language of instruction if classes are taught in a language other than English at the host institution.

Before your departure, you need to complete the Exchange Academic Approval form and have the units you intend to undertake whilst on exchange approved by the Associate Dean. You also need to confirm your unit selections with the Associate Dean once you arrive and enrol at the host institution. This is essential for the approval of your exchange unit selections.

Please check <https://www.sydney.edu.au/law/study-law/experiential-learning/overseas-exchange-opportunities.html> and <https://canvas.sydney.edu.au/courses/4533/pages/overseas-exchange> for more information.

If you have an enquiry about Law School-specific exchange, please email law.professional@sydney.edu.au



Scholarships

University-wide Scholarships

International students are eligible for a variety of scholarships. Some are listed below.

Vice Chancellor International Scholarships Scheme

This scholarship is based on academic merit and is open to all commencing international students enrolling in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree. It is open to all international students who have an unconditional offer of admission for a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at the University of Sydney. All eligible students will automatically be considered.

Value and Duration:

Four scholarship amounts may be offered
\$40,000 payable for one year in two equal instalments
\$20,000 payable for one semester
\$10,000 payable for one semester
\$5,000 payable for one semester

Sydney Scholars India Scholarship Program

This scholarship is offered to outstanding students in India commencing an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework course. This program is intended to foster relations and collaborative efforts between the University of Sydney and India.

Applicants must hold Indian citizenship and be current residents of India. Applicants who are permanent residents of Australia are not eligible.

A total of 28 scholarships will be awarded annually, consisting of:

3 x \$50,000 scholarships for undergraduate students, paid across the duration of any undergraduate coursework degree up to four years,
10 x \$20,000 first-year scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students, or
15 x \$10,000 first year scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Open: 1 April 2020

Close: 30 May 2020

For more information on general scholarships available to undergraduate students, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international/bachelors-honours/general.html>

For more information on general scholarships available to undergraduate students, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international/postgraduate-coursework/general.html>

Law Scholarships

Available to Both Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students

Pitt Cobbett Scholarship

Open to applicants enrolled in the JD or undergraduate combined law program at University of Sydney and must demonstrate financial hardship.

Value: Up to \$1000

Duration: One-off payment

Closing Dates

Round One: 1 May 2020

Round Two: 31 July 2020

Round Three: 6 November 2020

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/b/pitt-cobbett-scholarship.html>.

Sydney Law School Exchange Scholarship

Applicants must be enrolled in either the JD or LLB program at the University of Sydney and entering their final year of studies. Applicants must be approved by the Law School to participate in a school-specific law exchange the following year and must demonstrate financial hardship.

Value: Up to \$2000

Duration: One-off payment

Open: 31 August 2020

Close: 30 September 2020

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/b/sydney-law-school-exchange-scholarship.html>

For more information on faculty scholarships available to undergraduate students, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international/bachelors-honours/faculty/law.html>

For more information on faculty scholarships available to postgraduate students, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international/postgraduate-coursework/faculty/law.html>

For information on postgraduate research scholarships, visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international/postgraduate-research.html>



Living in Sydney

On-campus accommodation

On-campus accommodation includes residential colleges and University residences. The International House is the only fully-catered residential college and is committed to fostering cultural diversity. All residential colleges accept international students but some colleges are gender specific. For example, The Women's College only accepts female applicants. University residences are slightly cheaper than colleges and accept both female and male international students.

To find out more university residences, please visit: <https://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-on-campus/camperdown-darlington/university-residences.html>.

For most residential colleges, you are expected to attend formal dinners and participate in college life, either by attending events or through intercollege sport/activities. Below are two examples of residential colleges on campus:

Sancta Sophia College

Offers undergraduate AND postgraduate accommodation for students. Undergraduate accommodation is female only. Postgraduate house is available to both female and male students. Almost a quarter of Sancta students are international students.

Fees:

- Covers accommodation + internet
- All meals + formal dinners every Monday
- Application Fee: \$150
- Undergraduate: From \$519-648/week (Price varies according to room type)
- Postgraduate: From \$622-644/week (Price varies according to contract term)
- Note: other additional fees may apply, e.g., enrolment fee, gown fee, etc.

Information on how to apply: <https://www.santasophiacollege.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/>

St Pauls' College

Offers undergraduate AND postgraduate accommodation for students. Undergraduate accommodation is male only. Graduate house (new in 2019) is available to both female and male students.

Fees:

- Covers accommodation + internet
- meals + weekly room cleaning + college facilities (gym & library) + academic tutorial programme
- Application Fee: \$100
- Undergraduate: \$29,400/34 weeks
- Postgraduate: From \$680-745/week (Price varies according to contract term & room type)
- Note: other additional fees may apply, e.g., acceptance fee, parking, etc).

Apply for graduate house: <https://www.stpauls.edu.au/graduatehouse/apply-gh/>

Apply for undergraduate accommodation: <https://www.stpauls.edu.au/home-3/live-with-us/apply/>

To see other residential colleges available, please visit <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/accommodation/camperdown-darlington/residential-colleges.html>.

Off-campus accommodation

Shared accommodation

You can share a house or an apartment with a number of housemates and this option is usually the cheapest because of shared rents and bills. You can visit websites such as Flatmate (flatmatefinders.com.au) and Gumtree (gumtree.com.au) to find shared accommodation. Make sure you check the Share Housing Survival Guide (<https://sharehousing.org>) for more information.

Rent your own place

If you prefer having your own space, private rental may be suitable for you. In addition to rents, you are usually required to pay for the internet and some utilities by yourself. As a result, this is a more expensive option. Visit domain.com.au or realestate.com.au for more information.

Student accommodation

There are lots of private-owned student accommodations around campus. They usually cover utility bills and internet cost, and they usually organise events for their residents. Such student accommodations include Urbanest, Iglu, UniLodge and Scape. Please check their websites for more information.

Homestays

A homestay is where you live with a family. Meals, internet and bills are usually included and it is a great way to learn more about Australian culture and settle down in the new environment. Visit Australian Homestay Network (<https://www.homestaynetwork.org>) for more information.

Emergency & Short-term Housing

Some short-term housing options include hostels, hotels and service apartments. For a list of short-term housing options around campus, please visit <https://bit.ly/3b9MzXK>.

If you need housing support in an emergency, you should call University Accommodation Services on +61 2 9351 3322 or visit Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building between 10am to 4pm from Monday to Friday.

If you need financial support for accommodation, please call University Financial Support Service on +61 2 8627 4809 or visit Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building between 10am to 5pm from Monday to Friday. (Note that student bursaries are available for international students).



Career Opportunities for International Students

Clerkships

In New South Wales, most mid and top tier law firms offer clerkship programs that typically run during the summer (though some firms do offer other seasonal placements). Within these firms, there may be interstate and overseas opportunities. Make sure to go to the firm's dedicated clerkship information page on their website to find out more information.

Applications for all 2020/21 programs open on Tuesday 9 June 2020 and close on Sunday 5 July or Sunday 12 July 2020.

Offers for clerkships are typically made by Wednesday 16 September 2020, and acceptance is expected approximately two days after offers are made.

Disclaimer: Subject to each firm's dates (check their respective websites for more information)

As an international student, you may come across some difficulty in finding firms that will consider international students for the summer clerkship. Do not be discouraged. Apply to the firms that specify that they do and make sure they are firms you actually WANT to clerk for. Use being an international student to your advantage in your cover letter.

Do check out the Law Society of New South Wales website for more information! A lot of opportunities are displayed on LegalVitae, the Law Society's job portal.

Application Process

- Most firms require your CV and a cover letter
- Some firms have additional questions to be answered on their application
- Some firms require psychometric testing
- Most firms have two rounds of interviews [students whose applications are chosen to proceed move on to the interview stage]
- If you are asked for a second interview, typically you will be invited to a Cocktail Evening with the firm. This is still part of the application process. You are expected to mingle and make a lasting impression.
- Shortly after the cocktail evening, offers will be made.

Tips for Applying

- Perfect your resume before applications open.
- Start writing your cover letters before applications open.
- Make sure you tailor your cover letters to the firm. Do not say things that you could say about every other firm offering clerkships. Be specific and make sure they know why you want to clerk for the firm.
- Be genuine!
- If you do not receive an offer for a clerkship, do not worry. You WILL be okay and it is not the end of the world. Keep an eye out for other options and internships!



Firms Offering Clerkship Programs for International Students

Firms Accepting International Students

Disclaimer: The following information is sourced from the companies' websites and is correct at time of publication. This is intended as a guide only and students are advised to directly check with companies about eligibility requirements before applying.

Firms	Graduate Program	Summer Clerkship	Notes
<i>Allens-Linklaters</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must have the right to work full-time in Australia.</i>
<i>Allen & Overy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must be approved to work in Australia and demonstrate commitment to starting a legal career in Australia.</i>
<i>Ashurst</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Must have the right to work full-time in Australia.</i>
<i>Baker McKenzie</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must have the right to work full-time in Australia.</i>
<i>Clayton Utz</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>International students may apply if they are able to work full time during the clerkship program and if they are able to apply for the correct visa entitlements to work unrestricted in Australia once they have graduated. Graduates need to independently attain the correct work visa.</i>
<i>Herbert Smith Freehills</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must have unrestricted legal working rights in Australia when commencing clerkship</i>
<i>King Wood Mallesons</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must be approved to work in Australia with the correct visa.</i>
<i>Marque Lawyers</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must be approved to work in Australia with the correct visa.</i>
<i>Minter Ellison</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must be approved to work in Australia with the correct visa.</i>
<i>PwC Legal</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Must provide evidence of Visa AND IELTS/OET/TOEFL/iBT/PTE/CAE</i>
<i>White & Case</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Students in final year can apply for the vacation clerkship scheme. Clerkships offered for summer & winter</i>

Firms Offering Clerkship Programs for International Students

Firms That May Accept International Students

Firms	Graduate Program	Summer Clerkship	Notes
<i>Corrs Chambers Westgarth</i>	<i>Graduates in Sydney are largely recruited through the clerkship program</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake, but states they are open to all students in their penultimate year of law</i>
<i>Colin Biggers Paisley</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Sparke Helmore</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Gadens</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Jones Day</i>	<i>Graduates in Sydney are largely recruited through the clerkship program</i>	<i>Yes - for penultimate students</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Norton Rose Fulbright</i>	<i>Graduates in Sydney are recruited through the clerkship program</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Piper Alderman</i>	<i>Graduates in Sydney are largely recruited through the clerkship program</i>	<i>No - they do a more long term commitment starting penultimate year. 2 days per week until graduation</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Mills Oakley</i>	<i>Graduate Scheme for Sydney is through a priority offer system (to those who have clerked)</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Wotton + Kearney</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Alt to clerkships is the Pathways program (working part-time as a paralegal in final year) No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Squire Patton Boggs</i>	<i>Yes - Graduate Scheme only in Sydney or Perth</i>	<i>No Clerkship Scheme</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>HWL Ebsworth</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>

Firms	Graduate Program	Summer Clerkship	Notes
<i>Hall & Wilcox</i>	Yes	<i>Clerkship Scheme only in Melbourne</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Dentons</i>	Yes	Yes	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Johnson Winter & Slattery</i>	<i>Graduates in Sydney are largely recruited through the clerkship program</i>	<i>Clerkship Schemes for Brisbane, Melbourne & Perth</i> <i>Internship Program for Adelaide & Sydney (Working full-time over holidays and part-time over semester)</i>	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Bird & Bird</i>	Yes	Yes	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>
<i>Gilbert + Tobin</i>	Yes	Yes	<i>No specific mention of international student intake</i>

Firms Not Accepting International Students

Firms	Graduate Program	Summer Clerkship	Notes
<i>Brown Wright Stein</i>	No	No	<i>For Australian citizens and permanent residents</i>
<i>DLA Piper</i>	<i>Graduate Scheme for Sydney is through a priority offer system (to those who have clerked).</i>	<i>Yes (Unsure if program will be happening this year as page has not been updated).</i>	<i>For Australian citizens and permanent residents</i>
<i>K & L Gates</i>	No	No	<i>For Australian citizens and permanent residents</i>

Careers Resources

Some useful resources on securing part-time jobs, internships and volunteering opportunities are listed below:

1. The University of Sydney Career Hub:

<https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au/students/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

2. SULLS Jobs Board

<https://www.sulls.org.au/jobs-board>

3. GradConnection

<https://au.gradconnection.com/>

4. Find internship opportunities for internships relevant to your degree

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/placement-internship-opportunities.html>

5. Summer research programs for Medicine, Nursing and Science students

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/summer-research-programs.html>

6. Find casual and part-time jobs

<https://www.seek.com.au>

<https://au.indeed.com>

7. Attend employer information sessions

<https://sydney.edu.au/careers/students/fairs-workshops-and-events/employer-information-sessions.html>

8. Find volunteer opportunities

<https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/#/>

<https://acfid.asn.au/content/volunteer>

<https://govolunteer.com.au>

Career Services

The University Careers Centre helps international students find career pathways and develop career skills. The Centre runs a series of career skills workshops including cover letter writing, interview skills and professional communication. Register here: <https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au/Form.aspx?id=527456>

The Centre also runs a series of forums featuring prominent guest speakers. Please visit <https://sydney.edu.au/careers/students/careers-support-for-international-students/international-student-activities.html> for updates.

The Career Centre is on Level 5 of the Jane Russell Building on the Darlington Campus. Visit The University of Sydney Career Hub to book a career appointment!

Community Legal Centres

Community Legal Centres (CLCs) are not-for-profit organisations that provide free legal advice to members of the public on a wide range of matters such as tenancy, social security and employment. There are around 50 CLCs in NSW and most of them welcome international student volunteers. Volunteers generally help out with office administration, communicating with clients, conducting research and drafting correspondence.

There are lots of benefits of volunteering at CLCs especially if you want to work in the not-for-profit sector in the future. By volunteering, you can develop new legal skills, broaden your career paths and build networks.

For a list of CLCs in NSW, please visit:

https://clcvolunteers.net.au/search_results.php?s-b=state&q=NSW&s=0&search=1&e=30&oo=a&ob=b-2JqZWN0X25hbWU.

CLC that are close to campus and are currently seeking volunteers (at the time of writing) are listed as follows:

- Aboriginal Legal Service: Level 1, 619 Elizabeth Street, Redfern NSW 2016
- HIV/AIDS Legal Centre: 414 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010
- Intellectual Disability Rights Service and Criminal Justice Support Network: Suite 2C, 199 Regent Street, Redfern NSW 2016
- Kingsford Legal Centre: Ground Floor, Western Entrance, Law Building, UNSW NSW 2052
- Marrickville Legal Centre: 338 Illawarra Road, Marrickville NSW 2204
- National Children's & Youth Law Centre: 1st Floor, Law Centres Precinct, The Law Building, UNSW NSW 2052
- Redfern Legal Centre: 73 Pitt Street, Redfern NSW 2016

Note: please always refer to the link provided above for updates on CLC intakes.

Alternative Non-Legal Careers

You are by no means restricted to a career in law after law school. Many law graduates can and do forge successful careers outside of the law. Some options are listed below:

- Consulting – Accenture, PwC, Deloitte, EY, KPMG, BDO
- Banking – Commonwealth Bank, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Westpac
- Accounting and Advisory – PwC, Ernst and Young, KPMG, BDO
- Public Service and Utilities – Australian Security Intelligence Office, Australian Taxation Office, Department of Social Services, Teach for Australia, NSW Government, IP Australia, Clean Energy Regulator
- Social Justice – NGOs (amnesty international), United Nations
- Politics -- Trade Unions, Member of Parliament Offices

Overseas Opportunities

As an international student, you can apply for internships and graduate programs in your home country. You can also work at an international firm or organisation overseas. Some useful links relating to these opportunities are listed below:

- Overseas opportunities:
<http://www.goinglobal.com>
- Job opportunities in China:
<https://chinaportal.guccu.org/usydney/index>
<https://aozhouhaigui.com>
- Job opportunities in Japan:
<https://global.mynavi.jp/conts/event/>
- Find your international network:
<https://sydney.edu.au/alumni-giving/connect/networks/international-networks.html>
- Other career opportunities are frequently advertised on the University's CareerHub website so be sure to check that out as well!
<https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au/students/>

Working While Studying

You can work during your study if you hold a valid student visa that permits you to work. You should visit the Home Affairs website (<https://bit.ly/2Vu38Xz>) or check your own visa to make sure you comply with all the requirements. For example, if you hold a 500 student visa, you can work up to 40 hours per fortnight once your course begins. You must comply with the 40-hour limit when your course is in session and you can work unlimited hours when your course is out of session.

Tax File Number (TFN)

You need to get a Tax File Number (TFN) to work in Australia. You can apply online for a TFN at <https://bit.ly/3eIJZQj>. You need to have a valid passport and relevant travel documents at the time of your application. Once you submit your application, your TFN will be sent to the address stated on your application within 28 days. Even if you do not want to work, having a TFN is still useful. If you have a bank account in Australia, the interest earned in your account will be taxed at the highest withholding rate if you do not provide your bank with your TFN.



Australian Slang Guide

So you've just arrived in Sydney, and you are super excited to explore around the city. Before you start going around, however, do read this quick guide to get you started with some Aussie slang!

'Straya': Australia

G' day: Hello; good day

Brekky: breakfast

Brunch: Breakfast and lunch (normally at around 10/11am)

Arvo: afternoon

Barbie: barbecue

Maccas: McDonalds

Bottle-O: bottle shop

Servo: Petrol Station (service station)

Sweet as: sweet, awesome. It is quite typical to end some adjectives with 'as' to give emphasis. Some other examples include lazy as, fast as.

Stuffed: tired

Heaps: lots of

Tradie: a tradesman such as a carpenter, electrician, etc.

A cold one: beer

Thongs: flip flops

Making Friends Abroad!

Embarking on your university journey abroad may be a daunting experience of being away from the familiarity of friends and family. However, it is also a great opportunity to get yourself out there to meet new friends and get outside your comfort zone.

Making Friends at University

To get yourself settled in, make new friends at university! If you feel like you are coming from a very different background from most of your peers, don't focus on your perceived differences with others. Instead, relate with them on your commonalities and share your unique experience. People are interested to hear your story, so don't be afraid to share it!

If you live on campus such as a university operated residence or a residential college, that's a great place to get started! Hang around in the common areas and just strike up a conversation with people that come in. In university operated residences, there may be a lot of

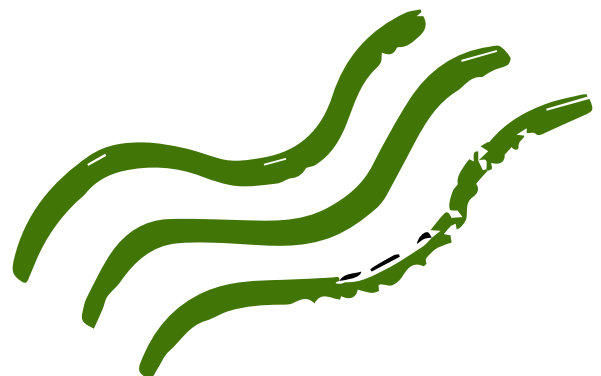
exchange students who have just arrived in Sydney for their first time.

So don't feel like you're going through this settling-in process alone as there are a ton of other people in your situation! In residential colleges, there would be a lot of first year students who are making their transition from high school to university. Everyone is eager to meet new people so don't be shy!

Another great place to get started to meet new friends are societies. Join them! You would get to continue your interest at university AND meet a bunch of like-minded people who share your passion. It doesn't get better than that. There are a wide array of different societies, whether that be sports, arts, or major related ones. To find out about existing clubs and societies at the university, visit <https://www.usu.edu.au/clubs-societies/list>.

Making Friends Outside University

There are also a ton of opportunities to make friends outside university. Sign up to volunteer events such as the Biennale or even TEDx. Not only do you get to meet people while volunteering, it would be an immensely rewarding experience to spend your free time serving others and it is also definitely something you can talk about during interviews. If you do sports, join a local sport league or attend community classes. Even if you don't meet people, it's also a great opportunity to have some 'me' time. Your experience abroad is really up to you to define and make the best out of. Seize it.



Visa & Migration



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Temporary Graduate Visa

The Temporary Graduate visa Subclass 485 is for international students who have recently graduated from an Australia education institution.

It lets you live, study and work in Australia temporarily after you have finished your studies. Students are only able to access the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) ONCE in their lifetime.

The 485 visa consists of two streams:

1. Graduate Work Stream

For students who have recently completed a graduate degree with an occupation on the Medium and Long-term Strategic Skills Lists (MLSSL). The visa is usually granted for up to 18 months.

2. Post-Study Work Stream

For students who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher qualification. Your visa may be granted for **two years and up to four years**, depending on the highest qualification you have obtained in Australia.

To be eligible for the post study work visa your first student visa in Australia must have been granted **on or after 5 November 2011**.

For the purpose of the 2020 SULLS International Guide, we will ONLY focus on the Post-Study Work Stream requirements.

Processing Times

Processing times are updated on a monthly basis. Currently, 75% of applications are being processed within 4 months and 90% are being processed in 5 months.

Post Study Work Stream 485 Visa Requirements

To be eligible for the 485 visa you must meet the following requirements.

Study Requirements

- Completed at least 2 years (92 weeks) of full-time study in a course (or courses) registered by CRISCOS in Australia
- Your study was in English
- You were in Australia for at least 16 months to complete your study
- You have successfully completed all course requirements
- Your degree(s) satisfies the Australian study requirements in the past 6 months

Visa Requirements

- Main holder of a current student visa (but not supported by the Defence or Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister)
- You have held a student visa within the last 6 months before lodging the 485 visa

Age

- You must be under the age of 50 years old

English Requirements

You have met the English language requirement i.e. you have obtained IELTS equivalent of 6.0 overall with a minimum score of 5.0 in each of the four test components
Note: You are exempt from an English test if you hold a valid passport issued by the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland and you are a citizen of that country

Other Requirements

- You meet health requirements
- You meet character requirements
- Have adequate health insurance

Subclass 189 Points Tested Stream Requirements

There are three stages an Applicant must go through.

1. Receive Positive Skills Assessment for Your Nominated Occupation

You must obtain a **positive skills assessment** assessed by an appropriate assessing body for your occupation. The assessing body will assess your qualification(s) and work experience, concluding whether your qualification is equivalent to the Australian standard and whether your work experience meets the occupation tasks requirement as outlined by ANZSCO.

Note: *The positive skills assessment will also determine your work experience and qualification points.*

2. Apply for the Expression of Interest (EOI)

The following are important facts you need to know about the skilled migration expression of interest:

1. You must have a positive skills assessment
2. You meet the points score of 65 or more, depending on the competitiveness (popularity) of your skilled occupation. This may mean that the higher the points, the better chance you will have in receiving an invitation letter to apply for the Australian visa
3. There is no timeframe or processing time for the EOI
4. The EOI is kept in the system for two years
5. There is no cost to submit an EOI
6. You can make changes or update your EOI before you are invited to apply for the visa.

3. Applying for the Skilled Independent Subclass 189 Visa

The following are important facts you need to know about the 189 visa:

- You must receive an EOI invitation to apply for the 189 visa
- You must apply for the visa with 60 days of receiving the invitation
- You meet the points score on your EOI invitation
- Have competent English or higher – we recommend checking the English requirements of the appropriate assessing body for your occupation before sitting an English test, as not all occupations will have the same English test requirements (to obtain a positive skills assessment)
- You are under 45 years old if and when you are invited to apply for the 189 visa

- You can be in or outside Australia when you apply and when a decision is made on your application
- You meet the health and character requirements
- You have no outstanding debt to the Australian government
- You can include your partner and your or your partner's child or stepchild in your application

You can check your points [here](#).

Processing times

Processing times are updated on a monthly basis. Currently, 75% of applications are being processed within 11 months and 90% are being processed in 13 months.

Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190)

To be eligible for the 190 visa you must be nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency. Your occupation must be on the 190 visa skilled occupation list. Not all states are open to nominate a particular occupation. You can check the state's website for their skilled occupation list to see if your occupation is available for nomination for the 190 visa. You will receive 5 additional points if the state nominates you.

This is a permanent visa and once granted, will allow you to:

- Live in Australia indefinitely
- Work and study
- Enrol in Medicare
- Travel to and from Australia for 5 years
- Sponsor family members to come to Australia
- When you meet the requirements, apply for Australian citizenship

Stages Involved in the 190 visa

The process for the 190 visa is similar to the 189 visa, with an additional stage of being nominated by the state

1. Receive Positive Skills Assessment for Your Nominated Occupation

You must obtain a **positive skills assessment** assessed by an appropriate assessing body for your occupation. The assessing body will assess your qualification(s) and work experience, concluding whether your qualification is equivalent to the Australian standard and whether your work experience meets the occupation tasks requirement as outlined by ANZSCO.

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- There is no timeframe or processing time for the EOI.
- The EOI is kept in the system for two years
- There is no cost to submit an EOI
- You can make changes or update your EOI before you are invited to apply for the visa.

3. Be Nominated by the State or Territory Government Agency

You must be nominated by an Australian state or territory government agency. The state or territory government agencies can see your EOI in [SkillSelect](#). You **MUST** receive BOTH a nomination for the state or territory government agency AND an EOI invitation to apply for the 190 visa.

All state and territory government agencies have their own criteria for deciding who they will nominate. To find out more about their criteria please visit the state or territory government agency website directly.

Note: *if the state or territory agency that nominates you withdraws your nomination after you have applied, your application will become invalid.*

4. Applying for the Skilled Nominated Subclass 190 visa

The following are important facts you need to know about the 190 visa:

- You must receive a nomination from the state or territory government agency
- You must receive an EOI invitation
- You must apply for the visa with 60 days of receiving the invitation

- You meet the points score on your EOI invitation
- Have **competent English or higher** – *we recommend checking the English requirements of the appropriate assessing body for your occupation before sitting an English test, as not all occupations will have the same English test requirements (to obtain a positive skills assessment)*
- You are under 45 years old if and when you are invited to apply for the 190 visa
- You can be in or outside Australia when you apply and when a decision is made on your application
- You meet the health and character requirements
- You have no outstanding debt to the Australian government
- You can include your partner and your or your partner's child or stepchild in your application

You can check your points [here](#).



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Meet the Team

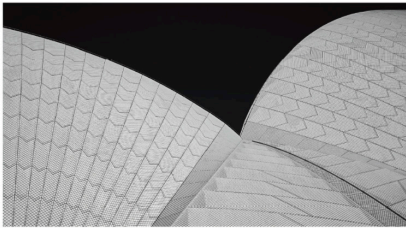
Meet the executive team, how to contact them, and what they are aiming to do for you.

Get Involved

Read up about all the positions available across all SULLS portfolios and how to join.

Upcoming Events

Find out about events at the beginning of the upcoming semester to help you settle into uni.



COMPETITIONS HANDBOOK



How to get involved

Join our introductory workshops to learn how to start competing.

Tips & Strategies

Advice from accomplished competitors on how to prepare and perform.

Which one?

Learn about the different types of competitions and which ones are the best for you.



AN INTRODUCTION TO CLERKSHIPS

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Why Apply?

Read about all the benefits of a clerkship and what you "need" to get one.

The Application Process

Find out the about the process of getting a clerkship and all the elements of an application.

The Clerkship Experience

Learn about the clerkship program and all the fun activities on offer.



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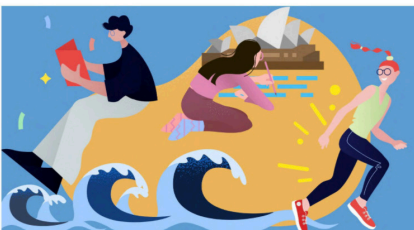
Advice on how to stay on top of your academics during your law degree.

Degree Planning

A comprehensive overview of the different law degree progressions to help you plan ahead.

Study and Professional Experiences

Discover the opportunities offered at USYD Law from exchange to international volunteering.



FIRST YEAR GUIDE



How to get around

Whether you want a place to eat, study or just relax, we've got it here for you.

How to get by

Study techniques and many other tips for assignments and an overview of support services.

And much more

All you need to know to help you get by your first year of law school.



CAREERS GUIDE 2020



Starting Your Career

Information to help you as you begin your legal career after law school.

Different Legal Sectors

An overview of the various legal sectors and some of the opportunities offered.

Know Your Rights

Know your fair work rights are including: Work hours; payment and employee classification.





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