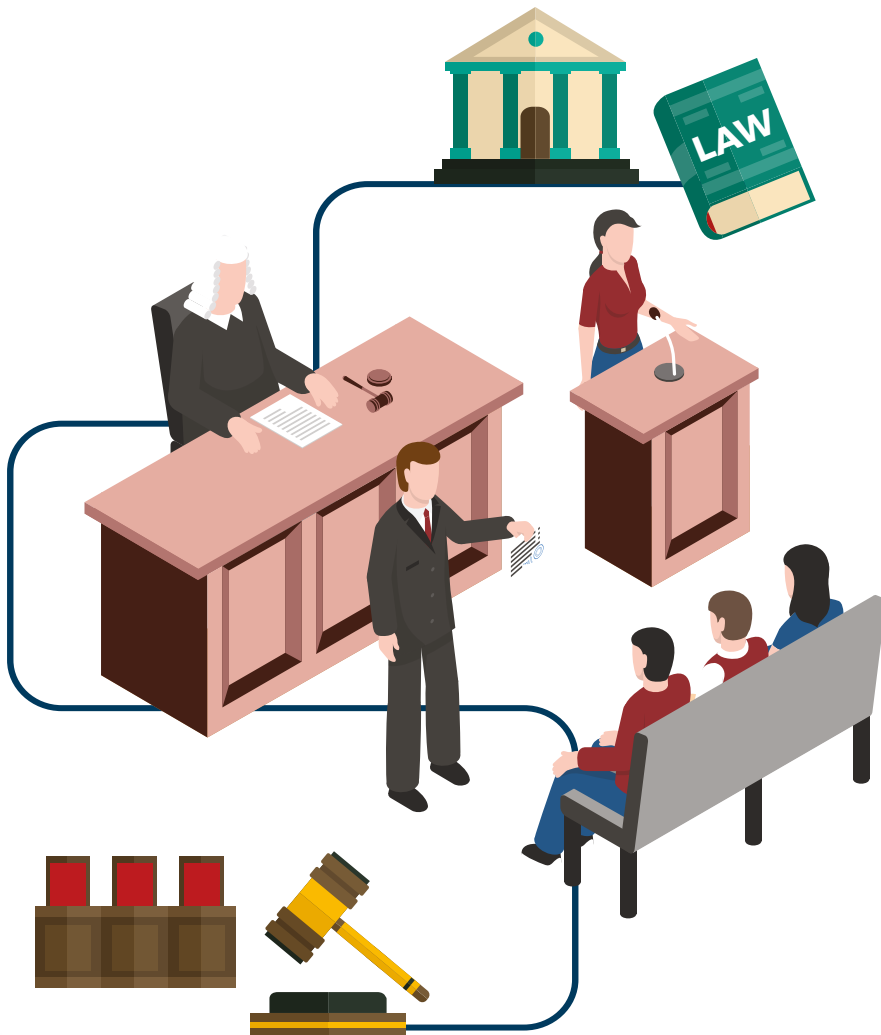





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The Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law's primary focus is to train and produce lawyers for the practice of law in Singapore, particularly in the areas of Criminal Law and Family Law. This is part of the national effort to meet the need for lawyers in the areas of Criminal Law and Family Law. In view of School of Law's emphasis on the practice of law, the two programmes offered, Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Laws, which specialise in Criminal Law and Family Law, will aim at providing a comprehensive education that is practice-oriented and multi-disciplinary. Students will have ample opportunities to interact with practising lawyers, and work on real cases throughout their studies. Both degrees will qualify the graduates for entry into the Legal Profession in Singapore.

## *A Message from the Dean*

Professor  
**LESLIE CHEW**  
Senior Counsel And Dean  
School Of Law



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Join us at Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law!

So you want to be a lawyer! Here's your chance by joining us at the School of Law. Why join us? Well, if you want to practise law as a lawyer in Singapore, we aim to train you and make you ready for practice in Singapore. We will teach you and train you 'in context' – to be an important part of your community in Singapore. At the Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law, you will not only learn the law but you will gain practical skills relevant to the practice of law. When you graduate from our School of Law, you will be a law graduate who can immediately apply what you have learnt and who is ready to be a productive member of a law practice. In time you will grow into and become an integral part of the social fabric of our community. So don't wait, be a pioneer in this refreshing approach to the study and practice of law!

“Lawyer to the Community”

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# GOOD REASONS TO STUDY AT

**HIGH ACADEMIC  
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**MORE THAN 70 DEGREE PROGRAMMES  
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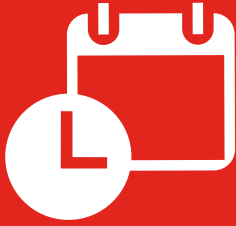
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# BACHELOR OF LAWS JURIS DOCTOR



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law degrees are offered both to degree holders as well as fresh school leavers and diploma holders. Applicants with a Bachelor's degree will be offered the Juris Doctor (JD) whilst fresh school leavers and diploma holders will be offered the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree, a direct honours programme. Both degrees will qualify the graduates for entry into the Legal Profession in Singapore.

## UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMMES

Both degree programmes will comprise classes conducted in the evenings. The programmes will also be modular and students will have up to six years to complete the degree.

The School of Law will adopt an applied learning approach rather than a purely academic approach in pedagogy. You can expect that the cases and scenarios you discuss will be drawn from actual cases.



## ANSWER THE CALL

- ❑ Train to be specialist Criminal and Family Lawyers
- ❑ Meet the Community's needs for well-equipped Criminal and Family Lawyers
- ❑ Study law through skills training and applied learning
- ❑ Study complementary non-law subjects such as Social Work and Forensics
- ❑ Work on real cases with practising lawyers, State Counsels and Prosecutors through a structured Legal Clerkship Programme
- ❑ Be part of our programme that is flexible, modular and delivered in the evenings, and allows you to continue working or following other pursuits

## BE A PROBLEM SOLVER

Essentially a lawyer is a problem solver. Clients do not see lawyers for fanciful ideas or idealistic views. The client is at the heart of what a lawyer does every day in practice. A competent and able lawyer is one who provides the client with the best possible solution given the client's circumstances or context.

## LEARN FROM EXPERIENCED LAWYERS

At the Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law, you will be taught by faculty who are experienced practitioners. Our faculty are not just academically qualified but also lawyers who have practised and who know firsthand what it means to practise law.

## UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LAW IN OUR SOCIETY

“The rule of law is held to be not only good in itself, because it embodies and encourages a just society, but also as a cause of other good things, notably growth”.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill,  
“The Rule of Law”



## WHOM IS THIS FOR?

One of the mandates of the Singapore University of Social Sciences School of Law is to train lawyers with a heart for and who will eventually practise as lawyers within the community, primarily in Criminal Law and Family Law. Accordingly, our student recruitment will focus on and give preference to applicants who have a fair amount of work experience, especially those who have worked for some time in related fields such as social work, law enforcement and the prison service.

Other applicants who can show current involvement in community work connected with Criminal Law and Family Law will also be given preferred consideration.

## CAREER PROSPECTS



The LLB and JD programmes will be recognised degrees under the Legal Profession Act, and provided the student graduates with a GPA of 3.5, he/she will be a 'qualified person' under the Legal Profession Act and will be eligible to sit for Part B of the Bar Examinations.

The graduate is qualified to practise law in any area, but he/she will have particular knowledge and skills to excel in the fields of Criminal Law and Family Law.



# PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Courses taught in both degree programmes will cover the core law subjects which are found in equivalent three-year law programmes in the UK. In addition, our students will be required to take complementary non-law subjects such as Forensics. Our LLB candidates will also have the opportunity to take electives including subjects such as Specialist Family Law: Adoption, Mental Capacity and Cross-border Issues.

In the latter part of the course in both the JD and LLB programmes, students will undertake a 15-credit unit Legal Clerkship Programme which will provide them the platform for authentic practical training in real-life situations, in collaboration with institutions that work with Criminal Law and Family Law.

## CURRICULUM

### INTRODUCTORY COURSES

TOTAL  
10 CU

- Critical Thinking and Legal Interpretation
- Legal Writing and IT Essentials

### LEGAL KNOWLEDGE

TOTAL  
100 CU

- Legal Methods and the Singapore Legal System
- Law of Business Organisations
- Contract and Civil Litigation
- Torts, Litigation and Evidence
- Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence
- Family Law and Family Dispute Resolution
- Law of Property
- Equity and Trusts
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Wills, Probate and Administration

### ALLIED KNOWLEDGE - NON-LAW COMPULSORY

TOTAL  
10 CU

- Introduction to Social Services
- Introduction to Forensics

### ELECTIVES (ONLY APPLICABLE TO BACHELOR OF LAWS STUDENTS)

TOTAL  
30 CU

- Drawn from a pool of electives that will be made known to students

### PROFESSIONAL

TOTAL  
15 CU

- Ethical Legal Practice and Client Care
- Mediation and Interest-based Conflict Resolution
- Trial Advocacy

### LEGAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAMME

TOTAL  
15 CU



# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

- ◇ Bachelor's Degree
- ◇ Work Experience (relevant fields such as Social Work and Enforcement Agencies preferred)
- ◇ Completion of the UK Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)<sup>1</sup>
- ◇ Submission of a personal statement with supporting evidence detailing aspirations and motivations

## BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

- ◇ GCE 'A' Level (3 subjects at H2 level) or a local Polytechnic Diploma, or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, or a NUS High School Diploma
- ◇ Completion of the UK Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT)<sup>1</sup>
- ◇ Submission of a personal statement with supporting evidence detailing aspirations and motivations

All applicants (other than fresh school leavers with GCE 'A' Level or diploma certificates) will be required to provide a full resume detailing their work experience.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## English Language

Applicants must meet the English Language proficiency requirement. More information is available at <https://www.suss.edu.sg/law-programmes/admissions/pre-qualifications/english-language-proficiency-courses>

## Mother Tongue Language

All applicants must satisfy one of the following minimum Mother Tongue Language (MTL) proficiency requirements set by the Ministry of Education:

- ◇ minimum of D7 for the higher MTL paper taken at the 'O' Level examination
- ◇ minimum of 'S' grade for the H1 MTL paper or General Studies in Chinese
- ◇ minimum of 'S' grade for the H2 MTL paper taken at the 'A' Level examination
- ◇ pass in the MTL 'B' Syllabus paper at the 'A' Level examination
- ◇ International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma: pass in SL/HL MTL A or B paper taken at IBDP Examination

<sup>1</sup> LNAT is a registered trademark of LNAT Consortium Limited. Details of the test, including training for it is available at <http://www.lnat.ac.uk>

# EVENTS



SLAW Student Orientation 2018



Fireside Chat with Prof Richard Magnus

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# AND ACTIVITIES

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