



Frequently Asked Questions – LLB

Q1. What are the grades needed to enter NUS Law?

For both A Levels and polytechnic students, the Indicative Grade Profiles are listed in the Office of Admissions website (AAA/A for A Levels and 3.82 for polytechnic graduates).

Law is a demanding course and what we essentially would like to see are students who are academically able to cope with our rigorous curriculum, together with strong evidence of English Language ability. This means students need to come with good grades in GP (Grade B) or for polytechnic students, at least an A2 in O Level English.

For IB, a high IB score is required. We have a list of English-related subjects at either Standard (SL) or Higher Level (HL) which our prospective students need to offer to fulfil this requirement. Just ONE subject out of the list below would suffice:

At least a grade 5 for

- o SL/HL English A: Language and Literature;
- o SL/HL English A: Literature;
- o SL/HL English B; OR
- o SL Literature & Performance

Beyond the English requirement stated above, we do not have any other subject requirements.

Q2. What are the fees like?

The Registrar's Office has updated the fees for AY 2023-24, as below:

Subsidised Fees	Singapore Dollars (S\$)
Singapore Citizens	S\$12,700
Singapore Permanent Residents	\$17,750
International Students	\$27,400

Q3. Will all lessons be conducted in-person?

The Faculty of Law had been conducting classes mostly in-person since AY2022-23. We take guidance from the Singapore Government and the university regarding safe-distancing and mask-wearing measures, mode of teaching and the class size, and make provisions for overseas visiting professors who are unable to travel to Singapore to teach virtually.

Q4. Are the classes at NUS Law taught in a seminar-style?

All of the classroom-based elective courses are taught seminar-style. This means you have a class of 20-50 students in an interactive seminar environment. Of our compulsory core law courses, only five are taught in a lecture-tutorial format; the rest are also taught seminar-style.

In a lecture- tutorial format, the whole cohort of about 240 students will attend lectures together but will be assigned to small tutorial groups of between 11-15 students where they will typically meet for 2 hours a week with their professors to go through hypothetical problems that build on the lectures. In this learning environment, students receive more individualised attention from their professors.

In the first-year LLB curriculum, Criminal Law and Introduction to Legal Theory (both in Semester 2) are taught seminar-style.

Q5. Is the workload in university very heavy? How many hours do I study per-week?

Studying in the LLB programme at the Faculty of Law is no doubt challenging and you are expected to work hard. In the first two years of the LLB programme, the typical student contact hours per week is 15-18 hours, and you should be putting in another 20-30 hours of reading/self-study time. In your third and fourth years, the contact hours are around 12 hours a week depending on the electives you choose. The directed research, international moots and clinical courses do not have specific class times.

You can have a look at your study roadmap [here](#).

Q6. What is the grading policy for NUS Law? How is the Class of Honours for the LLB degree determined?

Our Grading and Class of Honours policies may be found on our website [here](#). There is no quota on the number of First Class Honours. It is based purely on merit. If your cumulative weighted numerical average is at least equivalent to an “A-” grade, you will receive a First Class Honours degree.

You will need at least a Second Lower Honours degree from NUS in order to be able to practice law in Singapore. More information is available on the [SILE website](#).

Q7. Can we take non-Law courses?

The short answer is yes, you can. Currently, students in the standard single-degree programme (SDP) are restricted in taking non-law courses as electives. There is a limit of 12 units of non-law courses without declaring a minor; and 20 units of non-law courses if a student declares a minor.

With effect from Cohort AY2021-22, we have revised and increased the non-law elective course limit to 40 units (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of total units). So effectively, you can be assured that you have the opportunity to be a well-rounded legal graduate.

NUS Law also has elective courses that are industry and skills-oriented where students undertake real cases under supervision (i.e., clinics) and/or focus on learning legal skills in small classes (e.g., mediation, negotiation, moots).

Q8. What areas of law can we specialise in? When can we choose our area of specialisation?

Unlike an Arts or Science degree where you can “specialise” and declare a Major or Minor, the LLB (law degree) does not come with a Major or a Minor in a particular area within the law programme. However, you can still read at least 5 courses in a non-law field and declare a Minor in that field.

You can start enrolling in electives from the first semester of your third year in the LLB programme.

We have grouped our law elective courses into a number of clusters to assist students in choosing courses that may be more aligned with their interests or potential areas of intended practice. We offer around 120 electives each year in the following clusters: Asian Legal Studies, Civil Law, Corporate & Financial Services Law, Intellectual Property & Technology Law, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, International & Comparative Law, Law & Society, Maritime Law, Private Law, Research, and Skills. Check out our electives [here](#).

We also have a robust visiting professors programme where we invite about two dozen visiting professors each year to teach 3-week intensive elective courses at NUS. They have come from renowned law schools such as Harvard, Yale, NYU, Oxford, Cambridge, Melbourne, Sydney, Tsinghua, Tokyo, Seoul National University and Hong Kong University.

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