UNSW Law prioritises experiential learning, leading the way in innovative legal education. We encourage our students to step outside the classroom and experience the law in action through internships, clinics, international opportunities and skills competitions available for all.

CLINICS
Clinics offer the chance to transform what you’ve learnt in the classroom into real-life practice under the guidance of experienced clinical practitioners. You reflect on, and analyse law and the legal system as it affects real people.

Clinics include:
- Kingsford Legal Centre Clinics
- Housing Clinic (Redfern Legal Centre)
- Land & Environment Court Clinic
- Hong Kong Refugee Law Clinic
- Human Rights Clinic
- Police Powers Clinic
- Social Impact Hub Clinic

Find out more about our clinics at law.unsw.edu.au/clinics

INTERNSHIPS
Internships give you the chance to ‘trial’ careers during your studies. Work in advocacy and policy with non-government organisations (NGOs), social justice organisations, law reform and public interest groups, or gain valuable experience as the student editor of a law publication or journal.

In addition to our partner organisations, you can also organise your own internship placement for course credit at an overseas organisation, including the United Nations, other intergovernmental organisations or NGOs in foreign countries.

Internships Snapshot

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New Clinic – Social Impact Hub
The Social Impact Hub offers students the opportunity to work in teams on real world projects in different areas of social impact. The projects are developed and conducted together with industry, social enterprises, not-for-profits and foundations. This innovative program allows students to put their legal and business knowledge to use and gain practical skills and experience in areas of social impact.

“I interned at the international human rights NGO, René Cassin, in London. Going overseas and working alongside an expert was quite a different experience to classroom learning – my mentor there was fantastic and she really helped develop my practical skills. I received a good exposure to human rights and international law, and developed a strong interest in social justice from this experience.”

Ken Ooi, UNSW JD student

Find out more about internships at law.unsw.edu.au/internships
MOOTING

If you’re wondering what it will be like to be a lawyer, then participating in mootings will give you some insight into what it will be like. Mooting provides a fantastic opportunity to apply the legal knowledge and research skills gained from class to argue a real world case before a judge. Participation in mootings can provide amazing opportunities, from meeting and working with colleagues through participating in local and national events, to international competitions in places such as The Hague and Washington.

Find out more about mootings at law.unsw.edu.au/mooting

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Take a course overseas

If you’re keen to add international experience and legal knowledge to your study program, UNSW Law offers two to three week summer and winter schools overseas. These courses are offered at a range of overseas locations during the main semester breaks. The courses are electives and are credited towards your law degree.

- New York, USA
- Port Vila, Vanuatu
- Berkeley, California, USA
- Shanghai, China

Find out more about overseas electives at law.unsw.edu.au/overseaselectives

New Overseas Course – Berkeley, California

Travel to Berkeley in California, to undertake a two week intensive course on the Introduction to the American Legal System at the University of California, Berkeley.

Focusing on the study of the federal and state legal systems within the USA, the course will include consideration of the primary features of the American legal system. It also includes guest lecturers, field visits to points of relevance to the American legal system, as well as social and cultural events.

International Exchange

Expand your horizons with a semester-long international exchange to one of the world’s leading law schools. UNSW Law students can choose from over 70 international law schools and receive course credit for their study. Some of our newest exchange partner universities include:

- Chuo University – Japan
- University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
- Singapore Management University
- Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Find out more about international exchange at law.unsw.edu.au/internationalexchange

UNSW JD students also have the unique opportunity to undertake a full academic year at Oxford University, and graduate with two internationally recognised qualifications in just three and a half years. Find out more at law.unsw.edu.au/oxford

All UNSW Law students have the chance to experience the law in action. Read more about the opportunities on offer at law.unsw.edu.au/beyondclassroom

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