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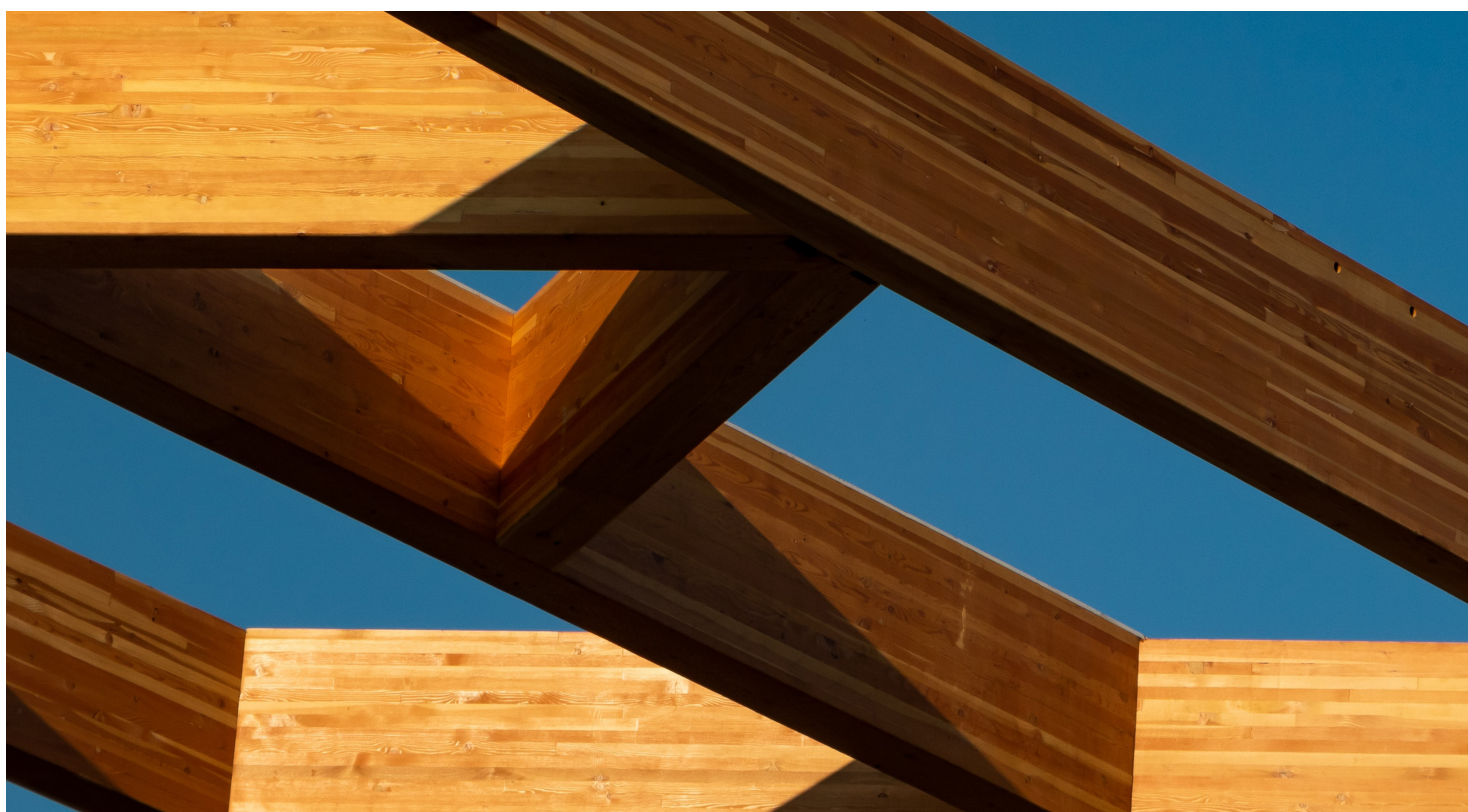
The university resources available to assist you through financial hardships during university.

Academic & Professional Support

The support available to you for academic assistance and to help you advance your career.

Mental Wellbeing

Internal and external institutions to assist with your mental wellbeing while studying.



Acknowledgments

We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land that the University of Sydney is built upon, the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation. We acknowledge that this was and always will be Aboriginal Land and are proud to be on the lands of one of the oldest surviving cultures in existence. We respect the knowledge that traditional elders and Aboriginal people hold and pass on from generation to generation, and acknowledge the continuous fight for constitutional reform and treaty recognition to this day. We regret that white supremacy has been used to justify Indigenous dispossession, colonial rule and violence in the past, in particular, a legal and political system that still to this date doesn't provide Aboriginal people with justice.

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Equity Officer

Introduction to Equity in SULS



Law school is, to say the least, a difficult experience for all who go through it. Academics are not the only difficulty in a student's life, however, and adversity in our lives outside of university can turn it into an insurmountable ordeal. With many spending more than five years in law school, it is exceedingly unlikely that a student will get through without facing one of life's tribulations. As such, SULS is committed to mitigating the effect of privilege and hardship in our student body and fostering an environment of equal opportunity, access and representation. While the Equity Portfolio exists to coordinate this mission, every officer in SULS observes these principles in the execution of their portfolios.

The Equity Portfolio actualises these principles through various policies, one of which is this handbook. Primarily, this resource is to serve as a directory to help students seek out the assistance they will most likely require at some point in their studies. In it, you will find resources in several areas including financial assistance, academic and professional support, and mental wellbeing; including a mix of general services and services tailored for students of specific demographic backgrounds to ensure you find something useful. You will also find information on diversity and inclusion in SULS and the portfolios that work toward it, as well as contributions from a number of other executives that highlight SULS' commitment to equity in all of its actions.

In 2020, students can look forward to a number of initiatives from the Equity Portfolio. To name just a few: the process of applying to and assessing applications for financial grants and textbook loans will be reimplemented in accordance with SULS' new bylaw model of governance. Alongside this, the assessment of applications will be clarified to reduce the reliance on discretion so that applicants can be better assured of the outcome of their application, and other improvements to the user experience of these schemes are also planned. Likewise, the SULS Events Code of Conduct will be reimplemented as a bylaw, and will be updated to more clearly provide a mechanism for complaints and penalties of breaches. Furthermore, its scope will be expanded to stipulate expectations of students' treatment of each other outside of SULS events.

Max Vishney

Equity Officer, Sydney University Law Society

President

Foreword



My wise mother once told me that there is no success in life without hardships. Law students particularly face sufficient hardships with the rigour of the Australian legal education, which is why it is extremely important to alleviate inherent hardships through equity program schemes. Having lost my father at a young age and relying on equity schemes to get through many years of studies, I am cognisant of the critical importance of equity in the lives of many students.

SULS has an ongoing commitment to support students throughout their journeys at Law School and to promote student wellbeing programs. We are well aware that many students come from disadvantaged backgrounds and may need help finding the right pathways to overcome inequality and personal disadvantage barriers to their education and experiences at Law School.

In 2020, SULS is committed to service our peers to the best of our abilities across all portfolios, to make sure students are continuously supported throughout their studies. Financial hardships can be daunting when they come attached to issues of diversity and inclusion. Moreover, academic and personal support and mental wellbeing, as well as disability services are areas we strive in 2020 to advocate more work in.

I encourage you all to reach out to the Equity portfolio if you experience any hardships. Any SULS member should be equipped with the right information to address any equity concerns you may have. Feel free to also reach out to me personally, if I can be of any assistance at all.

There are very exciting and rewarding times ahead! Remember to work hard but to also look after yourself. I wish you all the best of luck and success this year.

Amer Nasr

President, Sydney University Law Society

Diversity & Inclusion in SULLS

The Sydney Law School has made great strides in promoting the equal access of students and in fostering a diverse community of staff and students. Nevertheless, the Sydney Law School is not immune to the structural inequalities that exist in society at large and until those structures are removed it is incumbent upon representative organisations like SULLS to advocate for students affected by those inequalities.

SULLS has a number of portfolios intended to advocate, represent and promote the equal opportunity and participation of such students. These portfolios include the Women's Portfolio, Queer Portfolio, First Nations Portfolio, International Students Portfolio and Ethnocultural Portfolio.

Introducing the Portfolios

The Women's Portfolio

The legal profession can be a daunting world for young women to enter and grow within, especially given that women in NSW have only been able to practice law since 1918 following the Women's Legal Status Act. Women in law face a gender wage gap of over 35% and just under 23% within the private sector, inflexible working hours and an upsetting lack of females in positions of power. Such statistics carry the weight of long-standing historical discrimination against women in the workforce, however, we have seen an amazing increase of 300.4% of female solicitors since 1995 (from 3,554 to 14,230). As a female law student, this is reassuring growth that I hope to see continue through the work of the Women's Portfolio of Sydney University Law School.

The Women's Portfolio is here to promote diversity and inclusion within SULLS by bringing awareness to the issues faced by women in law school and beyond, through panels and seminars as well as providing our female student body the opportunity to connect with experienced legal professionals through an immersive mentoring program. As Women's Officer, my vision for female law students is to see a sisterhood of strong, capable leaders who share their resources and build each other up as a community, entering the legal world together and undivided.

Sinem Kirk
Women's Officer

The Queer Portfolio

First off, welcome to Sydney Law School! As a second year, I am still relatively new to university life, but even in my short time here I have learned that university is a fantastic opportunity to better understand yourself and the queer community as a whole.

Incredible strides towards acceptance and inclusion in the legal profession have been made, and I think the Queer Portfolio, alongside all of the officer roles within SULLS are a testament to the ground-up change facing the industry. However, being part of the LGBTQIA+ community does still present its own unique set of challenges both during university and on your journey into the legal profession. My role as the SULLS Queer Officer for 2020, is to be a point of call and advocate in the Law School for queer students and to help you navigate through what it means to be LGBTQIA+ in the legal field.

SULLS is committed in supporting all members of the wonderfully diverse community that makes up the LGBTQIA+ family, and I hope that the initiatives this portfolio brings in 2020 will help you to feel more equipped and comfortable to be yourself here. If you ever have any concerns or even just want to have a chat please feel free to contact me at queer@suls.org.au!

Eden McSheffrey
Queer Officer

The First Nations Portfolio

The University of Sydney Law School is ranked #12 in the 2019 QS World Rankings, and to be a part of this community is a testament to your hard work. Always remember that you deserve to be here!

As an Indigenous student, I am no stranger to the sense of trepidation and alienation that is difficult to suppress when speaking in front of a tutorial class or when attending University social events. I grew up in the Greater Western Sydney, and it took some time for me to truly feel a sense of belonging and connection with this antiquated place of learning, but I promise that it gets easier over time. I understand how challenging it can be to put yourself out there in such an academically competitive environment, but I also know that the participation of Indigenous students will redefine the culture of Sydney Law School and the broader legal community.

My goal as the 2020 First Nation's Officer is to create a more culturally inclusive legal community that celebrates, and is supported by, Indigenous success. I aim to increase the participation of Indigenous students at all events and will be focused on improving cultural awareness in all faculties of the Law School. I encourage any and all students to reach out to me at firstnations@suls.org.au for enquiries, concerns or if you just want someone to have a yarn with.

Patrick Lucarnus
First Nations Officer

The Ethnocultural Portfolio

We live and study in one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, where almost half are born overseas or have a parent born overseas. While firms and organisations are progressing with improved representation of gender and sexuality, the challenge of greater cultural and religious diversity remains. There has been much progress in the legal profession, however, there is ultimately more to be done. The most effective change starts with us. That's why I'm passionate about the Ethnocultural portfolio, as the catalyst for fostering a culture of inclusivity and celebrating pluralism at our law school. What we seek to do is build a support network for the increasingly diverse law school cohort and advocate on your behalf, pertaining to issues of racism, discrimination and prejudice.

I invite you to become an agent for change, by contributing, participating and actively engaging with the Ethnocultural portfolio. If you have any suggestions, comments or ideas, feel free to get in touch at ethnocultural@suls.org.au.

Ibrahim Taha
Ethnocultural Officer

The International Portfolio

As International Student Officer, I am here every step of the way to help you with your journey at Sydney Law. I see students who travel from all over the globe, away from family and friends from home, to attend law school, to achieve goals and dreams with admirable courage and great personality traits unique to each individual.

In my first year through SULS international event, I met people who became my long-term friends who have together accompanied me through this thorny road. Now that I am the International Student Officer, I commit to improving the career and social events and guides, and strengthen advocacy power for our community. In particular, we publish an International Guide dedicated to international students to compile information. We offer an international student mentoring program where we pair senior students as mentors with junior students as mentees. We encourage international students to take part in mooted competitions and run programs throughout the year to offer platforms for students to showcase their legal presentation and analysis.

Most importantly, if you run into any issues, or want to talk to me about your ideas and experiences to help improve the international student's environment at law school, send me an email at international@suls.org.au.

Abbey Jiaqi Shi
International Student Officer

Financial Assistance

Most students come to bear greater financial responsibility than they have previously experienced as they enter university, and financial strain can unquestionably be a burden on students' academic and social lives. While learning to manage one's finances is essential, not all students have access to the same support networks to ease the financial burden of law school. As such, students may access support services within and outside SULS.

Support Services

SULS Assistance

Textbook Loan Scheme

The Textbook Loan Scheme provides textbooks for core subjects each semester. Eligible students will have access to textbooks for the entire semester, after providing a deposit that is refunded upon return of the textbooks.

Visit

<https://www.suls.org.au/equity-schemes>

Contact

Max Vishney (Equity Officer)
equity@suls.org.au

Financial Grants Scheme

The Financial Grants Scheme provides monetary grants to be used for law school-related purchases. Eligible students may receive grants for SULS events such as competitions, First Year Law Camp or Law Ball. Grants may also be used to assist the purchasing of textbooks or stationery, and even graduation photos. Each grant is nonrefundable and paid by way of reimbursement. Different amounts of funding are available for different types of grant, depending on its use.

Visit

<https://www.suls.org.au/equity-schemes>

Contact

Max Vishney (Equity Officer)
equity@suls.org.au

Online Textbook Exchange

The Online Textbook Exchange facilitates the purchase and sale of law textbooks prescribed by the LLB and JD courses at Sydney Law School.

Visit

<https://www.suls.org.au/online-textbook-exchange/>

Contact

Natalie Leung (VP Education)
education@suls.org.au



Support Services

On-Campus Support

The Student Financial Support Office

The University's Financial Support Office provides support to students experiencing financial difficulty and whose academic work may suffer as a result. Eligible students may receive interest-free loans and bursaries to help in emergencies and to cover necessities such as textbooks, medical bills and bond payments.

Student Loans: Loans are interest free and can be valued up to \$2000 (for domestic students) or \$1000 (for international students) to cover essential living and study expenses. The repayment period is individually determined according to the student's situation.

Bursaries: Bursaries are grants offered to domestic undergraduate students experiencing significant financial difficulties and who are making satisfactory academic progress. General bursaries have no application deadline and are awarded as part of financial assistance provided by the Scholarships and Financial Support Service. Advertised bursaries are listed at the beginning of March with applications closing 30th April each year, and are usually awarded by July.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/financial-support.html>

Contact

Student Financial Support Office
student.financialsupport@sydney.edu.au

Blackbullion

Blackbullion is an online provider of financial education aimed at university students. They provide short modules and financial tips that help you develop skills to managing money. You can get free access using your university email address.

Visit

<https://www.blackbullion.com>

Support Services

Off-Campus Support

StudentVIP Textbooks

StudentVIP provides a free online service where students can buy and sell textbooks. Upon registration, you can search for textbooks being sold by other students at your university, email or text sellers through the website, and advertise your own textbooks for sale.

Visit

<https://studentvip.com.au/textbooks>

Financial Counselling Australia (FCA)

FCA is the peak body for financial counsellors in Australia and can help direct you to a financial counsellor local to your area to support you.

Visit

<https://ndh.org.au/Talk-to-a-financial-counsellor/Find-a-financial-counsellor/>

Contact

1800 007 007

Salvation Army's MoneyCare Service

The Salvation Army's MoneyCare service provides free and confidential financial counselling. Advisors will analyse and assess your financial situation and give you advice, helping you to develop a plan to improve your situation.

Visit

<https://salvos.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/financial-counselling/>

Contact

MoneyCare Surry Hills is closest to the University of Sydney and can be contacted on (02) 8218 1241

Centrelink Assistance

There are several government assistance schemes that may assist you in your studies or living expenses.

Youth Allowance

Youth Allowance is a fortnightly payment up to \$499.90 to full time students who are 18-24 years old and are Australian residents. Your fortnightly payment varies based on your situation and you and your parents' income and wealth. Combined LLB and JD degrees at the University of Sydney are approved courses for Youth Allowance.

Visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance-students-and-australian-apprentices>

Austudy

Austudy is a fortnightly payment up to \$596.50 to full time students who are over 25 years old and are Australian residents. Your own assets and income are considered in determining your payment. You may receive a higher rate if you have been receiving another income support payment long term (other than a student payment). Combined LLB and JD degrees at the University of Sydney are approved courses for Austudy.

Visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/austudy>

Education Entry Payment

A yearly lump sum payment of \$208, available if you receive Newstart Allowance, the partnered Parenting Payment or other payments.

Visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/education-entry-payment>

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY is a payment made to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian students that are not getting another payment to study or train. If you are studying the LLB, you are likely to be eligible for the Tertiary Award, which automatically provides you with the ABSTUDY payment and access to several other payments. If you are studying the JD, you are likely to be eligible for the Master's or Doctorate Award (if you are not receiving any other form of financial help), which automatically provides you with the ABSTUDY payment and access to several other payments.

Visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/abstudy>

Student Start-up Loan

The Student Start-up Loan is a voluntary tax-free loan of \$1077 paid twice a year. You will be eligible if you receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. You will need to repay the loan once you reach the HELP repayment threshold. You can usually apply for the Student Start-up Loan when you submit a claim for Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY.

Visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/student-start-loan>

Pensioner Education Supplement

A fortnightly additional payment of \$62.40 (full-time) or \$31.20 (part-time), available if you receive Youth Allowance as a single main carer or other payments from Centrelink or the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/pensioner-education-supplement>

Rent Assistance

A fortnightly additional payment of up to \$183.12, available if you receive certain payments from the Department of Human Services and your fortnightly rent exceeds a specific amount.

Visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/rent-assistance>

Youth Disability Supplement

A fortnightly additional payment of up to \$129.80, available if you receive the Disability Support Pension and are under 21, or if you receive Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY, are disabled and are under 22. This supplement is automatically applied if you are eligible.

Visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/payments-people-living-illness-injury-or-disability>

Low Income Health Care Card

If you receive Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY Living Allowance or Austudy, you are eligible for the Low Income Health Care Card. This allows you to receive cheaper medicine under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, bulk billed doctor visits and larger refunds for medical costs when you reach the Medicare Safety Net. Usually, it is automatically sent to you if you are eligible.

Visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/low-income-health-care-card>

Fares Allowance

Available if you receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or the Pensioner Education Supplement and meet additional criteria. Covers the least expensive and most available form of public transport for trips during your study.

Visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/fares-allowance>

Relocation Scholarship

Available for \$4,553 in your first year if you receive Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY and relocate from a regional or remote area to study at the University of Sydney. Different sums are available in the following years depending on your circumstances.

Visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/relocation-scholarship/how-much-you-can-get>



Scholarships

The University offers several scholarships each year for continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students. Scholarships are awarded based on merit, through both academic and extra-curricular achievement.

There is no limit to the number of scholarships that you can apply for, so we encourage you to put in applications for everything you are eligible for! However, you may not be able to concurrently hold more than one scholarship worth \$6000 and over (some exceptions apply to accommodation scholarships). Applications often close in early March so be sure get them in quickly.

General scholarships are open to students from any faculty. Regularly check the scholarships page as many open and close throughout the year.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/>

Literary prizes are sums of money awarded to students who write outstanding literary and academic works. Submissions open in August and close in September.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prizes-awards/literary-prizes.html>

Faculty scholarships are open to students of a specific faculty. Some scholarships offered by the law school are listed below, but if you are in the Combined Laws program, it would be worthwhile to check the scholarships page for your other faculty.

Visit

Undergraduate: <https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/domestic/bachelors-honours/faculty.html>

Postgraduate: <https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/domestic/postgraduate-coursework/faculty.html>

Faculty Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available for students enrolled in the Sydney Law School. These scholarships are available for a range of eligible applicants, such as students experiencing financial hardship, students who are high academic achievers, students from regional or remote areas of Australia, students who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and many more. The value of these scholarships ranges from \$1000 to \$35,000.

Visit

Undergraduate: <https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/domestic/bachelors-honours/faculty/law.html>

Postgraduate: <https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/domestic/postgraduate-coursework/faculty/law.html>

International Students

The University has many scholarships available for international students, including postgraduate scholarships, depending on your home country. It may also be worthwhile to research scholarship opportunities from industry and government in your home country.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/international.html>

Tips on Staying Afloat Through Law School

Law school isn't cheap. As students, we not only have to cover our university fees but also expensive textbooks, Sydney's crazy high living costs, a perpetually low Opal balance, our daily dose of caffeine, the occasional Sunday brunch... it can get overwhelming. Experiencing financial hardship is stressful and can negatively impact your university experience.

So how can you save costs associated with law school?

1. Seek financial support

- Both SULS and the university offer financial assistance to students in need.
- Are you a high achieving student? Apply for a university scholarship!

2. Seek alternatives to buying brand new textbooks

- Apply for our textbook loan scheme. We are proud to be the only society on campus to offer such support!
- Make the most of the textbooks available in the library.
- Check out studentvip for cheaper second-hand textbooks, or ask around and borrow one from a friend!

3. Manage your spending

- If you live close to uni, opt to walk instead of using your Opal.
- Start packing your own lunch if you can. Attend our panels during your lunch break, grab some free lunch, and take part in some interesting academic discussions.
- Always carry a drink bottle and think twice before you buy that third cup of coffee! A caffeine addict? Drop by our coffee catch-ups, take a break from your books and meet some new people.

This year, the Treasury will be allocating greater funding to support equity initiatives so we can support you through financial hardship. We want to ensure you have access to textbooks when you need it, and can attend our events and participate in activities too.

University is a challenging time for many, so please don't be afraid to reach out - we are here to help. If you have any questions about finances, need help with your personal budget, or simply want someone to talk to, feel free to reach out to me personally!

Donna Kwon
Treasurer



Academic & Professional Support

No one enters university with a sureness of where their studies will take them, and while the experiences we gain slogging through our degrees might give us some inclination, most students are beset with uncertainty even as they leave university. While law students will often know the industry they wish to enter, no two careers are the same and many questions will remain. This is particularly true for law students today, who face a labour market that is more competitive than it has ever been before and are consequently pressured to gain myriad professional experience before they even graduate. To confound

things even more, university is an unprecedented time in one's life that few students find themselves truly prepared for, and support is essential to even get through one's studies, let alone to develop one's career.

It is only natural that this will cause stress to many students. SULLS and the University of Sydney, therefore, provide academic and professional support to students, and it is important to engage with these resources when you are beset with questions about your present and future.

Academic Support

SULLS Assistance

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)

The early years of a law degree can be challenging. To help with this, Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are open to all students for particular core subjects. An older student facilitates each session, which provides students with the opportunity to reinforce the major aspects of their course in an informal, laid back environment, and to make friends with people in their course!

Registrations open on the first week of semester. Sessions fill up quickly so sign up early to secure your spot.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/pass.html>

SULLS Education Portfolio

The Vice President (Education) advocates, generally and specifically, on behalf of students, to the Faculty on education-related concerns. If you have any questions or concerns about your degree, learning experience, or academic performance, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Contact

Natalie Leung (VP Education)
education@suls.org.au

SULLS Education Guide

The SULLS Education Guide is where you can find all information on academics and education at Sydney Law School.

The Guide has been running for several years, bringing together important information on study and exam technique, elective subjects, offshore and exchange opportunities, programs to supplement study, further study options and academic support. A copy of last year's guide is available online, and you should keep an eye out for the launch of this year's guide in early Semester 1.

Contact

Natalie Leung (VP Education)
education@suls.org.au

On-Campus Assistance

The Learning Centre

Law School requires reading and writing skills at a higher than average level, and you may find that you would like to further develop or refresh these skills. The Learning Centre at the University of Sydney runs free academic reading and writing workshops targeted towards specific skills and different levels.

Visit

http://sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning_centre/workshops.shtml

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, you can access individual or group tuition to assist you with your studies. If you're not signed up to ITAS, you can access support through their drop-in service, where tutors can help you with things such as interpreting essay questions, develop your ideas or referencing.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/indigenous-tutorial-assistance-scheme.html>

Centre for English Teaching

If you have a language background other than English and want to improve your English skills, the Centre of English Teaching offers courses and resources.

Visit

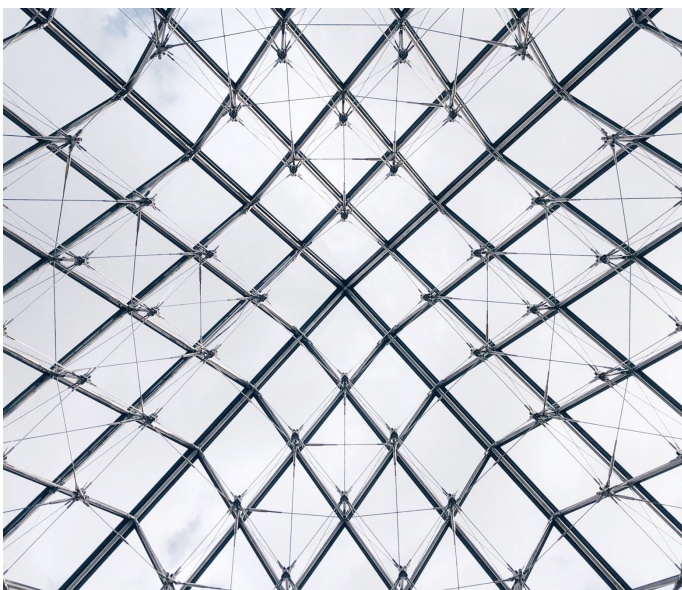
<https://sydney.edu.au/cet/>

Professional Law Programs

If you have questions about your degree progression, book an appointment with the PLP team who can offer information and advice.

Contact

law.professional@sydney.edu.au
(02) 9351 0200



Students' Representative Council (SRC) Help

The SRC is the peak representative body for undergraduate students studying at the University of Sydney. They also provide a range of services to assist students who are struggling with financial, emotional, legal or academic issues. These include a free legal service and caseworkers that can provide advice on academic appeals, Centrelink queries, tenancy advice, work-related problems and a host of other issues. All contact with a caseworker or solicitor is strictly confidential.

Contact

help@src.usyd.edu.au
(02) 9660 52

Visit

<http://srcusyd.net.au/src-help/>

Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA)

SUPRA is the representative association for postgraduate students (including JD students) at the University of Sydney.

Student Advice Advocacy Officers (SAAO):

SAAOs offer postgraduate students and SUPRA subscribers advice relating to financial, educational and legal issues. All communications with the SAAOs are treated in absolute confidence. Students can make an appointment or just drop in. To make an appointment or to check opening times, visit the website.

Legal Service: Redfern Legal Centre has a SUPRA-funded branch office (on campus at SUPRA) with a part-time solicitor available to provide free legal advice, representation in court, and a referral service to postgraduate students who are SUPRA Subscribers.

Contact

help@supra.usyd.edu.au
(02) 9351 3715

Simple Extensions, Special Consideration and Appeals

There can be times when circumstances (whether it be injury, illness or misadventure) set us back in completing an assessment or an exam. When this happens, there are a number of options and support services at your disposal.

Simple Extensions

Simple extensions are an informal arrangement between a student and a Unit of Study Coordinator that allow the student to submit a non-examination task up to 2 working days after the due date free of penalty. Note that simple extensions are rarely given in the law faculty.

This is provided for on page 50 (clause 66A) of the University's Coursework Policy 2014: <https://sydney.edu.au/policies/showdoc.aspx?recnum=PDOC2014/378&RendNum=0>

To Apply

Email your Unit of Study Coordinator, detailing the reason for your request (along with any supporting documentation should you have any). For more information: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/simple-extensions.html>

Special Consideration

Special consideration is available to you if your ability to complete assessments or examinations has been impacted by acute short-term circumstances beyond your control, such as injury, illness or misadventure. Circumstances reasonably within your control, or occasional, brief or mild illness that occurs shortly before an assessment is due will not be sufficient.

The success of an application depends heavily on whether you can provide the necessary supporting documentation, so ensure you save and organise your documents.

If awarded, Special Consideration will take the form of a replacement assessment or formal extension (no additional marks or leniency will apply). Students with a long-term illness, injury or condition should register with Disability Services to obtain ongoing reasonable assessments or exam adjustments as a result of their circumstances.

For more information: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration.html>

To Apply

Applications need to be made online within 3 working days after the assessment in question. The online application form can be found here: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration/apply.html>

Late applications are only permitted if a reasonable explanation for the delay is provided. If your ability to complete work is impacted by essential commitments such as compulsory religious or cultural occasions, legal responsibilities or high-level sporting commitments, you may be eligible for special arrangements.

Appeals

You can appeal an academic decision within 15 working days of the original decision. Examples of grounds of appeals include: failure to adhere to marking criteria or university policies; impartiality; and procedural fairness. At every stage, the university must provide reasons for their decisions and grant you access to all documents concerning the appeal.

There are three types of informal appeals:

Special Consideration or Arrangements

For appeals regarding Special Consideration or Special Arrangements, submit an informal resolution request online. Before submitting your appeal, visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/academic-appeals/resolution.html> for vital information.

Applications for Credit or Reduced Volume of Learning

For appeals regarding applications for credit or reduced volume of learning, submit an informal appeal to appeals.credit@sydney.edu.au. Include your name, student ID, course name, the credit decision you are appealing and the grounds of appeal.

Other Appeals

For other appeals (e.g. a mark decision), direct them to the Unit of Study Coordinator. Before submitting your appeal, visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/academic-appeals/resolution.html> for vital information.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your informal appeal, you may then appeal to the Faculty or Academic Panel, and then to the Student Appeals Body. We advise you to contact the SRC, SUPRA or Vice President (Education) of SULLS for support.

Discontinuing or Suspending Your Studies

Discontinuing a subject

Discontinuing a subject is when you withdraw from a Unit of Study. If you discontinue prior to the census date (31 March in Semester 1 or 31 August in Semester 2), you won't receive any academic or financial penalties. You can apply for this through Sydney Student under 'My Studies'.

If you discontinue after the census date up to seven weeks into the semester, you would need to apply for a "Discontinuation - Not to Count as Fail". This will appear on your transcript as as "DC", but won't affect your Weighted Average Mark (WAM). However, you may still be liable for tuition fees.

See

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-a-unit-of-study.html>

After seven weeks, if you are affected by unforeseeable circumstances which impact your ability to continue a unit, you will need to apply to discontinue directly to the Law Faculty. You will need to show that these were ongoing circumstances that were beyond your control, and that you had reasonable prospects of passing the subject. If successful, you may be eligible for a fee refund. We recommend that you approach the Vice President (Education) of SULLS for assistance with this application for Law units.

See

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/refunds/special-circumstances.html>

Suspending your studies

Suspending your studies is where you take a break from law or university for a semester or more. You must be sure to apply for suspension, and not fail to enrol, as your candidature will lapse and you will be unable to re-apply for the combined degree.

There are additional requirements for suspending a law degree. Applications for suspensions are completed through Sydney Student, and it is recommended that this is done prior to the census date so that you are not liable for any penalties.

See

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/suspend-your-studies/how-to-apply.html>

Discontinuing your course

Discontinuing your course is where you drop out of the entire degree you are studying. In this case, you are either dropping out of tertiary study completely or transferring into another course, which might include changing your non-law degree.

We recommend you discuss such a pivotal decision with a course advisor or the Vice-President (Education) of SULS to ensure you're following all procedures. If you discontinue after the relevant census date, academic and financial penalties may apply.

See

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-your-course.html>



About the Education Portfolio

The Education Portfolio is committed to fair and equal access for students of all backgrounds all year round. There are certain factors in Law School which disproportionately affects students in need (e.g. physical submissions of assignments can create additional stress for students who live far away) and this year, as VP (Education), I will be advocating strongly on your behalf not only to bring these issues to light at Faculty meetings, but to implement a systemic framework to rectify these.

Faculty/Student Open Consultation Form

Each student's circumstance involves a complex interplay of factors and is unique to their own. As such, I hope to empower all students to feel confident in raising their concerns through an accessible faculty/student open consultation form. These will run at least once a semester and will be an opportunity to bypass the bureaucracy which appears to exist with Faculty. This will allow a more meaningful and accurate representation of your voice rather than me simply relaying a compilation of student feedback!

Education Guide

The Education Guide this year will contain a greater focus on the unspoken challenges within Law School. For further information on educational support as well as the general academic support available through Faculty or the University, feel free to check out the guide!

Natalie Leung

Vice President (Education)

Professional Support

SULS Assistance

SULS Careers Guide

The SULS Careers Guide provides information on careers in the courts, domestic and international law firms, government bodies, and corporate advisory. The guide details the process of application, qualification and practice within the legal profession.

The Careers Guide also features personal reflections from current and previous employees in different organisations, and outlines a number of Social Justice opportunities available.

This invaluable resource is available in both hard copy and on the SULS website, with previous editions currently available online and the 2020 edition forthcoming.

Contact

Felicity Macourt
(Vice President Careers)
careers@suls.org.au

SULS Employment and Workplace Rights Guide

Last year, SULS published its first ever Employment and Workplace Rights Guide, which canvasses issues of bullying, harassment in the legal profession.

This publication is an invaluable resource for any who wish to learn more about the rights and obligations they are owed by their employer.

See

<https://bit.ly/2SmlGJx>

Careers Mentoring Program

The SALS Careers Mentoring program connects students to mentors who work in their field of interest within the legal profession. From judges to barristers, to academics and commercial lawyers, the mentors are experienced and are matched with students whose career goals align with their chosen career path.

SALS accepts applications from students of all stages but prioritises penultimate year students without contacts in their field of interest.

Also be on the lookout for SALS Women's Mentoring Program and SALS Social Justice and Public Interest Careers Mentoring Program!

Contact

Felicity Macourt
(*Vice President Careers*)
careers@sals.org.au

SALS Careers Presentations

SALS hosts a number of career presentations throughout the year, ranging from information sessions and skills workshops, to corporate law and clerkship seminars.

Events held during Semester One will introduce students to the opportunities available in corporate law, including the clerkship presentations that prepare students for the application process. Held every afternoon during weeks 9-12 in Semester 1, Clerkship Presentations culminate with the Clerkship Networking Evening and Careers Guide Launch in the first week of June.

Contact

Felicity Macourt
(*Vice President Careers*)
careers@sals.org.au

SALS Part Time Jobs Board

The SALS Jobs Board is a fantastic resource for Sydney Law School students seeking part time legal roles and experience. Advertising both paid and unpaid volunteer opportunities, the jobs board is updated regularly.

Visit

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

Contact

Felicity Macourt
(*Vice President Careers*)
careers@sals.org.au

On-Campus Support

Careers Centre

The university's Careers Centre provides online information, workshops and one-on-one appointments for currently enrolled students to assist with degree or career progression, such as choosing majors, further study and managing career goals.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/careers/students/career-advice-and-development.html>

CareerHub

CareerHub is the University's online job board where you can find casual and part-time positions, graduate jobs and full-time roles. You can set up email alerts catering to your degree and preferences, and you can access resources and appointments with Career Development Officers through their portal.

Visit

<https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au>

Off-Campus Support

BeyondLaw

BeyondLaw is an Australian job site for law students which provides information on career paths, and a job board listing volunteer, internship, part-time and full-time opportunities.

Visit

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

Out for Australia

Out for Australia aims to support and mentor aspiring LGBTQ+ professionals through the early stages of their career. They run events about career development, LGBTQ+ inclusion in the workplace and a mentoring program for students and young professionals.

Visit

<http://www.outforaustralia.org/>

Australian Unions Hotline

The Australian Unions Hotline provides free and confidential advice and assistance to any who may have a problem at work.

Contact

1300 486 466

In addition, unions provide support such as advice on wages, conditions and workplace rights; assistance for workplace problems; access to union lawyers in relation to workplace issues; and support in relation to issues such as bullying, harassment or unfair dismissal. They are also responsible for representing workers in the creation of Enterprise Bargaining Agreements, which determine the pay and employment conditions of workers in a given industry and workplace.

For most employees in the legal sector, including lawyers and paralegals, the relevant union is the Australian Services Union. If you are currently

employed in a different industry (perhaps while supporting yourself through university, or if you do not seek employment in the legal sector after graduating) be aware that another union may cover that area.

Visit

<https://www.australianunions.org.au/about>

About the Careers Portfolio

In 2020, equitable principles will lie at the heart of the Careers Portfolio. In light of the #MeToo movement, it is apparent that harassment and discrimination are common experiences for vulnerable people in the workplace. Racial discrimination, queer discrimination, gender discrimination, and exploitation have no place in the legal profession and the Careers Portfolio hopes to spotlight these issues in order to assist students navigating the workplace. As a first priority, the Careers Portfolio has the responsibility to remain inclusive by ensuring that professional opportunities are communicated transparently to the entire student body. This involves disseminating a wide range of development opportunities that are accessible to all students, including those experiencing disadvantage. Secondly, by emphasising careers in social justice, SULLS recognises the role that the law plays in ensuring an equitable society. In particular, our social justice table talks have proven a valuable resource for students looking for employment opportunities that help to mitigate disadvantage. We will continue this positive trajectory in 2020 with a stronger emphasis on careers in social justice (such as family law and child protection, welfare advocacy and industrial relations) through our Careers Guide, workshops and seminars. Finally, in 2020 the Careers Portfolio wants to ensure that employment opportunities provided by the Sydney University Law Society lead to safe and fulfilling workplaces. To this end, the Careers Portfolio intends to hold a series of workshops on workplace rights, as well as seminars that spotlight issues of discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

Felicity Macourt

Vice President (Careers)

Public Interest Careers: Breaking the Corporate Mould

I, like many others, came into the law school with the grand ambition of saving the world. Cognisant of how our society produces severe inequality, I wanted to use my law degree to solve pertinent social issues and improve outcomes for disadvantaged communities.

But that dream slowly started to dwindle in my second and third years. When people started getting paralegal jobs and going to networking luncheons, I felt like I was miserably falling behind. Out of insecurity, I quickly hopped on the bandwagon and started working for a commercial law firm. For months, I convinced myself that I was happy and that I had found my calling.

One day, there was a moment where I started questioning my choices. I realised how hypocritical it was for me to attend a climate strike during my lunch break and then defend a client who had breached their environmental obligations. How dissonant it was to be extremely vocal about social inequality and then keep my mouth shut in the office. Sitting at my desk just felt completely wrong, so I quit.

It's easy to follow the corporate pathway because there's an element of certainty: get experience as a paralegal, do a clerkship, get a grad job, and you're set for life. This feeling is exacerbated because it's the pathway that almost all law students take. In comparison, pursuing a job in "policy" or "human rights" is much more ambiguous and therefore perceived as less realistic.

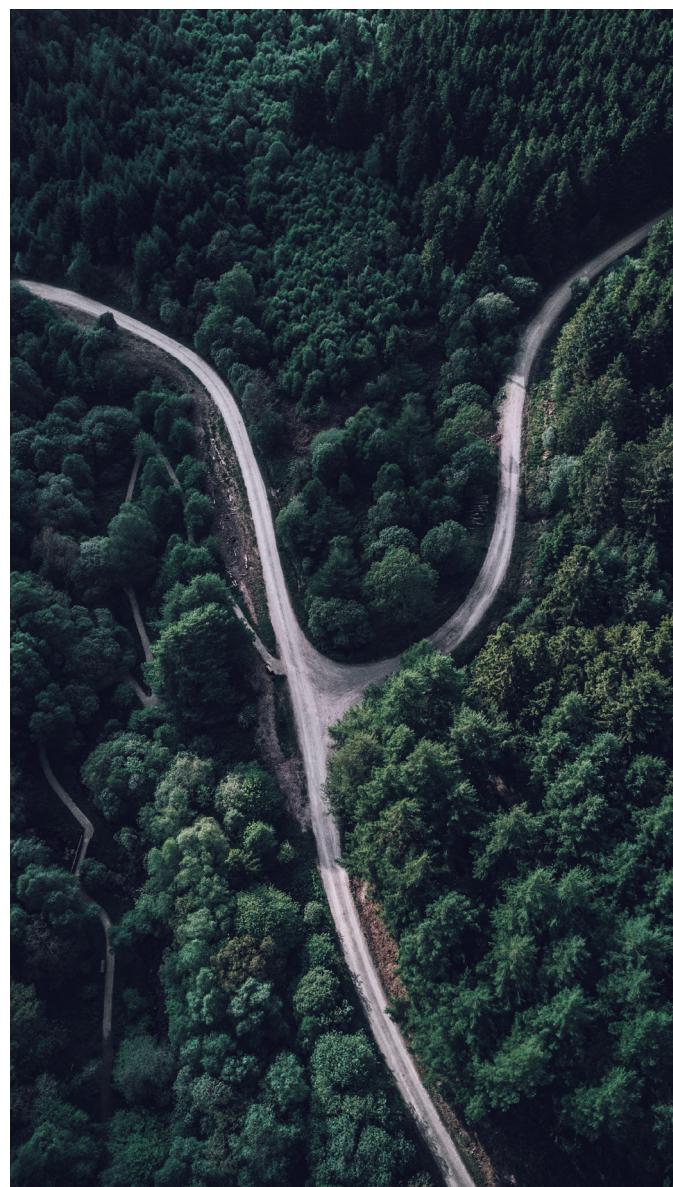
But there are options out there. Having a law degree provides us with unique legal perspectives and problem-solving skills that are highly valued in government, community organisations, think tanks and many more. Seeing many of my friends graduate and go off to work in Indigenous policy or legal centres showed me that publicly interest careers are indeed realistic.

It's important to recognise that everyone has a

valid reason for choosing their careers, whether it be people, passion, and/or money. But you don't have to compromise on your values and ambitions simply because other people are doing one thing. While it is a difficult process to cancel out the noise and come to those realisations, and we all will make mistakes, it's incredibly liberating to do what you're truly passionate about.

This year, I'll be doing my very best to provide information and opportunities to get involved in social justice, and to connect the community of socially-minded people in the law school. You're not alone, and if you're ever feeling anxious about your goals or career, I'm always available to chat at socialjustice@suls.org.au.

Deandre Espejo
Vice President (Social Justice)



Mental Wellbeing

Heavy workloads and a culture of comparison afflict students at the Sydney Law School, and as such university is a source of significant stress for students, many of whom will experience strain in other areas of their life. Being fortunate enough to not experience a mental illness does not mean one is mentally healthy, and given that one's mental health is so instrumental to all other areas of one's life, including their studies, it should always take priority.

Knowing where to find support is essential to seeking help. Students may access a variety of services on and off campus to help them manage their mental wellbeing.

Support Services

SULS Initiatives

SULS Wellbeing Events on Campus

SULS will be running various events throughout the year focusing on mental health and wellbeing. Keep your eyes peeled for Wellbeing Week, mental health panels and intervarsity events.

MAHsoc (Mental Awareness and Health Society)

MAHsoc aims to remove the stigma surrounding mental illness and provide support to those who have, or know someone who has, a mental illness. They often hold talks, free yoga, and post some very helpful advice and information through their online channels

Contact

E: usydmahsoc@gmail.com

W: <https://www.facebook.com/MAHsoc-Mental-Awareness-Health-Society-298593186934594/>

On-Campus Support

The University of Sydney Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

The University of Sydney offers support to students through its Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS). CAPS aims to help students build strengths, improve wellbeing and achieve academic success. Their counselling services are free and confidential, and are available to all currently enrolled undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University. CAPS also offer workshops on issues commonly faced by students, such as procrastination and exam anxiety. A full list of workshops can be found on the CAPS website.

Visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support.html>

Contact

E: caps.admin@sydney.edu.au

P: (02) 8627 8433 or (02) 8627 8437

A: Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building (beside Wentworth Building), Camperdown Campus

Disability Services

Disability Services helps students with a disability access reasonable adjustments to allow them the best possible opportunity to succeed in their studies. Disability Services is the main point of contact and support for students with disabilities and works closely with others in the administration and academic departments of the University to ensure that appropriate arrangements relating to teaching and assessment are made for students with disabilities. Registration with the service is required, at which point a Disability Services Officer will assess your eligibility for the service. Services available will depend on the individual needs of the student.

The Law Faculty's Disability Liaison Officer is Mr Joel Harrison.

Contact Disability Services

E: disability.services@sydney.edu.au

W: <https://sydney.edu.au/study/why-choose-sydney/student-support/disability-support.html>

Contact Joel Harrison

E: joel.harrison@sydney.edu.au

P: (02) 8627 8162

Off-Campus Support

Camperdown and Redfern Community Health

The Camperdown and Redfern Community Health teams provide crisis and case management services for adults experiencing a range of mental health problems, such as depression, mood disorders and severe anxiety. They provide information about mental health problems, individual treatment to assist recovery and can introduce other services that may be able to help.

Contact Camperdown Health Centre

P: (02) 9515 9000

A: Level 5 (Street Level), KGV Building, Missenden Road, Camperdown

Contact Redfern Health Centre

P: (02) 9395 0444

A: 103 – 105 Redfern Street, Redfern

Headspace

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation which offers young people aged 12-25 health advice, support and information on a wide range of issues including general health, mental health, alcohol and other drug worries. The closest headspace centre to campus is Camperdown.

Contact Camperdown Headspace

E: headspace.camperdown@sydney.edu.au

P: (02) 9114 4100

A: Level 2, 97 Church Street Camperdown

beyondblue (online)

beyondblue is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to move the focus on depression away from a mental health service issue and towards one which is understood, acknowledged and addressed by the wider community.

The beyondblue website provides specific resources for young people, LGBTIA+ people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, and friends and family of someone experiencing depression. There is a 24 hour hotline and you can chat online with a professional via the website.

Contact beyondblue

W: <http://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

P: 1300 02 4636 (24 hour hotline)

The Black Dog Institute

The Black Dog Institute is a world leader in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mood disorders such as depression and bipolar disorder. They also have clinics, but their healthcare professionals require a referral from a patient's managing doctor.

Contact The Black Dog Institute

E: blackdog@blackdog.org.au

P: (02) 9382 4530

A: Hospital Road, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick

Maintaining a Balance

When we're thrust into a stressful situation with competitive people, we often resort to tunnel vision - we become a hermit and do nothing else but that task, and everything else in our life becomes insignificant. As tempting as it might be to camp out in Lawbry doing nothing but readings and assignments, eating instant noodles and cutting ourselves off from other people, life is about balance, and you won't perform at your best if you don't have variety in your life.

Uni brings a newfound freedom, but also new responsibilities. You no longer have someone keeping you accountable and holding your hand to make sure nothing goes wrong. Many of you will be working, or paying rent and bills and other living costs. However, in the midst of this new busy-ness, it's so important to make time for your passions and hobbies to keep yourself refreshed and rejuvenated and give yourself a break from the intensity of studying. If you played an instrument or sport when you were younger, join a band/orchestra/club. If you love food, join one of the many food-interest USU clubs and

societies. If you want to improve your language skills, participate in the USU's language buddies program.

SULS is here to add the extra spark to your uni experience - amazing social and campus events, incredible opportunities to write for one of our publications with assistance from our knowledgeable academics, career development seminars, and more. We also recognise that university is not smooth sailing, and our autonomous officers (Equity, Womens, Queer, Ethnocultural, First Nations) are here to be a friendly and understanding ear. It can be an incredibly isolating experience in first year, especially if you don't know anyone in your course. Immerse yourself in the uni experience, grapple with the challenges, ensure you maintain balance in your life, and reach out if you ever need assistance.

Alison Chen
Publications Director



Welfare, Health and Safety

SULS hosts a number of social and other events on and off campus to give students a chance to socialise and gather as a community. It is crucial that students feel safe in all of their social interactions, and this is especially true for events hosted by SULS given the degree of proximity students will have to each other while studying at the same university. SULS is committed to ensuring this for our students whether in class, at an event, or travelling to and from university.

Emergencies and Important Numbers (24 hours, 7 days a week)

Fire, Police and Ambulance

P: 000

P: 112 (From a mobile)

Acute Mental Health Crisis

Lifeline: 13 11 14

NSW Mental Health Access Line: 1800 011 511

If you have experienced sexual harassment or assault

Police (*in an emergency*): 000

Police Assistance Line: 131 444

NSW Rape Crisis Centre: 1800 424 017

University of Sydney Crisis Line: 1800 793 457

(1800 SYD HLP)

If you are experiencing or witnessing an incident on-campus, or feel unsafe at the University:

University of Sydney Crisis Line: 1800 793 457 or
(1800 SYD HLP)

Campus Security: (02) 9351 3333

SULS Events Code of Conduct

SULS observes a code of conduct at all events for how members are expected to behave. By attending a SULS event, all members agree to the policy. If you witness or experience conduct that causes discomfort, distress, or danger, it is important that you bring this to the attention of a member of the SULS Executive.

With an Equity Officer and a diverse executive team, we will assign the most appropriate and suitable person to handle an issue. There are a variety of available procedures for handling conduct violations, from a discussion to more serious sanctions.

This year, SULS' Events Code of Conduct is being updated to provide a clearer mechanism by which complaints may be actioned, as well as to further establish support at SULS events and socials. Keep your eyes peeled for this in Semester 1, 2020.



Wellbeing in the Socials Portfolio

Law school can often be an isolating and strenuous experience for many. It can be tricky to balance this high intensity environment with one's health (especially mental health) and wellbeing. Student welfare is a core value of SULS, and as such, the Socials Portfolio endeavors to host social activities and events to balance out this academic pressure.

For this reason, it is important to us that these events are inclusive of all, and that we promote a safe and welcoming environment in all aspects of our conduct and events. The Socials Portfolio is committed to providing equitable access to SULS events. All of our events strictly abide by a set of conduct rules to uphold these values. Equity officers and the Socials Directors are also always on stand-by at our events.

We want to emphasise that our event planning is mindful of various factors including but not limited to:

- Physical accessibility/safety
- Costs/financial burdens
- Gender/sexual orientation diversity
- Dietary restrictions

If you ever have any questions/concerns regarding accommodations, alternative formats, dietary considerations or any other specific needs for events, please feel free to reach out to us at social@suls.org.au. Our events don't mean anything unless all students feel welcome and included and this only materialises when students know they will be in a safe environment.

Rosie Sok and Alex De Araujo
Social Directors

On-Campus Services

The University of Sydney Health Service

The University Health Service offers experienced general practitioner and emergency medical care services to all members of the University community. Services include treatment of illness and injury, advice on contraception and STIs, and advice for students with examination difficulties. You can make an appointment online.

Contact Wentworth Clinic

P: (02) 9351 3484

A: Level 3, Wentworth Building G01

W: <https://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/health-wellbeing-success/health-services.html>

Off-Campus Services

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

This is the closest public hospital and emergency department to campus.

Contact Wentworth Clinic

P: 000 (In an emergency)

A: W50 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050

Sydney Medical Service

Sydney Medical Service is available for after-hours home visits.

Contact Sydney Medical Service

P: (02) 8724 6300

Weeknights 6:00pm to 8:00am; Weekends 12:00pm Saturday to 8:00am Monday

Youthblock Youth Health Service

Youthblock is a free holistic health service for young marginalised people between the ages of 12 and 25, providing services in primary care, counselling and sexual health.

Contact Sydney Medical Service

P: (02) 9562 5640

W: <https://youthpoint.com.au/youthblock-youth-health-service>

A: 288 Abercrombie Street, Redfern NSW 2016
Mon, Tues, Thu & Fri 9.00-5.00pm, Wed
11:30am-5:00pm

Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern

The Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative in Redfern provides culturally appropriate health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Their services are delivered and predominantly managed by professional Aboriginal staff.

Contact Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern

P: 02) 9319 5823

W: <https://amsredfern.org.au/>

A: 36 Turner Street, Redfern NSW 2016
Mon-Thu 8am-6pm, Fri 9am-5pm

Ask for Angela

Ask for Angela is an internationally-recognised safety campaign which has been implemented in Sydney by NSW Police, the Australian Hotels Association, and the City of Sydney. Patrons who feel unsafe can ask bar staff for a woman named Angela to subtly indicate that they need help.

Accommodation

On-Campus Services

Accommodation Services

Finding accommodation that is right for you can take time and research. You should consider factors such as your proximity to university and work, social life, budget, and access to transportation. The Accommodation Services team is available to help you with advice when you are looking for a place to live. If you are in need of short-term or emergency housing, they can work with you to find temporary accommodation.

Contact Accommodation Services

P: (02) 9351 3322

W: www.sydney.edu.au/accommodation

A: Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building (10am-4pm Mon-Fri), Camperdown Campus

On-Campus Living Options

The advantages to living on campus include proximity to your classes, access to the nearby city, shops, and restaurants, and university life. Several students utilise on-campus accommodation options such as the six residential colleges, the Sydney University Village (SUV), International House and university-owned share houses.

Information regarding scholarship applications for Queen Mary Building, Abercrombie Student Accommodation and the residential colleges are available on their websites.

Visit

W: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-on-campus.html>

Off-Campus Services

Student Accommodation Services (Off-Campus)

The University of Sydney is located in the inner west, with the surrounding suburbs of Newtown, Surry Hills, Glebe, Ultimo, Chippendale, Haymarket, Camperdown, Redfern, Darlington, Annandale, Stanmore, Enmore and Forest Lodge. You may wish to rent a share-house, single rooms, or search for homestay options.

Rent is often quoted and charged on a weekly basis. Typically, the closer you are to the Central Business District, the more sought-after and expensive the units are. The University maintains a page with links to various homestay agencies, hostels, and real estate agencies:

Visit

W: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-off-campus.html>

Off-Campus Providers

A number of students choose to live in student accommodation run by private providers. Some of these places close to the University of Sydney include:

- UniLodge (Broadway or Wattle Street)
- Urbanest (Darlington, Glebe, Cleveland Street or Sydney Central)
- Iglu (Broadway, Redfern, Central or Central Park)
- Scape Abercrombie (Darlington)

You may also like to search through real estate agencies, accommodation websites such as <https://flatmates.com.au> and Facebook share house pages.

Make sure you are aware of your rights as a tenant. The free university SRC legal service can assist your with advice on tenancy law if you have any questions: <http://srcusyd.net.au/src-legal-service>

Transport

Opal Cards

The Opal card is a smartcard ticket that you keep and reuse. You load money onto the card to pay for travel on all public transport in Sydney.

If you are enrolled as a domestic, full-time tertiary student at the University of Sydney, you are entitled to certain concession fares on public transport in NSW. Don't forget: when travelling on a concession fare, you must carry your student card or you may be fined.

Visit

W: <https://www.opal.com.au/>

Train

The closest train station to campus is Redfern, which is a 10-minute walk from Camperdown campus. Students travelling to or from the campus after hours should use the free campus shuttle bus which runs on a loop from Fisher Library to Redfern Station via Manning Road, Western Avenue, Carillion Ave, City Road, Butlin Avenue, Maze Crescent, and Blackwattle Creek Lane during semester every 15-20 minutes

Buses

From Parramatta Road (closest to the Quadrangle) to Railway Square, catch routes 412, 413, 436, 438, 439, 440, 461, 480, 483, M10, L39 and L38.

From Parramatta Road (closest to the Quadrangle) to Martin Place/City, catch routes 413, 438, 439, L38 and L39.

From City Road (closest to Wentworth Building) to Railway Square, catch routes 422, 423, 426, 428 or M30.

Parking

With limited parking on campus, the University encourages students to use public transport, walk or cycle in. There is free parking available in the bus lane on Parramatta Road near Footbridge between 10am-3pm Monday-Friday, and timed parking spots around Darlington and Forest Lodge.

Daytime casual parking rates (6am-3pm, Monday to Friday)

Fee: \$24 flat rate (valid until 6am next day) excluding the New Law Building, Charles Perking Centre, ABS and Western Avenue underground carparks, which are permit-holders only 6am-3pm Monday to Friday. Use the Shepherd Street carpark during these hours.

Shepherd Street carpark

Fee: \$4 per hour (to maximum \$24) or \$24 flat rate (valid to 6am next morning)

For more information on parking and other campuses, visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/getting-to-campus/parking.html>

Cycling

Riding your bike to university is environmentally friendly, saves money and a great way to keep active! There are many places around campus where you can leave your bike during class: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/getting-to-campus/cycling.html>

The University of Sydney even has its own bike shop on Manning Road, The Bike Doctor, where you can pop in for repairs, purchases and advice.

International Students

Public Transport

International students are only entitled to concession fares on NSW public transport when their study is fully funded by specified Australian Government scholarships, comprised of:

- The International Postgraduate Research Scholarships
- The Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships and Education and Training Scholarships
- The Australian Awards

To view the guidelines for eligibility visit: <https://transportnsw.info/document/581/tertiary-guidelines.pdf>. If you are eligible, you must apply for a Transport Concession Entitlement Card.

Driving

International students wishing to drive with a foreign licence in Australia must meet the requirements as set out by the Roads and Maritime Services. For information on Driving with an Overseas Licence, visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/transfer-overseas-driver-licence>



Other Support Services

Student Affairs Unit

All students at the University of Sydney have a right to study in an environment that is free from unlawful harassment and discrimination, and to be treated with dignity and respect, irrespective of their background, beliefs or culture. If you feel that you have experienced unlawful discrimination or harassment, contact the Student Affairs Unit to speak to a Harassment and Discrimination Support Officer or to make a complaint.

Contact Student Affairs Unit

P: (02) 8627 8465

W: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/contact-student-affairs.html>

University of Sydney Union Spaces

There are a number of safe spaces for groups on campus, which include:

- **Queer Space:** Queer Space is an autonomous, safe space for queer students on campus. It is located in Room G10, Ground Floor of Manning House.
- **Wom*n's Space:** The Wom*n's Space is a safe location for female-identifying students and offers an area for breastfeeding, quiet study, meetings and women's events. It is located in Manning House Level 1.
- **International Student Lounge:** The ISL is located on Level 4 of the Wentworth Building and offers resources to help international students transition into life at Sydney University.
- **Ethnocultural Space:** The Ethnocultural Space is a safe and autonomous space for students who identify as being from an ethnic minority. It is located in Manning House Level 1.

Disability

Disability Services

Disability Services helps students with a disability access reasonable adjustments to allow them the best possible opportunity to succeed in their studies. Disability Services is the main point of contact and support for students with disabilities and works closely with others in the administration and academic departments of the University to ensure that appropriate arrangements relating to teaching and assessment are made for students with disabilities.

Registration with the service is required, at which point a Disability Services Officer will assess your eligibility for the service. Services available will depend on the individual needs of the student.

The Law Faculty's Disability Liaison Officer is Mr Joel Harrison.

Contact Disability Services

W: <https://sydney.edu.au/study/academic-support/disability-support.html>

E: disability.services@sydney.edu.au

Contact Joel Harrison

P: (02) 8627 8162

E: joel.harrison@sydney.edu.au

Mature-Aged Students

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The Sydney Law School offers a Peer Mentoring Program at the beginning of semester. Students who were unable to participate in this program or would like to get in touch with other mature-aged students are welcome to register their interest with the Equity Officer. SALS is exploring the opportunity to establish a network for mature-aged students at law school, and your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Contact

Max Vishney (Equity Officer)
equity@suls.org.au

Parents

SULS Parent Group

The SULS Parent Group was established as a social network for parents studying law. It meets once a month casually to allow parents the opportunity to share their experience and to get to know and support one another. Students with family obligations are also warmly invited to join the group.

Contact

Max Vishney (Equity Officer)
equity@suls.org.au

Childcare Information Office

The Sydney University Childcare Information Office on the Darlington Campus provides childcare resources and support for students, staff and members of the local community. It has information about the 5 centres closest to campus, relevant government agencies and other daycare centres.

Contact

P: (02) 8627 1489
E: child.care@sydney.edu.au
A: Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building (near Wentworth Building), Camperdown Campus
Open: 10am to 4pm, Monday to Wednesday

Parent rooms

Abercrombie Building

A: Level B2, Room B2001, Abercrombie Building

P: (02) 9114 1130.

Shared facility suitable for expressing/breastfeeding containing a lounge, privacy screens, sink, powerpoint and fridge. Accessible with a swipe card. To organise access, contact the Business School Infrastructure Office on (02) 91141130.

Business School Building

A: Level 1, Room 109, Business School Building
P: (02) 9114 1130

Shared facility suitable for expressing/breastfeeding containing a lounge, privacy screens, sink, powerpoint and fridge. Accessible with a swipe card. To organize access, contact the Business School Infrastructure Office on (02) 91141130.

Education Building

A: Level 4, Room 454, Education Building

Shared, first aid room, suitable for expressing/breastfeeding. It is private and lockable, has a bed and powerpoint.

Fisher Library

A: Level 3, Fisher Library (front desk security attended will provide access and directions)

Parent room including zip hot water, chilled water, microwave, fridge, change table, nappy disposal unit. Has privacy with small table and chairs for breastfeeding.

Holme Building

A: Disability Access Toilet, Holme Building

Accessible via Holme Building Courtyard, the disability access toilet has a baby change table.

Jane Foss Russell Building

A: Disability Access Toilets on Levels 4, 5, 6 of the Jane Foss Russell Building

Each toilet has a baby change table.

Manning House

A: Level 1, Manning House

The Wom*n's Space may be used by mothers and has a change table.

Childcare around Camperdown Campus

There are four day care centres on or near the Camperdown campus. These do not preference Sydney University staff or students and parents are required to apply to each centre to be placed on its waiting list.

KU Laurel Tree House Child Care Centre

P: (02) 9660 8857

W: <http://www.ku.com.au/ku.laureltreehouse>

A: 61 Arundel Street, Glebe

KU Union Child Care Centre

P: (02) 9351 7878

W: <http://www.ku.com.au/ku.union>

A: 72 Lander Street, Darlington

KU Carillon Avenue Child Care Centre

P: (02) 9557 2344

W: <http://www.ku.com.au/ku.carillonavenue>

A: Carillon Ave (Next to Newtown North Primary School), Newtown

Boundary Lane Children's Centre

P: (02) 9351 0134

E: boundary.lane@sydney.edu.au

A: 128-146 Burren Street Newtown NSW 2042

Babysitting Services and Nannies

The Sydney University CareerHub allows parents to advertise for paid babysitting/ nanny positions.

Visit

W: <https://sydney.edu.au/careers/employers/place-a-job-ad.html>



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