

Faculty of Law

Guidelines – Exchange and Substitution points



The following regulations apply to students completing the degree of Bachelor of Laws or the degree of Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (referred to below as an “Otago degree”)

1. Other New Zealand law schools Regulation

- The Faculty retains the discretion to allow students to complete a maximum of 30 points in LAWS credit at another New Zealand law school for credit towards their Otago degree.
- Beyond this 30 point maximum, students are not permitted to credit law papers from another New Zealand law school toward their Otago degree unless –
 - (a) the student is, with the permission of the Faculty, transferring their law degree to Otago; or
 - (b) special and unusual circumstances apply.
- The determination of the existence of special and unusual circumstances in (b) above will be at the sole discretion of the Dean of Law or a member of the Faculty designated by the Dean to make such determinations.

2. Substitution Regulation

- The Faculty allows students to substitute up to 30 points of non-LAWS papers into their LLB, to reduce the number of LAWS elective papers by one or two. The substituted papers must be at 200 level or higher and must not be used to satisfy the requirements of any other University qualification.

3. Exchange Regulation

- The Faculty allows students to go on exchange to an approved university exchange partner for one or two semesters during the period of study for their Otago degree.
- The maximum number of optional LAWS points towards an Otago degree that can be granted from papers taken on an exchange is 30.

4. Combined use of Regulations

- The combined use of the Substitution Regulation and the Exchange Regulation may not result in a student receiving more than 30 optional LAWS points from the addition of both sources.
- Therefore, students who receive 30 optional LAWS points from the Exchange Regulation are not eligible to invoke the Substitution Regulation (and vice versa).
- Students may receive 15 optional LAWS points from the Substitution Regulation and 15 optional LAWS points from the Exchange Regulation.
- Any exception to the combined 30 points maximum may only be given if special or unusual circumstances apply. The determination that such circumstances apply will be at the sole discretion of the Dean of Law or a member of the Faculty designated by the Dean to make such determinations.