ABOUT

Top Education Institute (TOP) has been a leader in innovative private higher education since its inception in 2001. It initially specialised in business and accounting degrees, which are now offered at both the undergraduate and postgraduate level and recognised by the three major accounting bodies in Australia: CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and the Institute of Public Accountants.

PwC Australia acquired a 15 per cent stake in Top Education Institute in 2016 and has entered into a long-term alliance agreement. Under the alliance, PwC will work closely with TOP to deliver initiatives, including tertiary student career development and executive education programs, and to design ‘smart campus’ and digital education solutions.

Following the success of its Business School, TOP unveiled its Bachelor of Laws degree in 2015, becoming the first private provider to be fully accredited for the Bachelor of Laws (LLB).

TOP’s students are drawn from both the international and domestic markets, creating a diverse and vibrant student community. TOP teachers are highly accomplished academics from both Australian and international universities and offer specialised academic guidance with a strong emphasis on practical skills. Through its two professional schools, the Sydney City School of Business and Sydney City School of Law, TOP is committed to providing quality higher education in international business and law studies. By encouraging independent, critical thought and the development of strong research skills, we prepare our students for success in their chosen careers or postgraduate fields of study. Our curriculum, integrating classroom learning and interaction with practising industry specialists and leaders, adopts an international perspective and emphasises particular knowledge of the Asia-Pacific region.

TOP’s mission is to cultivate in its students a sense of social responsibility and service to the global community.

TOP is conveniently located at the Australian Technology Park (Australia’s Silicon Valley), in Eveleigh, next to Redfern train station. It is a 10-minute car trip from Sydney’s CBD and 15 minutes from Kingsford Smith International Airport.

TOP has been registered as a higher education institute under the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) since 2012.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to study in a course at TOP, applicants must meet at least one of the following conditions and English language requirements:

Australian secondary studies

Current Year 12 students:

- have completed the equivalent of the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) examination in Australia or New Zealand, achieving a level equivalent to an indicative ATAR of 85.00 for B Laws or 50.00 for B Applied Finance and Accounting/B International Business, or
- have passed the International Baccalaureate examination with a result of 35 points or higher.

Non-Year 12 applicants:

- have completed at least an AQF Diploma level program from an Australian university, a TAFE college or any registered training organisation, or
- have completed a tertiary preparation course from a qualified provider, or
- hold a degree, equivalent or higher, from a recognised tertiary education institution, or
- have an indicative Limited ATAR of 85.00 for B Laws or 50.00 B Applied Finance and Accounting/B International Business, or
- have completed a minimum of four units within a Bachelor’s degree or within a qualification that is one AQF level above a Bachelor’s degree (ie Masters, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate) from any Australian university or equivalent, or
- have been admitted to candidature for a law degree in an Australian or New Zealand university (for B Laws), or
- hold a STAT test result of 149 or above (multiple choice and written English components are required), or
- meet any of the International Examination standards. For more information, visit top.edu.au/school-of-law/admission-requirements.

Australian tertiary studies

If you have attempted any tertiary studies, you will be considered for selection on your overall record of academic merit, including secondary and tertiary studies.
Overseas qualifications
Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications must contact TOP to discuss eligibility for admission before submitting an application with UAC. For information on overseas secondary qualifications, visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/overseas.shtml.
If you have overseas secondary or tertiary qualifications from countries where English is not the language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English proficiency: visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Alternative entry and pathways
Where an applicant does not meet the above standard criteria, they may be considered for admission under the Sydney City School of Law (SCSL) Alternative Entry criteria.
Due to our flexible entry approach, SCSL organises interviews with every applicant in order to assess the student’s potential, abilities and drive to become a lawyer. For more information, visit top.edu.au/school-of-law/faqs.
Note that Dip Business and B International Business students who have achieved a pass grade in each of their four units in their first semester of study will be eligible to transfer to B Laws.
If you have any queries about a specific qualification, email admission@top.edu.au.

Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT)
TOP accepts the STAT Multiple Choice test for:
- non-2017 Year 12 applicants
- B Applied Finance and Accounting/B Business.
For B Laws, STAT Multiple Choice and Written English components are required. For further information on STAT, visit stat.acer.org.

Employment experience
Employment experience will be considered for all applicants for all courses. Visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/documents.shtml for information on providing documents.

Limited ATAR
TOP accepts the Limited ATAR for selection purposes. Read section 2.3 in Part 1 for more information.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES
TOP’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS) helps students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain entry to tertiary study. TOP’s EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 5.5 in Part 1 for further information on EAS.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS
TOP offers a number of Equity Scholarships to eligible applicants applying to or enrolled at TOP. All Equity Scholarship applications are processed centrally through UAC.
Read section 7.6 in Part 1 for further information on Equity Scholarships.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS
TOP provides alternative entry schemes and pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. To request further information, email admission@top.edu.au.

ENROLMENT
New students are required to attend a compulsory on-campus orientation session. During orientation students develop their timetable, receive a student identification card, are briefed on important information about services and facilities, and participate in a campus tour.

Acceptance of offer
If an application is successful, interested students need to accept their offer. For more information on accepting an offer, visit top.edu.au.

Advanced standing/academic credit
Students may apply for credit for prior learning (exemptions) if they have undertaken formal study in a recognised tertiary institution in Australia. These include universities, colleges, TAFE and other post-secondary education institutions. Overseas institutions will be recognised if they are considered to be the equivalent of Australian institutions.
Students applying for recognition of prior learning (RPL) must complete the Application for Credit Recognition form and refer to Top’s RPL policy and procedure.
For further details, visit top.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply.

Deferment of offer
Students may apply to defer the commencement date of their enrolment (by up to two semesters only) by emailing admission@top.edu.au.

Fees and charges
Tuition fees are required to be paid prior to the census date for each study period. For more information on fees, visit top.edu.au/future-students/fees.
Australian citizens and permanent humanitarian visa holders may be eligible for FEE-HELP (for Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Associate Degree units only). For more information on FEE-HELP, read section 7.2 in Part 1 and visit studyassist.gov.au.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Youth and student allowances
For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, visit humanservices.gov.au.

Scholarships
TOP recognises and rewards students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance, leadership and community service and supports students who have experienced disadvantageous circumstances.
Our scholarships include the following:
- Principal's Outstanding Award (Business/Law): $10,000 pa
- Principal’s Outstanding Achievement Award (Business/Law): $1,000–$9,000 pa
- Sydney City School of Law Award: $1,000–$9,000 pa
- Sydney City School of Business Award: $1,000–$9,000 pa
- Young Achiever (Business/Law): $1,000–$6,000 in the first year of the course
- Regional Support (Business/Law): $1,000–$5,000 pa
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship (Business/Law): $1,000–$5,000 pa.
For further information and details, visit top.edu.au/future-students/scholarships.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES
TOP has a range of student support services. These include counselling, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. For students with disabilities and special needs, TOP has dedicated support services.
For more information, visit top.edu.au/campus-life/services-and-facilities or email studentservice@top.edu.au.
An ongoing social activities program runs throughout each semester and provides opportunities for students to enjoy a range of activities outside study. These include occasional weekend and one-day excursions to various locations in Sydney.
For more information on campus news and events, visit top.edu.au/campus-life/news-events.

Accommodation
TOP does not currently offer accommodation. Student services can provide information on accommodation options in Sydney. Call our student services team on (02) 9209 4888 or email studentservice@top.edu.au.