



**SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**SYDNEY NEWSLETTER # 2**  
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Hello, everyone –

I hope exams are going well and that you are getting excited about our upcoming Australian adventure! I have some updates for you and a couple of requests.

**1. Our schedule.**

We will have class every weekday, from Thursday, May 28, through Thursday, June 12. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and generally last until noon. We will have site visits to Australian legal institutions on several afternoons. I am really looking forward to these. If you look at the syllabus, you'll see that we have some great ones lined up.

The final will be on Friday, June 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We'll have an optional review session Thursday afternoon, June 11.

**2. Accessing the course syllabus and materials.**

Our syllabus, supplemental materials, and class hypotheticals are posted to the Sydney website, at <http://law.scu.edu/international/summer-abroad-updates/>. So our course materials consist of our textbook (“Refugee Law: an International and Comparative Approach” – see newsletter # 1 for fuller information on the textbook), the supplemental materials (necessary since the textbook is a few years old), and the hypotheticals, which we'll use for class role-plays to illustrate and practice what we're learning.

**3. Deciding whether to print out or download the supplemental materials.**

I like to print out the supplemental materials and hypotheticals, two-sided, put them into a three-hole punch binder, and bring them with me to Australia. But this is up to you. Here are some considerations: you will have internet access in the UTS Law School, but you might not have it in your living accommodations, or you might have to pay for it there. So I would at least download the materials onto a flashdrive or onto your computer before leaving the United States,

so that you will have easy access. The final assignment will be open book, open notes, and you will be able to use materials stored on your computer, but will not be able to go on-line during the final. If you work better with hard copies of the materials, then consider printing them out and bringing them with you. If you work just as well reading the materials on your computer, it might not be so essential to print them out. But do download them

**4. Welcome meeting/orientation/dinner on Wednesday, May 27.**

We will meet on Wednesday afternoon, May 27, at 4:00 p.m., on the ground floor of the University of Sydney (UTS) law school (the Law Faculty, Haymarket Campus of UTS). I've put instructions on how to get to UTS at the end of this newsletter. Our plan on May 27 is to walk to Darling Harbour, take the ferry to Circular Quay to see the spectacular Sydney Harbour, and get dinner at Circular Quay. (On Santa Clara.)

**5. Please send me contact information.**

Please provide me with your preferred e-mail address, and please check your e-mail frequently between now and our orientation on May 27. If you get a phone in Sydney, please send the number to me.

I will arrive in Sydney on Tuesday, May 26, and the first thing I'll do will be to get a new Aussie phone number and send it out to you by e-mail. I'll also be checking my e-mail frequently before and after that date. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or if you would just like company. E-mail: [eabriel@scu.edu](mailto:eabriel@scu.edu); U.S. cell phone 925.285.9883 (you can text). You can also contact Zsea Beaumonis, at [zbeaumonis@scu.edu](mailto:zbeaumonis@scu.edu), 408-551-1955.

**6. Insurance information.**

You are covered by the ACE Travel Assistance Program. The policy and information is posted to Santa Clara's Center for Global Policy website <http://law.scu.edu/international/summer-abroad-updates/> (also at <http://law.scu.edu/wp-content/uploads/ACE20Travel20Program20Info2.pdf>). Please print this out and bring it with you in your hand luggage.

**7. VERY IMPORTANT: some initial safety information.**

As you are travelling around Sydney, please remember that the traffic goes in the opposite direction (people drive on the left-hand side of the road). Thus, be very careful to look both ways when you cross any streets.

**8. What to pack.**

We will be in Sydney during the Australian winter. Winter in Sydney is mild, with an average daytime temperature of 65 and evening of 50 F, although the temperature can dip into the 40s. There is also usually rain. We will have an optional trip to the Blue Mountains, and you will need a little warmer clothing for that. Melbourne is also cooler, so for students doing

internships there, you will want warmer clothes. If you are traveling to Cairns or the Great Barrier Reef, however, summer clothes will be appropriate. Bring comfortable walking shoes.

For classes you may wear what you would normally wear to class in the States. For our visits to Australian courts and legal institutions, however, you will want to bring at least one set of clothes that you might wear to court in the United States. This would be a suit for men. For women, a suit with pants, skirt, or dress, or pants, skirt, or dress with a smart sweater will work.

For interns, what Australians call “smart casual” (we’d probably call it business casual) is appropriate, with one set of clothes for court visits.

Electrical appliances. I don’t recommend bringing any electrical appliances other than your computer and cell phone. For charging those items, you will need an adaptor, which you can purchase from a travel store before you leave the United States or at the airport or travel stores in Sydney.

#### **9. Events during the first week (Thursday and Friday, May 28 and 29).**

On Thursday, May 28, after our class, we’ll have a welcome lunch with faculty from UTS. UTS staff will also give us a tour of the campus and help us get registered for internet and library use.

We can also talk about some group activity during the weekend if people are interested, possibly wine and cheese at Prof. Abriel’s apartment.

#### **10. Events the second week (week of June 2)**

In addition to class, we have several site visits during the afternoon this week: Monday, we go to the Federal Court; Tuesday, we go to the Australian Human Rights Commission; Thursday, we go to the Aboriginal Legal Services Office. In addition, on Friday morning, instead of our regular class, we will go to the Downing Centre, the local criminal courts, to observe proceedings.

We’ll also plan some sort of group event this week, possibly a Movie Night to watch the Australian documentary *Go Back to Where You Came From* (in which ordinary Australians followed in reverse the journeys refugees take to get to Australia).

We’ll have an optional, partially-subsidized, trip to the Blue Mountains on Saturday.

#### **11. Events the third week (week of June 9)**

On Monday after class, there will be a meeting for the interns. On Tuesday afternoon, Chris Croese of UTS will give us a presentation and workshop on Australian legal research, particularly important for interns but also a great insight into another country’s legal system in general (this is a required session for all). On Thursday, we’ll have an optional review session in

the afternoon. The exam is Friday morning. Friday evening, we'll have a gala farewell dinner, on Santa Clara.

## **12. Intern placements.**

All of our volunteer placements are confirmed. Interns, please be sure you are in contact with your supervisors. Once we are in Sydney, I will set up pre-placement meetings with each intern, the placement supervisor, and me.

## **13. Getting to Sydney center from the airport:**

See <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g255060-c119393/Sydney:Australia:Sydney.Airport.Transport.html> Transport from the Airport There is a train station at the international airport. The cost of the train is almost the same as a taxi. There are shuttle services to different parts of the city (see <http://kst.com.au/airport.php>). See the Transport section for more information about trains and buses in Sydney. Further information about the airport is available from [www.sydneyairport.com](http://www.sydneyairport.com).

## **14. Transportation in Sydney**

Sydney has great public transportation in the form of light rail, trains, buses, and ferries. Be aware that, as foreign students, you do not qualify for student concessions (discounts) on Sydney trains, buses and ferries. Sydney police fine visitors heavily for travelling on student concession rates when they are not eligible for those rates.

### Trains

Central Station is less than a ten minute walk to UTS Law and is the closest train stop. Sydney has an extensive rail network. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly passes are available. Visit [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) for fares and routes.

### Buses

Numerous bus routes pass within one – two blocks of the UTS Law campus. The closest bus stops are at Railway Square (next to Central Station) on Broadway St or at the corner of George St and Hay St. Bus passes (weekly, fortnightly and Travel Ten) can be bought from many newsagents, convenience stores and even train stations. Visit [www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au) for more information. To view bus routes that service UTS, visit <http://www.sydneybuses.info/uploads/file/pdfs/university-maps/uts-busservices.pdf>.

### Light Rail

Sydney operates a light rail from Central Station to the Inner West suburbs. There is a light rail stop half a block from the Law Faculty. The light rail is a convenient form of travel if your accommodation is in an Inner West neighbourhood (eg Annandale, Glebe, Leichardt) or if you wish to travel to certain tourist sites such as the Fish Market.

### Ferries

Catch a ferry from Circular Quay (the train station for the Opera House) to tourist destinations such as the beachside community of Manly and the Taronga Zoo. The Sydney harbour is stunning and a ferry ride is a less expensive alternative to harbour cruises.

#### Taxis

Taxis in Sydney are abundant but expensive. You are charged by time, not distance. There are extra charges for travelling from the airport or across the Harbour Bridge. All cabs accept credit card payments. Tipping is welcome but not expected. 5

### **15. Telephones**

#### Calling to Australia

- Landline: American international access code + Australia country code + city code + number. For example, 011 + 61 + 2 + 9514 3248.
- The city code for Sydney is 02 but the 0 is dropped when calling from overseas. All Australian land line phone numbers are 8 digits. All landlines in Sydney begin with 9.
- Mobile: American international access code + Australia country code + mobile. For example, 011 + 61 + 421 454 342
- There is no city code for calling an Australian mobile. All Australian mobile numbers are 10 digits and begin with 04. The 0 is dropped when calling to a mobile from overseas.

#### Calling the U.S. from Australia

- Australian international access code + US country code + area code + number. For example, 0011 + 1 + area code + phone number.
- Many of our SCU students have purchased inexpensive Australian cell phones with minutes. Phone stores at the airport and throughout the city offer pre-paid mobiles or SIM cards. There are telephone stores in the shopping centre across the street from UTS Law that can provide you with phones and SIM cards.
- Alternatively, you can purchase international calling cards from any convenience store.

Dial 000 in case of an emergency. 000 is the Australian equivalent of 911 in the US.

### **16. Getting to UTS Law.**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) is one of the largest law schools in Australia, with 2500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. UTS is an urban campus, located in the heart of Sydney's Chinatown on the edge of the city's downtown (known as the Central Business District or 'CBD').

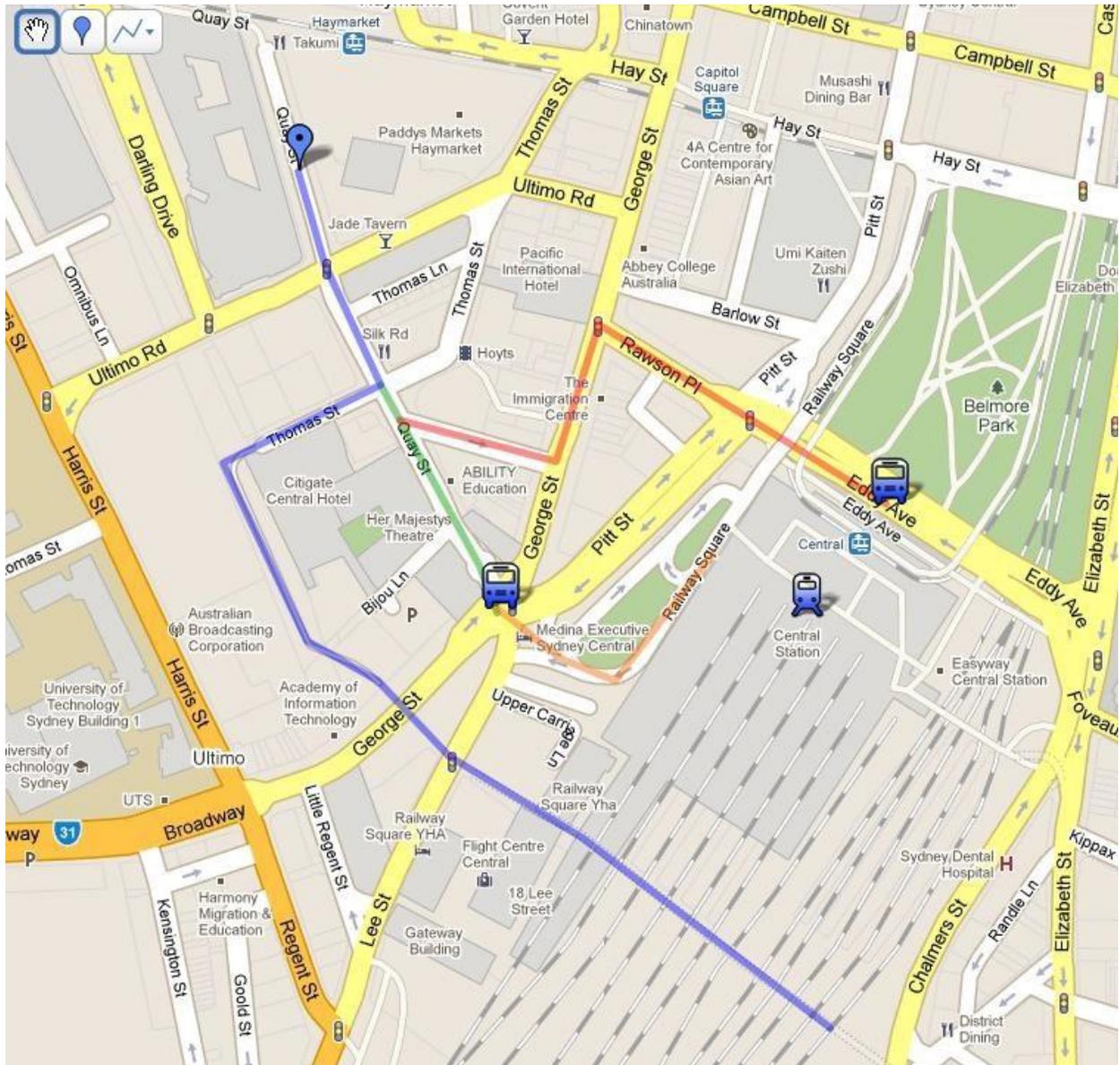
UTS's city campus has two main areas at Broadway and Haymarket. The Haymarket building houses the Law Faculty and the university library. The Law Faculty is across the street from a shopping centre and market. Numerous restaurants, cafes and tourist attractions are within walking distance. Australian universities operate on a different academic calendar. UTS students will be in exams and on holiday during the month of June. However, all campus facilities will be

open and you will have a chance to meet UTS Law students and staff at a welcome lunch on 7 June. See [www.law.uts.edu.au](http://www.law.uts.edu.au) for more information.

**Directions to UTS Law** The Law Faculty is located in Building 5, Block B of the Haymarket campus at 1 – 59 Quay St (pronounced ‘key street’). It is directly across the street from Paddy’s Market, a tourist landmark.

**Our classes will be held in Room 318, Level 3, Building 5, Block B.**

The blue balloon indicates the location of the UTS Law building. (UTS has a tower at Broadway and Harris Streets. It is highly visible from several parts of the city but is a 15 minute walk to the Law Faculty). Several major bus stops are noted. Central Station is located in front of Belmore Park.



## 17. Sports Facilities

UTS has a fitness center located in Building 4, a few blocks from the Law Faculty. See [www.utsunion.uts.edu.au/fitness](http://www.utsunion.uts.edu.au/fitness). It is not free to us, but UTS has arranged for us to pay the same fees as regular UTS students. See <http://www.activatefit.com.au/membership>. The Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre is a YMCA with an Olympic pool and complete gym located a few blocks from campus that also offers casual visits.

## 18. A little Aussie music to get you in the mood:

“I am Australian” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD3SkTyXzcE&feature=related>

Waltzing Matilda: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INdjRCNcZj0&feature=related>

The Australian national anthem – “Advance Australia Fair”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iGNhgMd6uM>

See you soon!

Prof. Abriel

