

ANU COLLEGE OF LAW

Juris Doctor (JD) Program



This is a distinctive program for graduates of non-law disciplines (or non-Australian law degrees). It allows students access to nominated postgraduate law courses while still equipping students with the academic qualifications for admission to practice. The program can be studied full or part-time with entry points in first and second semester.

Juris Doctor (Academic Program: 7330 | Academic Plan: 7330XJD)

Duration: 3 years full-time

Minimum requirement: 144 units

CRICOS Code: 061559M

Admission

Applicants are ranked for selection in order of academic merit based on performance in previous qualifications. The level of attainment required for entry in a particular year depends on the overall number and standard of applications. It should be noted, however, that some weighting is still placed on secondary results. In 2008 approved applicants will be offered a Commonwealth Supported place.

Program requirements

The JD program consists of the following:

15 compulsory courses, worth 90 units;

9 law elective courses worth 54 units, including at least 2 postgraduate courses (12 units).

144 units in total.

Previous law studies

A student who enrolls in the ANU JD degree after completing law studies at another university may only be granted status for up to half of the courses prescribed for the ANU degree. Where a student was previously enrolled in a combined program with law, and law courses were included in the completion of the other award status will only be given so that overall the student will have passed the equivalent of six years of full-time study. A student may not repeat in the JD program a course the syllabus of which is substantially similar to that of a subject passed for the award of another degree or diploma.

Compulsory law courses

LAWS1201 Foundations of Australian Law

LAWS1202 Lawyers, Justice and Ethics

LAWS1203 Torts

LAWS1204 Contracts

LAWS1205 Australian Public Law

LAWS1206 Criminal Law and Procedure

LAWS2201 Administrative Law

LAWS2202 Commonwealth Constitutional Law

LAWS2203 Corporations Law

LAWS2204 Property

LAWS2205 Equity and Trusts

LAWS2207 Evidence
LAWS2244 Litigation and Dispute Management
LAWS2249 Legal Theory
LAWS2250 International Law

Electives

Students will be able to choose 9 electives from the current list available to LLB students and an additional list of nominated postgraduate courses.

Current list of postgraduate courses available to students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (JD):

Course Code	Name	Unit value	JD Prerequisite
LAWS8268	International Humanitarian Law	6 units	LAWS2250 International Law and LAWS2264 Advanced International Law
LAWS8129	Marine and Coastal Law	6 units	LAWS2250 International Law
LAWS8239	The European Union Law	6 units	Completed or completing 5 1000 level courses
LAWS8175	Citizenship Law in Context	6 units	LAWS1205 Australian Public Law
LAWS8180	International Climate Law	6 units	LAWS2250 International Law or LAWS2215 Environmental Law
LAWS8172	Media & Communications Law	6 units	Completed or completing 5 1000 level courses
LAWS8570	Legal Framework of Regulation	6 units	Completed or completing 5 1000 level courses
LAWS8274	Native Title	6 units	LAWS1204 Contracts, LAWS1205 APL, LAWS2204 Property Law, and LAWS2202 Com Const Law
LAWS8125	Law of Corporate Governance	6 units	LAWS2203 Corporations Law
LAWS8181	Australian Climate Law	6 units	Completed or completing 5 1000 level courses
Graduate Research Unit		12 units	70% in 4 relevant courses + topic approval and appointment of supervisor

Course delivery

Compulsory and elective courses are delivered during the week on campus. Elective postgraduate courses are offered in intensive format over 3 to 6 days, sometimes including weekends.