Master of Laws in International Law

DURATION: 1 YEAR FULL-TIME | UP TO 5 YEARS PART-TIME

The globally recognised Master of Laws that provides offers an advanced understanding of the nature, structure, function and application of international law.

Program overview

The Master of Laws in International Law equips you to understand, explain and critically reflect upon the rules regulating the relations between States and certain other international actors. Helping explain and analyse interactions in the international community and their impact within national societies, international law often covers difficult issues – for example, when can a soldier lawfully kill; when can asylum seekers be ‘turned back’; who is responsible for space junk; and what obligations are owed by multinational corporations operating abroad?

With only two compulsory courses, the ANU Master of Laws in International Law allows you to tailor study to your specific interests and career objectives through specialist elective courses. These include international environmental law, international humanitarian law, human rights law, international trade law, the law of the sea, and the legal regulation of ethno-political conflicts.

The program also offers opportunities to undertake internships with international institutions such as the International Court of Justice, with many elective courses providing the opportunity for you to produce an original research essay.

You can also build on your knowledge by undertaking a Graduate Research Unit and producing a major research thesis.

For information on additional elective courses, search ‘ANU LLM Timetable 2017’.

Career options and opportunities

The ANU Master of Laws in International Law will be relevant to you if your work involves consideration of international relations and transnational activities; you are interested in governmental and non-governmental organisations; and/or you are concerned with issues such as human rights, refugees, the use of force or international dispute settlement.

Mode of delivery

The ANU LLM in International Law is taught intensively – with lectures clustered over 3–4 days and the remainder of the course undertaken online – making it ideal if you live outside of Canberra, or need to balance postgraduate study with employment and other personal commitments.

Admission requirements

Completion of a Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor degree with a minimum average of at least 50%, or completion of a non-law degree and the ANU Graduate Certificate of Law with a minimum average of at least 50%.

Elective course options include:

> Law of the Sea
> International Refugee Law
> Space Law
> Indigenous Peoples and International Law

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