Master of Laws in Law, Governance and Development

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

Law, Governance and Development focuses on the role that local, national and international systems of law and governance play in fostering social and economic development in developing and transitional countries.

Program overview
‘Good governance’, ‘rule of law’, ‘access to justice’ and ‘structural reforms’ are currently high on the agenda of international development and aid agencies, governments, local non-governmental organisations and civil society activists in developing, post-conflict and transitional States.

The ANU Master of Laws in Law, Governance and Development examines the role of law in promoting social and economic development, and offers a critical analysis of the reform agenda and its theoretical foundations. Through the program, students explore the role that local, national and international systems of law and governance play in fostering social, economic and political change.

In addition to considering historical shifts and current trends – including those being seen in Asia and the Pacific – the program introduces students to a range of theoretical tools, and strengthens their ability to think critically and creatively about the links between law, governance and development.

Elective course options include:
> Comparative Constitutional Law
> International Financial Institutions and Development
> International Law and United Nations Peace Operations
> Law and Development in the Contemporary South Pacific

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

Career options and opportunities
Bringing together theory and practice, the ANU Master of Laws in Law, Governance and Development provides timely, specialist knowledge to suit practitioners and policy-makers working in international development, whether in government, the private sector, NGOs and NFPs, in Australia or abroad.

Given the location and regional expertise of ANU, the program is especially valuable for anyone working (or seeking to establish or build their career) in law, governance and development in the Asia-Pacific.

Mode of delivery
The ANU LLM in Law, Governance and Development 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%.

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