# JURIS DOCTOR (2826)

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 2826
**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 0101997

This program applies to students who commenced in 2021 or later.

The Juris Doctor (JD) is a professional entry Masters degree that satisfies the academic degree requirements for admission to practice as an Australian lawyer. The Juris Doctor commences with an intensive subject that is tailored to inducting both domestic and international students to the Australian Legal System, the University and School of Law, and the wider legal community. Students will engage in collaborative face to face problem and case-based learning experiences, will be supported by online learning materials, and will participate in authentic assessment to develop knowledge and skills. The Juris Doctor provides advanced and integrated knowledge of the principal areas of legal practice, legal concepts, and broader perspectives about the law. It develops advanced professional skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, research, communication, collaboration and self-management, and ethical and professional awareness and judgement. The Juris Doctor gives students the flexibility to choose from a wide range of additional specialist subjects which includes the opportunity to study overseas. The program will provide students with a dedicated physical space to study and interact in academic and non-academic pursuits. The Juris Doctor is available to both domestic and international graduate students who are looking for a highly regarded law qualification with a strong focus on student employability across diverse careers in law and beyond. Students will have opportunities to enhance their employability profile and knowledge of the legal industry, including with the professional units which have a strong focus on clinical legal engagements with a diverse range of industry partners. Students will also engage in legal research projects which includes the option for tailored support for students considering future enrolment into a PhD program.

## Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time

## Program Advice

John Juriansz (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/j.juriansz@westernsydney.edu.au)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/)| Local Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/) | International Admission (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/) |

## Location

| Campus | Attendance | Mode | Advice |
|---|---|---|---|
| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road | Full Time | Internal | See above |
| Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road | Part Time | Internal | See above |

## Accreditation

Graduates of this degree who wish to practice in NSW may apply to the Legal Profession Admission Board for admission as a legal practitioner after undertaking prescribed professional legal training (PLT).

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is an optional work component available in this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should be aware that if an elective is a requirement of the program but the work itself was not registered with CRICOS, students can still complete these electives but it would be counted towards the work limitation. For more details, refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

## Admission

The Juris Doctor is available to graduates or graduands with

- a completed Bachelor degree or higher, or equivalent, in a discipline other than law

OR

- a completed law Diploma, Bachelor or higher qualification, or equivalent, from an overseas jurisdiction

OR

- submitted evidence of equivalent general or professional qualifications and/or experience that demonstrates potential to pursue graduate studies.
- The equivalence and eligibility for admission is determined by the Course Convenor or the Deputy Dean. Applicants with a law degree from a non-common law jurisdiction may receive credit for some of their previous studies toward the Juris Doctor. Eligibility for admission does not guarantee offer of a place.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

http://www.uac.edu.au/
https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

http://www.uac.edu.au/

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

**English language entry requirements**

If your first language is English or if you can provide satisfactory evidence that English was the medium of instruction in your secondary or tertiary studies completed within 2 years at the time of your commencement at Western Sydney University, you may be considered as meeting the requirement of proficiency in English.

If English is not your first language or was not the medium of instruction in your secondary or tertiary studies, you are required to demonstrate your proficiency in the English language by achieving a prescribed level in an approved English examination or test before you can receive a full offer of a place. Your English language proficiency test must be no more than 2 years old at the time of your commencement at Western Sydney University.

The English language proficiency requirements will be satisfied by any one of a number of tests or assessments, including: an IELTS Academic overall score of at least 6.5 and minimum scores of 6.0 in each subtest; OR a TOEFL internet-based Total score of 82 with Writing (21), Speaking (18), Reading (13), and Listening (13); OR a Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic of 58 overall with all communications skills achieving a minimum of 50. For a full list of the English Language proficiency tests and standards requirements, please refer to

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements/)

# Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points as per the recommended sequence below. This includes all specified core subjects and subjects equivalent to 60 credit points chosen from the pool of JD Alternate subjects listed below.

# Recommended Sequence

## Full-time start-year intake

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
|---|---|---|
| **Year 1** | | |
| **Autumn session** | | |
| LAWS 7058 | Introduction to Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7056 | Fundamentals of Australian Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7048 | Criminal Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7047 | Contracts | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Spring session** | | |
| LAWS 7061 | Legal Analysis and Critique | 10 |
| LAWS 7072 | Torts Law | 10 |

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
|---|---|---|
| LAWS 7044 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 10 |
| LAWS 7057 | Government and Public Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Year 2** | | |
| **Autumn session** | | |
| LAWS 7066 | Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics | 10 |
| LAWS 7053 | Equity & Trusts | 10 |
| LAWS 7067 | Property Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7027 | Legal Philosophy and Methodology | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Spring session** | | |
| LAWS 7041 | Administrative Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7060 | Law of Associations | 10 |
| LAWS 7068 | Remedies | 10 |
| LAWS 7045 | Civil Procedure and Arbitration | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Year 3** | | |
| **Autumn session** | | |
| LAWS 7046 | Constitutional Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7049 | Criminal Procedure and Evidence | 10 |
| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Spring session** | | |
| Select four JD Alternate subjects | | 40 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| | **Total Credit Points** | **240** |

## Full-time mid-year intake

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
|---|---|---|
| **Year 1** | | |
| **Spring session** | | |
| LAWS 7058 | Introduction to Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7056 | Fundamentals of Australian Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7061 | Legal Analysis and Critique | 10 |
| LAWS 7057 | Government and Public Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Autumn session** | | |
| LAWS 7048 | Criminal Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7066 | Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics | 10 |
| LAWS 7047 | Contracts | 10 |
| LAWS 7027 | Legal Philosophy and Methodology | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Year 2** | | |
| **Spring session** | | |
| LAWS 7072 | Torts Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7044 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 10 |
| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| **Autumn session** | | |
| LAWS 7053 | Equity & Trusts | 10 |
| LAWS 7067 | Property Law | 10 |
| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |

**Year 3**

**Spring session**

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
| --- | --- | --- |
| LAWS 7041 | Administrative Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7060 | Law of Associations | 10 |
| LAWS 7068 | Remedies | 10 |
| LAWS 7045 | Civil Procedure and Arbitration | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |

**Autumn session**

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
| --- | --- | --- |
| LAWS 7046 | Constitutional Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7049 | Criminal Procedure and Evidence | 10 |
| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **40** |
| | **Total Credit Points** | **240** |

## Part-time start-year intake

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
| --- | --- | --- |

**Year 1**

**Autumn session**

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
| --- | --- | --- |
| LAWS 7058 | Introduction to Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7056 | Fundamentals of Australian Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7061 | Legal Analysis and Critique | 10 |
| LAWS 7057 | Government and Public Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 2**

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7048 | Criminal Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7047 | Contracts | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7072 | Torts Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7044 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 3**

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7053 | Equity & Trusts | 10 |
| LAWS 7067 | Property Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7041 | Administrative Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7060 | Law of Associations | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 4**

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7066 | Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics | 10 |
| LAWS 7027 | Legal Philosophy and Methodology | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7068 | Remedies | 10 |
| LAWS 7045 | Civil Procedure and Arbitration | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 5**

**Autumn session**

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
| --- | --- | --- |
| LAWS 7046 | Constitutional Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7049 | Criminal Procedure and Evidence | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Spring session**

| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 6**

**Autumn session**

| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Spring session**

| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |
| | **Total Credit Points** | **240** |

## Part-time mid-year intake

| Course | Title | Credit Points |
| --- | --- | --- |

**Year 1**

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7058 | Introduction to Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7056 | Fundamentals of Australian Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7066 | Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics | 10 |
| LAWS 7048 | Criminal Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 2**

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7061 | Legal Analysis and Critique | 10 |
| LAWS 7072 | Torts Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7047 | Contracts | 10 |
| LAWS 7027 | Legal Philosophy and Methodology | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 3**

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7057 | Government and Public Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7044 | Alternative Dispute Resolution | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7053 | Equity & Trusts | 10 |
| LAWS 7067 | Property Law | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 4**

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7041 | Administrative Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7060 | Law of Associations | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Autumn session**

| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 5**

**Spring session**

| LAWS 7068 | Remedies | 10 |
|---|---|---|
| LAWS 7045 | Civil Procedure and Arbitration | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Autumn session**

| LAWS 7046 | Constitutional Law | 10 |
|---|---|---|
| LAWS 7049 | Criminal Procedure and Evidence | 10 |
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Year 6**

**Spring session**

| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
|---|---|---|
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |

**Autumn session**

| Select two JD Alternate subjects | | 20 |
|---|---|---|
| | **Credit Points** | **20** |
| | **Total Credit Points** | **240** |

## JD Alternate Subjects

Students must complete a total of 60 credit points from the JD Alternate subjects, Professional Subject Pool and Research Subject Pool as follows

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
|---|---|---|
| **Students must select at least 2 subjects from the following Professional subject Pool** | | |
| LAWS 7071 | Technology, Innovation and the Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7050 | Designing Law Apps for Access to Justice | 10 |
| LAWS 7059 | Judicial Internship | 10 |
| LAWS 7051 | Elder Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7052 | Elder Law Industry Placement | 10 |
| JUST 7006 | Clinical Legal Placement | 10 |
| LAWS 7069 | Revenue Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7070 | Revenue Law Industry Placement | 10 |
| LAWS 7042 | Advanced Legal Negotiation | 10 |
| LAWS 7065 | Moot Court | 10 |
| LAWS 7043 | Advocacy | 10 |
| JUST 7007 | Issues in the Criminal Justice System | 10 |
| **Students must select at least 1 subject from the following Research Subject Pool** | | |
| LAWS 7062 | Legal Research Dissertation | 10 |
| LAWS 7063 | Legal Research Project 1 | 10 |
| LAWS 7064 | Legal Research Project 2 | 10 |
| **Students may select remaining JD Alternate subjects from below** | | |
| LAWS 5006 | Law and Literature | 10 |
| LAWS 7054 | Foundations of Chinese Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7055 | Foundations of Indian Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7018 | International Corporate Governance | 10 |
| LAWS 7013 | Global Governance and Sustainability | 10 |
| LAWS 7020 | International Environmental Law and Policy | 10 |
| LAWS 7016 | International Banking and Finance Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7017 | International Climate Change Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7025 | International Law of Ocean Governance | 10 |
| LAWS 7014 | Human Rights in Practice and Theory | 10 |
| LAWS 7008 | Bioethics | 10 |
| LAWS 7015 | Information and Data Governance Law and Policy | 10 |

| LAWS 7022 | International Human Rights Law | 10 |
|---|---|---|
| LAWS 7019 | International Criminal Law and Justice | 10 |
| LAWS 7026 | International Space Law - Commercial Aspects | 10 |
| LAWS 7030 | Principles of International Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7007 | Australian Migration Law | 10 |
| LAWS 7003 | Australia's Visa System 1 | 10 |
| LAWS 7004 | Australia's Visa System 2 | 10 |
| LAWS 7033 | Intellectual Property | 10 |
| LAWS 7038 | Visa Cancellation and Review | 20 |
| LAWS 7006 | Australian Legal System and Common Law | 10 |

Please note that unit LAWS 7006 is available only for students from non-common law jurisdictions