

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

Course Advice Law (courseadvicelaw@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
LAWS7058 Introduction to Law will not be offered in Autumn 2023. Students are advised to take LAWS 5008 Law and Public Policy (Referendum 2023: engaging in constitutional change) in Autumn 2023 instead. See: https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-details/laws5008 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-details/laws5008/). If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Program Advisor for the School of Law. Email: courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au .		
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
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
LAWS7058 Introduction to Law will not be offered in Spring 2023. Students are advised to take LAWS 7044 Alternative Dispute Resolution in Spring 2023 instead. See: https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-search (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-search/). If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Program Advisor for the School of Law. Email: courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au .		
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		
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		
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		
LAWS 7058	Introduction to Law	10
LAWS7058 Introduction to Law will not be offered in Autumn 2023. Students are advised to take LAWS 5008 Law and Public Policy (Referendum 2023: engaging in constitutional change) in Autumn 2023 instead. See: https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-details/laws5008 (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-details/laws5008/). If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Program Advisor for the School of Law. Email: courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au .		
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		
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
LAWS7058 Introduction to Law will not be offered in Spring 2023. Students are advised to take LAWS 7044 Alternative Dispute Resolution in Spring 2023 instead. See: https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-search (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/subject-search/). If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Program Advisor for the School of Law. Email: courseadvicelaw@westernsydney.edu.au .		
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 7042	Advanced Legal Negotiation	10
LAWS 7043	Advocacy	10
LAWS 7050	Designing Law Apps for Access to Justice	10
LAWS 7051	Elder Law	10

LAWS 7052	Elder Law Industry Placement	10
JUST 7007	Issues in the Criminal Justice System	10
LAWS 7059	Judicial Internship	10
JUST 7006	Legal Internship	10
LAWS 7065	Moot Court	10
LAWS 7069	Revenue Law	10
LAWS 7070	Revenue Law Industry Placement	10
LAWS 7071	Technology, Innovation and the Law	10
LAWS 6008	Wills and Succession	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 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
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

LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 5007	Children's Rights: Local and International	10
LAWS 7054	Foundations of Chinese Law	10
LAWS 7055	Foundations of Indian Law	10
LAWS 7013	Global Governance and Sustainability	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7017	International Climate Change Law	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy (Referendum 2023: engaging in constitutional change)	10
LAWS 5001	Law of Employment	10
LAWS 6006	Medical Law	10
LAWS 5002	Planning and Environment Law	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 6004	Sports Law	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20
LAWS 5004	Work Health and Safety Law	10

Equivalent Subjects

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

LAWS 7016 - International Banking and Finance Law, replaced by LAWS 6005 International Banking and Finance Law