Master of Laws

Melbourne Burwood Campus | Cloud Campus
Deakin University is ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide across the three major international university rankings\(^1\) and in the top 50 universities under 50.

**Deakin University**

We are ranked 5 stars for world-class facilities, research and teaching, as well as employability, innovation and inclusiveness under the latest Times Higher Education Australian Employability Rankings. With internationally recognised quality of research and teaching, Deakin is now ranked 214 in the prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU). Ranked no. 3 in Australia for graduate employability, our course curriculum integrates real-world expertise with practical skills to give our students a competitive edge\(^1\).

Deakin is one of the largest universities in Australia, with over 52 000 course enrolments and more than 3700 staff. Despite this size, for the past seven years, we have been ranked no. 1 in Victoria for student satisfaction, attesting to the value that the university places on delivering value to students\(^1\).

**Deakin Law School**

Deakin Law School (DLS) is located in Melbourne – the world’s most liveable city for six years in a row and home to a global legal market. We have a reputation for excellence in research – staff are leading experts in corporate law, sentencing, health law, Big Data, commercial law, IP and natural resources – and teaching.

DLS is ranked no. 53 on the SSRN Top 500 International Law Schools, between no. 100–150 on QS World University Rankings and between no. 76–100 on the ARWU and Shanghai rankings\(^2\).

We pride ourselves on delivering a high quality educational experience and students are our primary focus. This yields exceptional student success, such as being placed number 1 amongst 125 participating teams in the 2017 Willem C. Vis International Moot in Hong Kong.


‘The international focus of my degree was a definite advantage of studying at Deakin. The knowledge I gained via units such as International Commercial Arbitration and International Law continues to positively contribute towards my work today.’

**Justice Gunaratne**  
Master of Laws (LLM)  
Judge, Court of Appeal, Sri Lanka
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Course overview
Deakin’s Master of Laws (LLM) focuses on international commercial law and corporate regulation. The course equips you with fundamental disciplinary knowledge on important areas of the Australian and international legal system and recent professional practice developments.

Through the course content, which encompasses new developments in major areas of human activity (internet technology, health, financial services), and increased regulation in traditional areas (natural resources, dispute resolution, human rights), you will gain a high level of knowledge, preparing you for an advanced legal career.

The LLM reflects on aspects of the legal education that impact on the ageing population (superannuation and health care) and therefore are likely to generate a demand for professionals. It also focuses on increased legislative and regulative requirements (financial services and superannuation) and new technology, as well as high growth sectors (internet technology and health care).

The eight credit point course can be completed in one year (full time). On completion you will have developed advanced knowledge, research, analytical, and communication skills to prepare you for leadership roles in a variety of global careers.

Course structure
Course code: M726
Offered: Melbourne Burwood Campus and Cloud Campus
Intake/s: Trimester 1 (March), Trimester 2 (July) and Trimester 3 (November)
Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent
CRICOS Course code: 042690K

The LLM requires the completion of 8 credit points comprising 4 credit points of core units and 4 credit points of elective units.

Core units
- Foundations of Law
- Research Methodology
- Research Thesis (2 credit points)

Elective units
The remaining 4 credit points can be chosen from the units below:
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Principles and Practice
- Business Taxation Law and Policy
- Civil and Commercial Law Clinic
- Commercial and Corporations Law
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Insolvency Law and Policy
- Financial Services Regulation
- Health Law
- Human Rights Law and Policy
- International Financial Crime
- Principles of Income Tax Law
- Public International Law
- Superannuation Law and Policy
- Venture Law Clinic

Career opportunities
Studies show that undertaking a postgraduate law qualification can significantly increase your career prospects and earning potential. According to a 2014 study by Graduate Careers Australia law postgraduates in full-time employment earned on average, 50% more than those holding a bachelor degree in law. For students interested in further study, the LLM provides a pathway into the Deakin Law School PhD program where the staff have expertise across a variety of areas including intellectual property, corporate governance, torts and the law of medicine, international law, transnational commercial law, sentencing and criminal justice, energy and natural resource law, constitutional law, and data and the law. DLS offers valuable opportunities to gain legal experience through its venture law clinic:

New Venture Law Clinic
Our newly introduced Venture Law Clinic provides an opportunity to turn theory into practice through unique experiential learning opportunities. Under expert supervision students will work with real clients in a clinical setting. They will have the opportunity to interview entrepreneurs, research in order to solve problems encountered by new business ventures, and provide advice with practicing lawyers. Through the course, students acquire the legal acumen to put their knowledge to the test in exciting real world scenarios. They will also develop important professional skills valued by employers. The Venture Law Clinic will prepare you for roles such as in-house counsel (with innovative tech companies and firms that serve the burgeoning entrepreneurial community), consultant (in private practice) and advisor to government (on a range of innovation-driven legal, regulatory and economic issues).
Entry requirements

- a bachelor degree in the same discipline, [LLB [Hons], JD or equivalent] leading to admission to practice, or
- LLB or equivalent in the same discipline leading to admission to practice; and two years relevant work experience.

International students will also require a IELTS overall score of 6.5 (with no band score less than 6) or equivalent.

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