Law and Public Health

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\(^1\).

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**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.

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‘Our students will graduate with 21st century credentials suited to a rapidly changing world... with the knowledge and skills to make a significant contribution to shaping Public Health policy, legislation and practice.’

**Berni Murphy**

Course Director - Master of Public Health

Faculty of Health
Master of Legal Studies (specialising in Public Health)

Course overview

Law is now firmly established as a powerful instrument of public health. Some of the most important public health victories in the United States in the past century – declining lead exposure, reduced rates of smoking, improvements in workplace and motor vehicle safety, and increased vaccination rates – are the result of new legislation, heightened regulatory enforcement, litigation, or a combination of the three. New public health challenges such as rising obesity and cardio-vascular disease, global pandemics pose growing risks and have received much litigation in the recent past. In this environment, the Master of Legal Studies specialising in Public Health is designed to produce leaders in key areas of professional practice and policy information. As such, this course would be suited to both legal and non-legal professionals.

Course structure

Course code: M737

Offered: Melbourne Burwood Campus and Cloud Campus

Intake/s: Trimester 1 (March) and Trimester 2 (July)

Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

CRICOS Course code: 093171M

The Master of Legal Studies specialising in Public Health requires the completion of 16 credit points. All students must complete 4 credit points of core units, 4 credit points from a Public Health Law stream and an 8 credit point Public Health specialisation.

Skills and knowledge acquired

There is a growing need for graduates to have an understanding of the legal framework in the public health sector. This includes having a foundational knowledge of legal concepts as well expertise in the specialist area of public health. Graduates of this course will enhance their professional capabilities, employability and career progression by building the skills for legal and ethical issues facing healthcare and healthcare services. Graduates will develop critical perspectives on current and emerging trends and will learn historical foundations of public health, health data and global issues. Master of Legal Studies specialising in Public Health is seen to give graduates a competitive and reputational advantage in their chosen professional career field.

Career opportunities

This degree will allow students to advance their capabilities through advanced legal training of dedicated, relevant legal subjects. Graduates will find careers in areas such as:

- Health and law regulatory bodies
- State or central government entities
- Law firms
- Research or advocacy
- Academia (with further postgraduate study)

Year 1

| Contemporary Health Issues and Policies | Alternative Dispute Resolution: Principles and Practice |
| Foundations of Law | Commercial and Corporations Law |
| Health Promotion | Principles and Practice of Public Health |
| Human Rights Law and Policy | Public International Law |

Year 2

| Biostatistics 1 | Comparative Health Systems |
| Constitutional Law and Policy | Health Law |
| Epidemiology 1 | Research Literacy for Health Practice |
| Health Economics 1 | Research Methodology |

Please note, this is a sample course structure based on full-time study load. Units and trimesters are subject to change.
Entry requirements

- a bachelor degree or other qualification at a higher AQF level in any discipline or successful completion of MQP (or MQP extended)*, or
- other evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent.

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

* Alternative for international applicants only

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