Law and Research

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.

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‘Students of the Master of Legal Studies, Research specialisation will pursue high quality research projects, under the guidance, mentorship and supervision of top academics with international reputation in their fields. This course allows students to pursue their academic aspirations and conduct independent research projects in an area of law they care about. By providing our students with the necessary resources, research opportunities, mentorship, and access to depths and breadths of knowledge and expertise, this course will open the path for successful careers in research in academia, think tanks, political institutions, and a variety of public and private organisations’

**Dr Shiri Krebs**  
Course Director - Master of Legal Studies  
Deakin Law School
Master of Legal Studies (specialising in Research)

Course overview
Deakin’s Master of Legal studies specialising in Research is for those who are wanting to complete a legal influenced thesis combined with specialised study. In combination with a research component, students will choose a specialisation in order to fine-tune their learning and undertake independent research in a niche area. These areas of specialisation include Public Health, Human Resources, International Relations and Humanitarian Assistance. Deakin’s Master of Legal Studies specialising in Research is suited to both legal and non-legal professionals, with graduates able to pursue further professional and academic opportunities through the PhD pathway offered on successful completion of the degree.

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

To complete the Master of Legal Studies specialising in Research, students must attain a total of 16 credit points, consisting of 4 credit points of core units, 4 credit points from a specified stream and an 8 credit point Research specialisation.

Skills and knowledge acquired
This course equips students with highly developed research and analytical skills by undertaking original research in the legal area. Learnings within this degree will support the development and application of research methods by undertaking high-level, policy-related academic work. Students will also further advance their knowledge of their chosen specialisation in the context of law. Students will have opportunities to meet and network with PhD students, academics and supervisors, and their peers which will allow them to gain deeper industry and legal knowledge.

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:
- Policy development
- Intergovernmental and nongovernmental organisations (NGOs)
- Academia (with further postgraduate study)
- The media (journalism and broadcasting)
- Civil and public service

PhD
Successful completion of this degree enables a PhD pathway into a Deakin PhD, ideal for those seeking a career in research.

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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 an IELTS overall score of 6.5 (with no band score less than 6) or equivalent.

* Alternative for international applicants only

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