Law and International Relations

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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Master of Legal Studies
(specialising in International Relations)

Course overview
Deakin’s Master of Legal Studies specialising in International Relations equips graduates with the advanced legal and international relations skills required to work and operate effectively in our complex, dynamic and globalised world.

In international relations, globalisation continues to expand both the number and depth of legal relationships between nation states evidenced in treaties and conventions. This is driven by ever increasing economic and trade connections, movement of people across boundaries, and the growth of technology. Coeovally, international and intranational conflicts have also grown in number and an array of new tribunals and international courts have been created to resolve disputes through legal processes. As such, this course is designed to prepare graduates for successful careers at the intersection of law and international relations.

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 International Relations requires the completion of 16 credit points. All students must complete 4 credit points of core units, 4 credit points from the International Relations stream and an 8 credit point International Relations specialisation.

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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.

Skills and knowledge acquired
The Master of Legal Studies specialising in International Relations examines the nature and principles of international relations within legal framework. Graduates of this course will have an understanding of the conduct and conflicts in international law, world politics, jurisdictions and immunity, the concept of global citizenship and the range of theoretical methods in the global political economy. Topics covered will also include security, global governance, dispute resolution, international organisations and critical perspectives on current and emerging legal issues. The course has been designed to embed skills in political, economic, cultural and legal dynamics that characterise international affairs.

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

The newly introduced Civil and Commercial Law Clinic provides students with a 360-degree experience of professional practice, and a critical appreciation of its value. Students work in an office environment using professional matter management systems, deal with clients, research and provide strategic legal solutions, and engage with various parties including clients, as well as supervisors and colleagues. The Clinic provides legal services over a range of legal issues chosen to give students professional experience in engaging with ‘real world’ legal problems, parties, decision makers and tribunals, giving students an insight into the diversity and complexity of legal practice. This Clinic unit focuses on areas including contract, migration law, consumer law, victims of crime compensation and special circumstances, and fair work employment.

Students will manage their own legal matter under the supervision of Clinic supervisors and specialist legal practitioners – from initial client intake and interview to final outcome and closing of file (subject to Clinic time limits). Students develop high level professional skills through the challenge of applying theoretical legal knowledge to real world clients in order to develop strategic legal solutions that meet client needs. The Clinic develops advanced employment-ready skills and gives students the opportunity to critically look at the legal systems, and consider aspects of law reform.

Fees

The Master of Legal Studies is a full fee-paying course. View current fees at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/fees.

Credit for prior learning

Credit for prior learning may be granted to students who have successfully completed appropriate prior studies or relevant work experience.

Scholarships

Deakin University offers a range of scholarships. For details and availability of scholarships please visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

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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