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Deakin Law School provides a world-class legal education. Our academics are leaders in their disciplines and are among the best credentialed and international of any law school in the country.

### Law at Deakin

**Deakin law graduates in demand**

Deakin Law School (DLS) graduates have an international reputation for their well-rounded skills, adaptability and excellence in arbitration. Our graduates are performing extremely well in a very competitive employment environment, with seasonal traineeships at a record high.

**Commercial focus**

A distinctive feature of our law programs is our commercial law focus. The legal profession is highly commercialised and lawyers are increasingly required to provide clients with practice commercial law advice. Our commercial law focus opens doors to a wide variety of legal careers, giving you an edge on graduation.

**A top-ranked law school**

DLS has risen in the QS World University Rankings and is the only law school in Victoria placed in the top 101–150 universities with a 5-star QS ranking. The QS rankings are based on several criteria, including research, teaching, employability, facilities, internationalisation and engagement.

Source: QS World University Rankings, 2017

**Deakin law clinics**

In the Australian and global economies there is an increasing emphasis on technological innovation and the rise of start-up culture. As the economy changes, so too does the world of commercial law, and this has prompted DLS to establish a number of law clinics in the heart of Melbourne's legal district in the CBD – the Venture Law Clinic, the Civil and Commercial Law Clinic, a family law clinic, an employment law clinic and a criminal law clinic.

The Venture Law Clinic provides legal assistance to start-ups and entrepreneurs, who may need help navigating areas of law that are rapidly changing, or are entirely new. The Civil and Commercial Law Clinic covers cases related to commercial law, family law, immigration law, administrative law and Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT) matters.

These clinics offer you the chance to volunteer at a specialist practice as part of final-year elective subjects.

**CALD certification**

DLS recently received certification from the Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) – making it one of 23 law schools in the country with CALD certification – in recognition of the calibre of teaching and research.

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**Join the most satisfied students in Victoria**

For seven consecutive years, Deakin has achieved the highest level of overall student satisfaction among Victorian universities. These great results are from the responses to ‘Overall Satisfaction’ in the Australian Graduate Survey, 2010–2016.

Source: gooduniversities.com.au

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**Deakin Hallmarks**

- Communication
- Digital literacy
- Teamwork
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Self management
- Global citizenship

Deakin Hallmarks are awarded as digital credentials that can be shared through professional social platforms such as LinkedIn. They recognise students' outstanding achievement, at course level, of capabilities that are key to employment success.
What can I study?

Coursework degrees

Juris Doctor (JD) | M729
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A bachelor’s degree in a different discipline with minimum weighted average mark (WAM) of 60%; or a bachelor’s degree in a different discipline with minimum 55 WAM of and three years of relevant work experience; or a master’s degree in a different discipline.

Master of Laws (LLM) | M726
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A degree in the same discipline (LLB Honours, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice; or an LLB or equivalent in the same discipline leading to admission to practice and two years relevant work experience.

Master of Legal Studies | M737
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A bachelor’s degree or other qualification at a higher AQF level in any discipline or other evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent.

Master of Accounting and Law | M749
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A bachelor’s degree or other qualification at a higher AQF level in a related discipline; or a bachelor’s degree in any discipline plus three years relevant work experience; or successful completion of MQP (or MQP Extended) plus three years relevant work experience.

Graduate Diploma of Accounting and Law | M649
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A bachelor’s degree or other qualification at a higher AQF level in a related discipline; or a bachelor’s degree in any discipline plus three years relevant work experience; or successful completion of MQP2 (or MQP Extended) plus three years relevant work experience.

Graduate Certificate of Accounting and Law | M549
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: A bachelor’s degree in any discipline, or at least three years of relevant work experience (or part-time equivalent).

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Course lengths may vary in response to requirements within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Applicants should refer to the handbook for the latest information: deakin.edu.au/handbook.

IELTS is the International English Language Testing System. The IELTS scores in the table above reflect the minimum overall score required as well as the lowest score allowed for any band (overall score/lowest band score).

For international applicants only.

This course is not available to international students.

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Gain credit towards your degree

With Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), your previous study or work experience may make you eligible for credit towards your Deakin degree, reducing the number of units you need to study and allowing you to complete your courses earlier and often more affordably. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/courses/credit-for-prior-learning.

‘I’ve transferred many of the lectures onto my iPod, so it’s not uncommon for me to be engrossed in a lecture while also doing household chores or a workout at the gym. I find that works well because it keeps my mind busy, and if I’m active, I seem to absorb more than if I was sitting at a desk or in a classroom.’

Anna Wakelin
Juris Doctor

Top ranking university

Deakin is ranked #3 in Australia for graduate employability by the prestigious Times Higher Education index. Deakin was recently ranked Victoria’s #1 university under 50 years old by Times Higher Education (2016 and 2017). And as a result of our renowned quality of research and teaching, all three international university rankings put us in the top 2% of the world’s universities.

Data sources: Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Academic Ranking of World Universities, Times Higher Education and QS World University Rankings.
Juris Doctor (JD)

The Deakin Juris Doctor (JD) is a prestigious law program that prepares you for a first-class law career. A postgraduate program for non-law graduates, Deakin’s JD satisfies the academic requirements to be admitted to practise as an Australian lawyer.

The Deakin JD is delivered as a premium online course offered through our Cloud Campus. Enjoy an immersive learning experience with flexibility so you can study when and wherever you want.

Deakin’s JD develops practical skills through targeted practical assessment items integrated throughout the course. Assessment items include problem-based written advice, an oral bail application, an assignment focusing on implementation of procedural rules, preparation of a memorandum of advice, an oral court submission and a file management project. Group assignment work is also a feature of some units, to ensure students develop the important skills necessary to work as part of a team.

Course structure
17 core units and seven elective units totalling 24 credit points.

Fractions of credits are rounded up to the nearest credit point.

Core units
- Compulsory three-day campus-based induction program:
  - Administrative Law and Policy
  - Advanced Legal Professional Practice
  - Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Policy
  - Commercial Law and Policy
  - Constitutional Law and Policy
  - Contract Law and Policy
  - Corporate and Business Law
  - Corporate Law and Policy
  - Criminal Law and Policy
  - Criminal Procedure and Policy
  - Evidence and Policy
  - Land Law and Policy
  - Law and Policy of International Conduct and Product Liability
  - Legal Method and Statutory Interpretation
  - Legal Practice, Ethics and Policy
  - Property Law and Policy
  - Trusts and Equitable Remedies

Elective units
- 7 credit points chosen from:
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution: Principles and Practice
  - Business Taxation Law and Policy
  - Civil and Commercial Law Clinic
  - Competition Law and Policy
  - Corporate Governance
  - Corporate Insolvency Law and Policy
  - Family Law and Policy
  - Financial Services Regulation
  - Health Law
  - Human Rights Law and Policy
  - Intellectual Property and Policy
  - International Commercial Law and Policy
  - Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Public International Law
  - Sport and the Law
  - Superannuation Law and Policy
  - Taxation Law and Policy
  - Venture Law Clinic

This course is not available to international students.

Master of Laws (LLM)

If you have an undergraduate law degree, this program offers you the opportunity to develop high-level skills for an advanced career in law. It focuses on international commercial law and corporate regulation, and equips you with fundamental knowledge in important areas of the Australian and international legal system.

The content covers new developments in major areas of human activity – such as internet technology, health and financial services – and the increased regulation in traditional areas of resources, dispute resolution and human rights.

The program also develops advanced research, analytical, evaluative and communication skills as applied to major policy issues in areas of research and scholarly strength at Deakin Law School.

Course structure
Four core units and four elective units totalling 8 credit points.

Master of Legal Studies

Deakin’s Master of Legal Studies degree is designed to enhance professional capabilities, employability and career progression in a range of disciplines, including international relations, human resources, public health and humanitarian assistance.

A master’s degree from the study of relevant law gives students a competitive and reputational advantage in their chosen professional career field. The Master of Legal Studies, in addition to its focused streams and disciplines, also provides a research specialisation to accommodate a PhD pathway.

This course is suitable for both those who are legally qualified and wish to practise in a chosen professional specialisation and those who have undertaken prior studies in one of the non-law specialisations, wishing to advance themselves through further legal studies directly applicable to that area.

Course structure
Four core units, four stream units and eight specialisation units totalling 16 credit points.

Master of Accounting and Law

Deakin’s Master of Accounting and Law is designed for those who need specialist legal knowledge in their roles (regulatory, compliance or risk management positions), wishing to combine this knowledge with an advanced accounting qualification.

The course provides the required knowledge for professional accounting practice and enables law students to gain accounting expertise to enhance their career outside the legal profession.

Graduates will have knowledge in accounting and business law, which is critical for today’s complex regulatory environment, post-global financial crisis.

The course offers graduates a pathway to gain entry to professional accounting bodies such as the CPA Australia, the Institute of Public Accountants, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and exemptions from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Pathways
- Graduate Certificate of Accounting and Law
- Graduate Diploma of Accounting and Law

‘Being research active enables me to establish a research-driven teaching curriculum in DLS programs.’

Dr Firew Tiba
Law senior lecturer
## Research

Covering research areas as diverse as international law, criminal justice and environmental law, we share our findings through conferences and workshops and run regular collaborative research seminars for our students.

### Research degrees

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### Master of Laws (Major Thesis) | M810

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have demonstrated evidence of a high standard of research ability. This is normally an honours year to H2B (70%-plus) standard, or a coursework master’s degree with a substantial thesis. However, other evidence of research ability may be considered, and could include a thesis as part of an international undergraduate degree, relevant refereed publications, research awards, or research experience.

### Doctor of Philosophy | M900

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have demonstrated evidence of a high standard of research ability. This is normally an honours year to H2A (90%-plus) standard, or a research master’s degree, or a coursework master’s degree with a substantial thesis. However, other evidence of research ability may be considered, and could include a thesis as part of an international undergraduate degree, relevant refereed publications, research awards, or research experience.

Entry to Higher Degree by Research candidature is normally granted on the basis of a bachelor’s degree with honours (that is, a four-year degree where the final year includes advanced studies in the discipline, research methodology training and a research thesis) or a master’s degree with a substantial research component, in a field of study related to the subject of the proposed research. It is expected that a candidate for a doctoral program will have achieved the standard of at least second-class honours (upper division), and that a candidate for a master’s degree will have achieved the standard of second-class honours. Other qualifications and experience may be considered for entry if the higher degree by Research Committee accepts them as equivalent to those above. Where entry is sought based on alternative qualifications, a key requirement is that there has been some research activity leading to a thesis or equivalent publications. The HDR Committee looks for evidence of research potential and demonstrated ability to produce a significant research report – two qualities that will be essential for successful candidature.

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* If you’re a successful applicant for research degree candidature, and you’re an Australian citizen, permanent resident or New Zealand citizen, you won’t pay any tuition fees. Fees displayed should be used as a guide only and are subject to change. International fees are based on 8 credit points in one year of full-time study, unless otherwise indicated. Please visit deakin.edu.au/fees for the most up-to-date information.

* Most courses start in Trimester 1 (March to June). This column indicates whether you have the option of commencing your studies in Trimester 2 (July to October) or Trimester 3 (November to February). Not all units are offered in every trimester.

### Building and law development network – building and linking research capabilities

**BUiLD** supports research capacity building and capability development in Deakin Business School and Deakin Law School. **BUiLD** also promotes the generation of research networks both within and outside Deakin by bringing people together in real and virtual environments.

**BUiLD** welcomes involvement from all members of the Deakin Business and Law community. The **BUiLD** website draws together a wealth of information about **BUiLD** events, research support, research news and resources. Visit deakin.edu.au/buslaw for more information.

### Deakin Law School – research centres

**Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance (CCC-G)**

The CCC-G undertakes research into comparative corporate governance in order to identify trends and best practices to ensure responsible, sustainable and long-term prosperity and growth for corporations, including taking into consideration the interests of all stakeholders, as well as societal interests.

**Centre on the Legal Profession**

This centre conducts research on the changing market for legal services – enabled by technology and globalisation – and the optimal forms of regulation to respond to these changes while delivering access to justice and protecting the rule of law.

**Centre for Energy and Natural Resources (CENRL)**

The CENRL places Deakin Law School at the forefront of contemporary debates on energy and natural resources law. Energy and natural resource law and policy is crucially important for global development.

Having the opportunity to teach and develop courses, such as constitutional law and human rights law, which are closely aligned to my research interests, is really fulfilling. This in turn enables me to continue being research active in these areas.”

Dr M Ehteshamul (Tanim) Barl, Director, Juris Doctor
‘At Deakin I have the opportunity to teach and research – the former gives me the chance to make a positive difference to someone’s life and career; the latter provides me with the time and resources to think deeply about relevant issues in the area of legal history and personal injuries law.’

Dr Jason Taliadoros
Law senior lecturer