



**DEAKIN**

LAW  
SCHOOL

# MASTER OF LAWS

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# A focus on international commercial law and corporate regulation, preparing you for an advanced legal career.



*'Deakin Law School is renowned for its emphasis on student success and teaching quality. The Deakin Master of Laws brings the commercial world into the classroom and equips you with the competencies required for leadership roles in the international legal services market. You will learn to problem-solve, analyse, write, and advocate in a variety of exciting legal contexts. We invite you to join our vibrant community and advance your career opportunities.'*

**PROFESSOR SANDEEP GOPALAN**  
DEAN, DEAKIN LAW SCHOOL

## DEAKIN LAW SCHOOL

Deakin Law School (DLS) is located in Melbourne – the world's most liveable city for the 5th year 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. 1 in the state for teaching quality, no. 89 on the SSRN Top 500 Law Schools and No.150-200 on *QS World University Rankings* (2015). Deakin University is ranked no.36 in the world on the QS Top 50 Under 50 in 2015.

We pride ourselves on delivering a high quality educational experience and students are our primary focus. This yields exceptional student success, such as winning the 2014 Willem C. Vis International Moot.

For six consecutive years, Deakin University has achieved the highest level of overall student satisfaction amongst Victorian universities. These great results are based on the Australian Graduate Survey.

DLS has recently established four new research centres (Centre on the Legal Profession, Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance, Centre for Evidence Based Sentencing, and Centre for Energy and Natural Resource Law) as well as clinical programs for students.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Deakin's Master of Laws 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

## MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)\*

**Course code:** M726

**Offered:** Melbourne Burwood Campus and Cloud (online)

**Duration:** 1 year full time or part time equivalent

**Commencing:** July 2016 (Trimester 2)

**CRICOS course code:** 042690K

### COURSE STRUCTURE

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

MLM704 Foundations of Law

MLM705 Research Methodology

MLM707 Research Thesis (2 credit points)

#### Sample elective units

The remaining 4 credit points can be chosen from the units below:

MLC703 Principles of Income Tax Law

MLC707 Commercial and Corporations Law

MLM715 Health Law

MLM716 Alternative Dispute Resolution:  
Principles and Practice

MLM717 Financial Services Regulation

MLM785 Public International Law

MLM718 Venture Law Clinic

MLM727 Superannuation Law and Policy

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entry requirements:

- A four year degree in the same discipline, (an honours degree, 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' documented relevant professional experience.

International students will also require an IELTS overall score of 6.5 (with no band score less than 6.0) or equivalent. The English Language requirements are Band B.

### FEES

The LLM is a full fee paying course. For further fee information, please visit [deakin.edu.au/fees](http://deakin.edu.au/fees).

### APPLY

Apply online at [deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/international-students/apply](http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/international-students/apply) or in person at one of our international offices, via mail application or through a Deakin agent.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Deakin University offers a range of scholarships, including a Deakin Law School LLM bursary. More information at [deakin.edu.au/scholarships](http://deakin.edu.au/scholarships).

## ONLINE EDUCATION

The eight credit-point program can be completed in one year full time (or part-time equivalent) and offers flexible study options in terms of both on-campus and online modes, allowing you to complete the program whilst continuing with your career.

### 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.<sup>1</sup>

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. The DLS is also comprised of the following main research centres:

#### Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance

The Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance (CCC-G) undertakes research into comparative corporate governance in order to identify contemporary corporate governance 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 society interests.

#### Centre for Evidence Based Sentencing

The Centre for Evidence-Based Sentencing undertakes research into sentencing law and policy in order to influence government policy and judicial case-law to implement reforms that will make the criminal justice system fairer and more efficient.

#### Centre on the Legal Profession

The Centre on the Legal Profession 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 whilst delivering access to justice and protecting the rule of law.

#### Centre for Energy and Natural Resources

The Centre for Energy and Natural Resource Law (CENRL) will place Deakin Law School at the forefront of contemporary debates on energy and natural resources law. The Centre seeks to build upon the existing research and industry strengths in the Law School and substantially expand them. Energy and Natural Resource Law and policy is crucially important for global development.

\* Subject to final university approval.

1. Graduate Careers Australia ( [www.graduatecareers.com.au](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au) )



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING WITH UNIQUE 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).



*'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**  
JUDGE, COURT OF APPEAL, SRI LANKA  
MASTER OF LAWS ALUMNUS

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## DEAKIN LAW SCHOOL BY NUMBERS

- 1** for highest student satisfaction level amongst Victorian universities
- 1 of 7** universities awarded an ARC Discovery grant in the discipline of Law for 2016
- 36** ranking in the QS Top 50 Universities under 50 years old
- 89** ranking in the SSRN Top 500 International Law Schools
- 150-200** ranking 150-200 in the QS World University Rankings by subject

## DEAKIN LAW SCHOOL: RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### The Australian Financial Review

Professor Louis de Koker featured in the article - 'Australia "dragging chain" on money laws', 14 April 2016.

### The Guardian

Professor Mirko Bagaric - 'Crime: Indigenous Australians and African Americans deserve a "sentencing discount"', 5 April 2016.

### The Conversation

Professor Mirko Bagaric - 'How can we mitigate the crime that is female over-imprisonment?', 12 January 2016.

Professor Samantha Hepburn - 'Greg Hunt approves Adani's Carmichael coal mine again', 16 October 2015.

### The Age

Professor Cindy Davids featured in the article - 'Dale may face new charges', 31 July 2015.

### National University of Singapore – Faculty of Law – Centre for Asian Legal Studies

Presentation by Professor Christoph Antons on 'Geographical indications in the context of Indonesian decentralisation policies' at the conference on 'Geographical Indications at the Crossroads of Trade, Development, and Culture in Asia-Pacific', 27 March 2015.

Professor Christoph Antons was awarded a highly prestigious Australian Research Council Discovery grant worth \$144,000 to conduct research on: Intangible Cultural Heritage across Borders: Laws, Structures and Strategies in China and its ASEAN Neighbours.

### Data to Decisions Cooperative Research Centres

Professor Louis de Koker is named the Program Lead for the Research Program 3: Law and Policy for Big Data Analysis.

The national Data to Decisions Cooperative Research Centre was established in July 2014 with a government grant of \$25 million. It combines Deakin researchers and industry as well as additional contributions valued at more than \$50 million to provide Big Data capability resulting in a safer and more secure nation and a sustainable Big Data workforce for Australia.

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