Deakin
Juris Doctor
Cloud Campus
Deakin Juris Doctor Program is a premium postgraduate program offered by the Deakin Law School. It has been designed to equip students with the skills required to be successful in the global employment market. In this context, it is important to shed light on how we have sought to do this.

First, there is a distinct commercial flavour about how the Deakin JD has been developed. That is, in addition to educating you in the areas necessary for obtaining professional recognition, we have a focus on commercial law areas as commercial expertise is in demand and we recognise that your education is a significant investment. However, this has not been done to the exclusion of other topical subjects, such as human rights law, health law and international law. Thus, you will have plenty of course options.

Second, we have a practical focus for our JD Program, which is achieved through targeted practical assessments built throughout the units. The objective of this is to develop your skills in advocacy, reasoning, analysis, and communication, as these are necessary for you to become a leader in a variety of careers in law, media, regulatory agencies, NGOs, international organisations, business, government departments, and consulting firms. Furthermore, through our state-of-the-art clinical program, which is delivered at the Deakin Downtown location, you will be provided with the opportunity to work with real clients and develop your skills further by providing them with access to justice.

Finally, we have an emphasis on policy for the Deakin JD Program, i.e., in addition to equipping you with disciplinary knowledge, the program develops advanced understanding of the policy rationales for legal rules. This focus on policy is very much appropriate for a Master’s level program, such as the JD, and ensures students become advocates and creative problem-solvers, applying a diverse mix of rules and helping to design optimal policies for systemic reform.

Deakin is well placed to develop the above capabilities because of the excellence of our academic staff who publish research in the world’s leading journals and are participants in law reform endeavours. Our staff are educated in the finest institutions of the world, such as Harvard, Oxford and Stanford, and bring real world experience to the classroom.

The Deakin Juris Doctor offers prestige and outstanding career opportunities. The disciplinary knowledge, thinking, analytical, and communication skills together will equip graduates to become leaders in an array of esteemed careers.

Deakin offers an exciting intellectual community for the study of law.

I hope you will join us in this exciting journey.

Dr M. Ehteshamul (Tanim) Bari
Course Director, Deakin Juris Doctor
The Deakin Juris Doctor

Deakin Law School’s Juris Doctor (JD) is a prestigious postgraduate law program that can prepare you to become a leader in an array of global careers.

Designed for non-law graduates, this intellectually stimulating course is offered fully online after an initial three-day orientation program. Delivered through Deakin’s sophisticated online learning platform, CloudDeakin, ensures your learning experience is personalised, engaging and flexible.

With its strong practical and commercial focus, the Deakin JD delivers real-world legal skills with an in-depth knowledge of the policies and processes that inform the law. You will be taught by Deakin Law School academics who are recognised in Australia and overseas, for their expertise in legal education and research.

As a Deakin law student, you will be part of an award-winning centre of excellence. In the prestigious QS World University Rankings, Deakin Law School is ranked as one of Victoria’s top law schools.

At the completion of the JD program, you will meet the academic requirements for admission to legal practice in Victoria. In addition to satisfying the academic qualifications, if you are seeking admission to the legal profession in Victoria, you will need to fulfil the practical legal training requirements required by the Victorian Legal Admissions Board (VLAB).

These include opportunities from roles within large multinational organisations to small local law practices. You will also be eligible for other industry roles within business (corporate lawyer, company administrator or business manager); government (Attorney General’s Department, Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Director of Public Prosecutions, and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission); industrial relations; public administration; academia, or law reform organisations.

The Deakin JD is a stand-alone qualification that provides you with the knowledge, skills and opportunities for a rewarding profession within the legal, government, corporate or community sectors.
Deakin Law School

Deakin Law School (DLS) is a recognised and respected community of researchers, academics and students.

In the prestigious QS World University Rankings, DLS is ranked as one of Victoria’s top law schools. It has twice taken out one of the world’s most prestigious law student competitions – the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot – conducted each year in Vienna.

DLS is ranked no. 53 on the SSRN Top 500 International Law Schools¹, and no. 101-150 on QS World University Rankings². DLS is also one of 23 law schools in Australia which have received CALD certification³. A centre for excellence in commercial law, Deakin Law School’s focus supports a diverse range of study and research areas including intellectual property; corporate governance; tort and the law of medicine; sentencing and criminal justice; energy and natural resource law, and constitutional law.

The quality and calibre of this research is presented regularly at conferences, workshops and symposia.

Deakin Law School facilitates research excellence with real impact which further serve to inform a contemporary and highly-relevant curriculum.

1 Social Science Research Network (SSRN) Rankings (2017)
2 QS World University Rankings (2017)
3 Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) (2017)
Research centres

Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance
Deakin University’s Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance (CCCG) 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. This includes taking into consideration the interests of all stakeholders as well as society’s interests.

Centre for Evidence-Based Sentencing
Deakin University’s Centre for Evidence-Based Sentencing (CEBS) 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 (COLP) 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.

‘Deakin’s Juris Doctor is designed for graduates who desire the flexibility of studying where and when they desire. It provides the academic training necessary for admission to the legal profession in Australia and its first rate online learning environment equips graduates with skills necessary to pursue a broad range of careers in law, business or government.’

Dr Firew Tiba
Senior Lecturer, Deakin Juris Doctor

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The Deakin JD is an innovative and inspiring program designed for non-law graduates.

The Deakin JD is a three-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) course consisting of 24 units. Students will complete 17 compulsory units and choose 7 elective units. This is a premium online postgraduate law degree with outstanding career opportunities.

With 24/7 online access to resources and academic and peer support, you will also have the option of face-to-face consultations and on-campus revision sessions.

One of the program’s distinctive features is its focus on commercial law. While incorporating diverse topics that cater for a wide range of interests, this orientation is shaped by the inclusion of units that exceed those required for admission to legal practice.

Each unit in the JD has an emphasis on policy. This aims to develop higher-level critical skills and the ability to interpret the purpose and merit of the law. You will use legal theory and research methods to investigate policy issues and reforms, and assessment will include research essays that focus on current policy issues.

The course’s practical orientation is highlighted by its unique capstone unit ‘Advanced Legal Professional Practice’ where you will undertake experiential learning about the science of persuasion and learn the skills and strategies of practical problem solving.

Practical assessments in this unit may include: oral bail application and court submissions; procedural rules application; memorandum of advice preparation; mock client interviews and negotiations, and a moot court submission. Group assignments staggered throughout the program, will develop your skills in communication and collaboration.

JD Induction Program

Commencing JD students attend a compulsory induction program which provides an opportunity to meet teaching staff, and other students in the JD program.

The program includes an introduction to our online teaching platform, so you can hit the ground running with studying in the Cloud.
The Deakin JD is an innovative program that features 17 compulsory units and a suite of electives covering a diverse range of interests including the critically-important fields of workplace law, intellectual property, competition law and policy, and family law.

### Year 1
- Legal Method and Statutory Interpretation
- Contract Law and Policy
- Criminal Law and Policy
- Torts and Policy
- Commercial Law and Policy
- Law and Policy of Misleading Conduct and Product Liability
- Criminal Procedure and Policy
- Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Policy

### Year 2
- Constitutional Law and Policy
- Administrative Law and Policy
- Property Law and Policy
- Evidence Law and Policy
- Corporate Law and Policy
- Land Law and Policy
- Elective unit
- Elective unit

### Year 3
- Trusts and Equitable Remedies
- Legal Practice, Ethics and Policy
- Advanced Legal Professional Practice
- Elective unit
- Elective unit
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*Elective units may be taught on rotation basis and available elective units for the year will be advertised*
The Deakin JD is delivered as a premium online course supported by the university’s innovative e-learning platform - CloudDeakin, which enables you to enjoy a fully-immersive learning experience.

The Deakin JD is delivered in a unique learning space that is flexible, accessible and tailor-made to your study requirements.

CloudDeakin is a sophisticated and streamlined learning environment that provides you with a highly-visual, media-rich and interactive learning experience. It’s engaging, inspiring and personalised.

Through CloudDeakin, each of your Deakin JD units are delivered via digital study guides, online lectures, live eSeminars, self-assessment tests, and supported by an array of video and audio content.

Utilising new and emerging technologies, CloudDeakin ensures all your study resources are available in a wide range of accessible formats.

In addition to the course’s digital resources, you will ‘meet’ your lecturers online who will ensure you understand the program’s study expectations and its learning outcomes and assessment requirements. Within the CloudDeakin environment you will also be able to participate in real-time discussions with your peers and the JD teaching staff.

Additionally, you will have access to an in-depth range of digital legal resources such as eBooks and electronic law databases that complement Deakin’s extensive law libraries on its Melbourne, Geelong and Warrnambool campuses.

Throughout the JD program there are options for on-campus face-to-face consultations and revision workshops, and the Deakin JD staff are available via phone, email or online.

CloudDeakin ensures that as a Deakin JD student you are part of a vibrant ‘campus’ life that keeps you connected, engaged and supported throughout the program.
‘I have just started a strata management company. Having a legal qualification will give me the additional skills to pursue this venture with confidence.’

Elsa Sturma
Current JD Student
Applications

Entry requirements
Applicants to the Deakin JD must hold a bachelor’s degree in a non-law area with a minimum weighted average mark (WAM) of 65%. Applicants with a bachelor’s degree in a non-law discipline with a WAM of 60% must attain 3 years relevant work experience to be considered for the program. Applicants with a Masters degree from a non-law discipline will also be considered. Students from other JD programs are welcome to apply.

A bachelor’s degree in a non-law area is defined as a degree that is not accredited or approved by the Victorian Council of Legal Education as meeting the requirements for admission to the legal profession. Applicants with a law degree from an overseas jurisdiction, deemed to be the AQF equivalent of a three-year bachelor’s degree, will be eligible to apply.

English proficiency: IELTS 7 (no band less than 7, speaking and listening 7.5)

Fees
The Deakin JD is a full fee-paying course. Tuition fees for 2017 (full-time enrolment) are:

- $30,400* per annum

* Rates shown are based on one Equivalent Full-Time Study Load (EFTSL) or 8 credit points. If you undertake more or fewer credit points of study, your fees will be adjusted based on your study load.

Commonwealth Supported Places are not available for this course, however, you may be eligible for FEE-HELP, which is an Australian Government loan scheme to assist eligible higher education students, enrolled in fee paying places, with paying their tuition fees. More information can be found at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/fees/fee-payment-assistance. JD students may be eligible for government financial assistance. Further information and conditions can be found at humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/austudy.

Juris Doctor scholarships
Deakin Law School offers a number of Juris Doctor Scholarships for Excellence, each valued at $10,000 per year for the normal full-time duration of the course. Part-time students are eligible pro-rata. The scholarship is designed for commencing or enrolled students who show exceptional promise within or beyond their academic achievements. Recipients must demonstrate strong academic performance and/or excellence in extracurricular activities, community service and/or leadership.

Deakin has a flexible approach to payment of scholarship benefits, which means you have the choice to package the scholarship in a way that best suits your needs. Transferring students will be considered for all available scholarships and awards. Students who have received credit for prior learning from another JD program will be considered for all eligible scholarships.

Conditions do apply so please visit deakin.edu.au/courses/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/juris-doctor-scholarship-for-excellence for full details.

Deakin University offers a range of scholarships and awards. Full details at deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

Credit for prior learning
Deakin aims to provide students with as much credit as possible for approved prior study or informal learning which exceeds the normal entrance requirements for the course and is within the constraints of the course regulations. Students are required to complete a minimum of one-third of the course at Deakin University, or four credit points, whichever is the greater.

For more information go to deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/credit-for-prior-learning.
Find out more

Deakin JD Information Sessions
14 September 2017
Deakin Downtown
Find out more at deakin.edu.au/jd.

Deakin JD Induction Program (Compulsory)
21–23 February 2018
Melbourne

Application dates
Applications open 7 August 2017
Applications close 29 January 2018

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/trimester-one.
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