Master of Accounting and Law

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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.


### Professional recognition

Completion of the appropriate selection of units within the Master of Accounting and Law grants eligibility for entry as an associate member of Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia, and meets the educational requirements for entry into the Chartered Accounting (CA) program of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) and exemptions from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) towards the ACCA qualification.

Students who wish to enter the CA, CPA programs or exemptions to the ACCA program are advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that they take the appropriate units required for entry. Students who have completed prior undergraduate or postgraduate units in accounting or other core knowledge areas are advised to have their qualifications assessed by their preferred professional organisation to ensure they complete the correct units.

The eligibility of students for membership of any of the accounting accrediting bodies is subject to meeting the requirements of that body and Deakin makes no representations that individuals will meet those requirements.
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Course overview

The accounting profession has recently seen a fundamental shift from a role that was seen as providing financial information towards a multi-disciplinary advisory role. Similarly, many law firms increasingly favour graduates who display accounting and financial acumen.

Deakin’s Master of Accounting and Law (MAL) course provides an advanced, integrated, and coherent set of multidisciplinary studies in a range of business and law disciplines, encompassing areas such as accounting, finance, commercial law and business taxation. Graduates will possess a skill-set covering accounting and related business law subjects, including superannuation, business taxation and financial services regulation. Graduates with a Master of Accounting and Law will have multi-disciplinary skills with the ability to solve complex business issues in multiple markets.

Course structure

Course code: M749
Offered: Melbourne Burwood Campus and Cloud Campus
Intake/s: Trimester 1 (March), Trimester 2 (July) and Trimester 3 (November)
Duration: 1.5-2 years full-time or part-time equivalent
CRICOS Course code: 092027E

The Master of Accounting and Law requires the completion of 16 credit points. All students must complete a three-day orientation program, 15 core units and 1 elective unit.

Core units

- Accounting
- Accounting and Legal Research Methods
- Accounting for Management
- Advanced Accounting Principles and Practice
- Business Process Management (Start Anytime unit)
- Commercial and Corporations Law
- Corporate Auditing
- Economics for Managers
- Finance
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Services Regulation
- Principles of Income Tax Law
- Superannuation Law and Policy
- Taxation
- Venture Law Clinic

Elective units

Select a 1 credit point unit from the Accounting or Law elective list:

- Accounting
- Governance and Fraud
- Strategic Management Accounting
- Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Principles and Practice
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Insolvency Law and Policy
- Corporations Law

Career opportunities

Graduates of this course would typically seek employment in areas of accounting such as financial accounting, auditing, taxation, management accounting, public sector accounting, forensic accounting, commercial law or compliance/risk management. Accountants can choose to work in a range of different environments depending on their own skills and preferences. They can choose to work in large firms, small public practices, industry, government, law firms, management consultancies, banking and financial services, not-for-profit organisations (NPOs) or educational organisations. Many also set up their own businesses. Given the fundamental shift of accountants towards a wide-ranging advisory role, career opportunities are also becoming available in other vocations including working as financial planners, investment advisers, market analysts, tax consultants, advisers in mergers and acquisitions, in corporate recovery and insolvency, treasury banking, e-commerce or information technology.

Notes

1 Required by CPA Australia for Associate (foundation level) Membership.
2 Required by the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand for entry to the CA Program.
3 For candidates who have completed an accredited degree in Australia, this unit may be taken as part of the CPA program. Other students must complete the unit before becoming an Associate Member of CPA Australia.
4 For candidates who would like to obtain exemptions to the ACCA program.
New 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).

Entry requirements
• a bachelor degree, major or other qualification at a higher AQF level in any discipline, or
• successful completion of Masters Qualifying Program (or MQP Extended)* plus three years relevant work experience.
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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