

# DEAKIN LAW SCHOOL JURIS DOCTOR

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## 2017



# WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

The Deakin Law School's Juris Doctor program is exceptional. Whether your academic background is in an arts discipline, commerce, or the sciences, our excellence in practical and commercially focused legal education will arm you with a credential designed to maximise your success in the global employment market.

It is important for you to understand why the Deakin JD is your best choice. First, we designed the JD to offer a commercial focus – in addition to educating you in areas necessary for obtaining professional recognition – because commercial expertise is in demand and we recognise that your education is a significant investment.

Second, we will develop your skills in advocacy, reasoning, analysis, and communication, because 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.

Crucially, in addition to equipping you with disciplinary knowledge, the Deakin JD program develops advanced understanding of the policy rationales for legal rules. Reflecting the graduate nature of the program, this development 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 these 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.

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.

## PROFESSOR SANDEEP GOPALAN

Dean, Deakin Law School



# THE DEAKIN JURIS DOCTOR

Deakin Law School's Juris Doctor (JD) is a prestigious postgraduate law program that can lead you to a first-class law career

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, it 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 have the academic requirements for admission to legal practice in Victoria and a postgraduate qualification that offers you outstanding career opportunities.

These include opportunities from roles within large multi-national 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 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 is a recognised and respected community of researchers, academics and students.

In the prestigious QS World University Rankings, Deakin 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. 1 in the state for teaching quality, no. 89 on the SSRN Top 500 Law Schools, 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.

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 across industry, society, policy and legislation which further serve to inform a contemporary and highly-relevant curriculum.



‘One of the greatest benefits of the Juris Doctor (JD) course is the flexibility it offers students. It is an online degree, allowing students to engage in a learning experience in the Cloud in an ever increasingly digitally driven world. The JD utilises innovative technology to deliver course material and allows students to connect with teaching staff and other students across the globe in a virtual classroom.’

### **DR NEERA BHATIA**

Deakin Law School



### **Research centres**

DLS has recently established four new research centres:

#### **Centre for Comparative Corporate Governance**

Deakin University’s 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. 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 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.

# COURSE OVERVIEW

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

Highly-structured, this three-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) course consists of 24 compulsory online units which deliver a premium postgraduate law degree with outstanding career opportunities.

The Deakin JD is a unique and premium online course. 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.

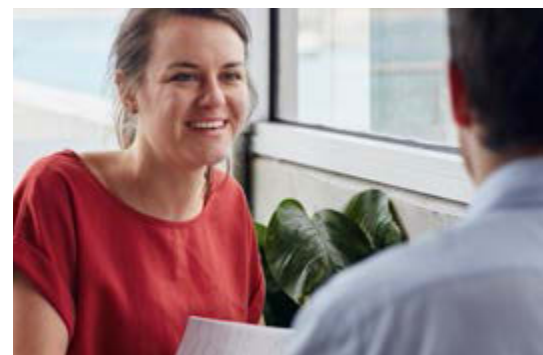
The course's practical orientation is highlighted by its unique capstone unit 'Advanced Legal Professional Practice' where you will undertake experiential learning about the science of persuasion and learn the skills and strategies of practical problem solving.

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.



'Deakin's new Juris Doctor has been 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 the skills necessary to pursue a broad range of careers in law, business or government.'

**MS VICKI HUANG AND DR FIREW TIBA**  
JD Co-Directors

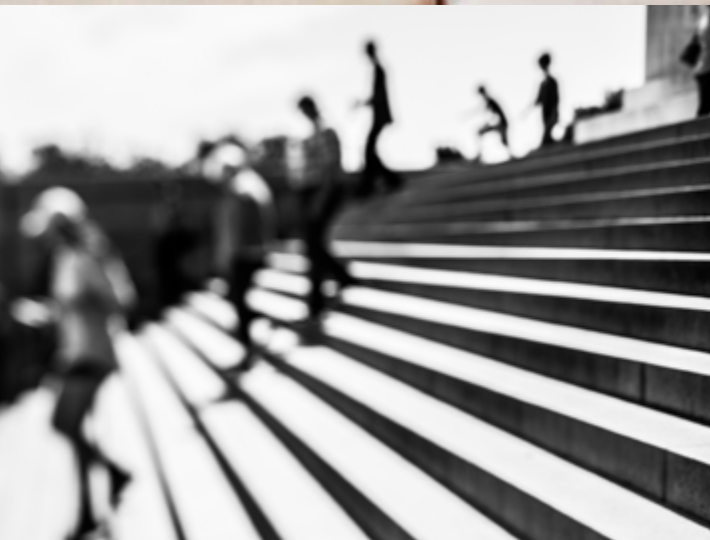






# COURSE CONTENT

The Deakin JD is a highly-structured program that features 24 compulsory units 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
- Family Law and Policy
- Evidence Law and Policy
- Workplace Law and Policy
- Corporate Law and Policy
- Land Law and Policy

## Year 3

- Trusts and Equitable Remedies
- Competition Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property and Policy
- Legal Practice, Ethics and Policy
- Advanced Legal Professional Practice
- International Commercial Law and Policy
- Taxation Law and Policy
- Mergers and Acquisitions

# ONLINE LEARNING

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 for 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 is delivered via digital study guides, online lectures, live tutorials, 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.







'My eyes have been opened to a new understanding and appreciation for our legal system and I'm already adapting the learned legal principles into my business. My long-term ambition is to become a barrister and help the less fortunate in society.'

**RICHARD CURIE**

Project Director at Curie Pty Ltd



# APPLICATIONS

## Entry requirements

Applicants to the Deakin JD must hold a bachelor's degree in a non-law area or a law qualification from an overseas jurisdiction, equivalent to and not less than three years of full-time study at a university or other approved educational institution with a minimum weighted average mark of 65%. 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 2016 (full-time enrolment) are:

- \$33 960\* per annum for domestic students
- \$36 000\* per annum for international students

\* 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](http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/fees/fee-payment-assistance).

## Scholarships

Deakin Law School offers a number of Juris Doctor Scholarships for Excellence. The scholarship is designed for commencing or enrolled students who show exceptional promise within or beyond their academic achievements. Strong academic performance and/or excellence in extracurricular activities, community service or leadership will hold the key to success.

The scholarship is valued at \$10 000 per year for the normal full-time duration of the course. 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. Part-time and full-time students are eligible for consideration.

Conditions do apply so please visit [deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards/juris-doctor-scholarship-for-excellence](http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/scholarships-and-awards/juris-doctor-scholarship-for-excellence) for full details.

## 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](http://deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/credit-for-prior-learning).

## TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

Students from other JD programs are welcome\*. Transferring students will be considered for all eligible bursaries and scholarships.

\* Transfers accepted into first and second year units only.







## BURSARIES

Deakin alumni, their spouses and their children are eligible for a 10 per cent reduction on their enrolment fees. Conditions apply, so please visit [deakin.edu.au/alumni/services-and-benefits/postgraduate-bursary](http://deakin.edu.au/alumni/services-and-benefits/postgraduate-bursary) for full details.



# FIND OUT MORE

## DEAKIN JD INFORMATION SESSIONS

**15 June 2016**

6–7pm  
Melbourne City Centre  
Level 3/550 Bourke Street  
Melbourne

**17 September 2016**

6–7pm  
Melbourne City Centre  
Level 3/550 Bourke Street  
Melbourne

## DEAKIN JD ORIENTATION PROGRAM (COMPULSORY)

**23–25 February 2017**

Melbourne





## CONTACT US

For further information,  
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**[deakin.edu.au/jd](http://deakin.edu.au/jd)**.

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