

Melbourne Burwood Campus
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Online



Designed and taught by practising lawyers and academics, Deakin's accredited Bachelor of Laws combines sound legal training with real-world experience. You will develop key skills such as problem-solving, analytical thinking and ethical reasoning.

Attracting some of the best and brightest students in Australia for nearly 30 years, our graduates enjoy high employment rates in dynamic roles across law, business, journalism, public administration, private enterprise and politics.

The legal profession is highly commercialised, with lawyers increasingly required to provide clients with practical and commercial advice, as well as legal expertise. A distinctive feature of this course is its focus on practical learning. As credit towards your degree, you will have the opportunity to complete work-integrated learning placements. You may be placed at law firms, legal aid providers and government offices that will help you acquire the in-demand legal skills and experience that employers are looking for today.

"The skills-building and workshop initiatives within Deakin Law School has allowed me to hone my legal research abilities and practical knowledge."

Beau Arnfield
Bachelor Laws/Bachelor of Arts
2019 LIV student of the year



Be a global explorer

During your studies, you'll have the opportunity to participate in international consultancy experiences, internships, volunteering placements, and study abroad programs – both face-to-face and virtually. These are more than opportunities to experience a new culture or workplace; they will enrich your learning and provide credit towards your degree. In the global world of business, they play a crucial role in preparing you for a wealth of career opportunities, which value intercultural experience. For more details on our exciting range of international programs please visit deakin.edu.au/overseas-study.

Work experience

With its practical, hands-on opportunities, Deakin courses are designed with a real-world learning focus that develops your workplace resilience and career skills. Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and Career Education are key components of all Deakin business programs. WIL provides strong opportunities to connect, network and engage with industry professionals from small to medium enterprises (90% of all Australian employers are from this sector) as well as multinational organisations. WIL at Deakin can help you utilise discipline knowledge, develop consultancy skills, or take the first steps as an Entrepreneur. These active and experiential learning opportunities help you integrate your knowledge, develop skills, tackle real problems, and reflect on the experience to develop your professional identity. **Click here for more information.**

Career outcomes

Obtaining a law degree is your first step to entering the legal profession. Upon completion of your degree and the additional practical legal training, you'll be qualified to work as a solicitor or barrister in all legal fields, including:

Commercial law Criminal law Family law Personal injury law

Public international and human rights law Refugee law

In addition, your degree opens numerous other career opportunities. As an alternative to practising as a barrister or solicitor, you may choose to enter:

Business as a corporate lawyer, consultant, company administrator

Government as a lawyer or policy adviser Industrial relations

Public administration Education Media Politics Law reform

Why choose Deakin?



40 years of distance and online teaching excellence.



Among the top 1% of universities worldwide
QS World University Rankings 2021



Victoria's #1 university for student support
2020 Student Experience Survey, UA benchmark group Victorian universities.



Deakin Law School is ranked in the top 10 of law schools in Australia

ARWU 2021 Global Ranking of Academic Subjects – Law



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#1 university for student satisfaction in Victoria for twelve consecutive years.

Australian Graduate Survey (2010–15) and QILT Student Experience Survey (2016–21)

ATAR*

Burwood: 90.35

Waterfront: 84.45

Online: Not published

Course information

Course code: M312

Years: 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Campus: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waterfront Campus, online

Intake: Trimester 1 (March), Trimester 2 (July)

CRICOS course code: 026686F

*The lowest selection rank ATAR is based on 2021 early and first round VTAC offers, including relevant adjustment factors.

Course breakdown



The exact number of credit points you study depends on how much credit you receive as recognition of prior learning (RPL) from your professional experience and previous qualifications. The 14 elective units must include a minimum of 6 credit points of law electives (including one unit of Work Integrated Learning), a minimum of 4 credit points of non-law electives and 4 credit points of electives that may be law.

Your first year

Below is an outline of the units available in your first year of study:

Trimester 1

- Contract A
- Legal Research and Statutory Interpretation
- Legal Communication and Ethical Decision Making
- Non-Law Elective unit

Trimester 2

- Criminal Law
- Misleading Conduct and Economic Torts
- Contract B
- Non-Law Elective unit

All students must complete Academic Integrity Module (MAI010), a zero-credit point online module.

Work Integrated Learning

The following Work Integrated Learning units are available:

Deakin Law Clinic

Deakin Law School offers five teaching law firms which provide legal placements for students. The clinics operate under the supervision of qualified legal practitioners and offer opportunities for students to build legal skills in the following areas:

- Civil and commercial law
- Criminal law
- Employment law
- Venture law
- Family law

A Deakin Law Clinic can be taken as a Law Elective in year 3 or year 4 of your Law degree.

Professional Recognition

Deakin's Bachelor of Laws is designed to satisfy the university component of the requirements to become an Australian Lawyer set by the **Victorian Legal Admissions Board (VLAB)**. In addition to completing an approved law degree, a person seeking entry is required to work for one year as a legal trainee, or to undertake a practical legal training (PLT) course.

Am I eligible to apply? Find entry requirements and application assistance at the links below.

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