

Law

POSTGRADUATE



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What postgraduate study can do for you



Become an expert in your field to drive your career forward

In a world that doesn't stand still, neither can you. Postgraduate study expands your employment opportunities and gives you the skills and expertise you need to progress your career. Employers value the professional skills and strategic thinking developed through studying at a postgraduate level.

▶ Gain industry experience while you study

Whether you're changing or progressing your career, Deakin's industry-immersed learning opportunities allow you to secure industry knowledge and expand your professional networks. The industry experience you gain during your course will help you make the shortlist for your ultimate job.

▶ Increase your earning potential

As a postgraduate student, you can build on the expertise you developed in your undergraduate degree and increase your earning potential. On average, those with a postgraduate qualification earn as much as \$27,700 more per year than their undergraduate counterparts.¹

▶ Expand your professional network

An extensive professional network provides lifelong benefits and is essential for career advancement. Deakin facilitates networking opportunities, allowing you to connect with industry leaders, fellow students, employers, mentors and experts in your chosen field.

▶ Secure your position in industry with professional recognition

Many of our courses are industry-accredited. This means that the knowledge and skills you learn will align with the latest industry practices. Employers and professional associations will recognise these qualifications.

▶ A career switch

The workplace learning opportunities offered in many of our postgraduate courses can provide you with the knowledge you need to move into a new and exciting field of employment. Gain experience in a new sector or industry while you enhance your employability.

▶ Stand out from the crowd

A postgraduate qualification helps you differentiate yourself from your peers. It equips you with skills and experience that set you apart from the competition and demonstrate your commitment to ongoing learning.



'I wanted a qualification that would not only prepare me for legal practice but also allow me to explore the policy dimensions of law. I chose the Juris Doctor because I wanted to study law at an advanced level. The JD offered that dual pathway: the opportunity to qualify as a lawyer while engaging with law as a tool for reform and governance.'

Cameron Macrae
Juris Doctor

Flexible. 100% online. Law for postgraduates.

Gain a first-class legal education at Deakin Law School with online study and get real flexibility without compromising quality.

Develop practical legal skills in analytical thinking, problem solving, negotiation and reasoning alongside hands-on legal experience.

Go beyond the letter of the law to understand the 'why' behind it with a focus on policy that enhances your versatility and career options.

Join an experienced student cohort that shares your passion for law, and graduate ready to pursue an outstanding career.



#1 VICTORIAN
UNIVERSITY FOR
COURSE SATISFACTION²



STUDY FULLY ONLINE
WITH ON-DEMAND
LECTURES AND
RECORDED SEMINARS.



TOP 3 VICTORIAN
LAW SCHOOL³



Explore Law

▶ deakin.edu.au/studylaw

Join Victoria's most satisfied graduates

Choose a course that rewards your passion



'Many JD graduates go on to become lawyers in both big or boutique law firms. Others have used their analytical skills to start NGOs and charitable organisations, work in government at various departments, or even go on to undertake a PhD'

Dr David Tan
Juris Doctor Course Director

Unlock law careers and more with a postgraduate degree

Bring your maturity, experience and commitment to the fore and join the highly motivated student cohort at Deakin Law School— #1 in Victoria for law course satisfaction².

Whether you are a career changer or an overseas lawyer looking to practise in Australia, our courses can equip you with a deep understanding of how law shapes policy, commerce, and society. Gain the flexibility to not only pursue a legal career, but opportunities in government, business and not-for-profits, where your skills and knowledge will set you apart.

With programs designed and taught by practising lawyers and leading researchers, you will gain a first-class academic law education enriched with insight from theory and professional practise.

Set your career direction through our extensive selection of elective units. Choose to specialise or diversify your expertise, from commercial and tax law to energy, health, migration and refugee law, and more.

Champion fairness in your own backyard

Create a positive impact even as you study, by working on real client matters in the Deakin Law Clinic, our in-house community legal service.

You'll complete 150 hours of case work under the guidance of practicing solicitors, where 80% of the experience is real legal case resolution, not just advice.

Or channel your efforts into the Policy Advocacy Clinic where Deakin students' submissions have been cited in reports by the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Develop the skills to advocate and argue before a judge through mootings competitions spanning international commercial arbitration, constitutional law, private law and contract law.

Throughout these opportunities and your entire program of study, you'll develop practical legal skills that give you an edge when you start your law career.



Premium online learning

► How it works

We use advanced technology to bring the classroom to you. Our premium online learning platform allows you to participate in live-streamed seminars, lectures and class discussions, as well as submit assignments online.

Whether you're a busy professional or you want to structure your study around other commitments, our premium interactive platform will help you make the most of your study time. More than 78,000 online students (and counting!) have graduated from Deakin.

► Learn via our premium online platform

DeakinSync makes your transition to online study a smooth one. It serves as your online campus, where you'll find everything you need.

All Deakin students connect and collaborate through DeakinSync, so you'll always have access to the Deakin community, no matter where you are in the world.

When you're on DeakinSync you can:

- access your learning materials, reading lists and study guides
- participate in online lectures, seminars and live chats
- manage your enrolment and fees, and access your student email
- access expert library research support
- access digital library resources 24/7
- access all sorts of study and personal support resources
- connect with career support
- access IT assistance (even outside regular hours).

For most online courses, you can even sit your end-of-trimester assessments online.

Digital is in our DNA; we have more than 50 years' experience in distance and online learning

Choose one of our industry-shaped online courses to future-proof your career. Work alongside our dynamic community of students online.

deakin.edu.au/study-online



Access a range of support services – from home

As an online student, you'll have access to a full range of personal services to support your health and wellbeing.

Our services include an extensive suite of career services, financial support and free counselling – all available for you to access without ever having to come on campus.



Top choice for online study in Victoria⁴



#1 Victorian uni for postgraduate student support⁶



#1 Victorian uni for course satisfaction⁵



#1 Victorian uni for facilities and resources⁷



Connect with 60,000+ students online



#1 Victorian uni for postgraduate educational experience⁸

Fees Scholarships RPL



Tuition fees at Deakin vary depending on the course you choose, the type of student you are and whether you're eligible for recognition of prior learning or awarded a scholarship.

Depending on your course, you'll be enrolled in either a Commonwealth supported place (**CSP**) or a full fee-paying place (**FFP**). Most of our postgraduate courses are full fee-paying places, however you may be eligible for a Government FEE-HELP loan, giving you the confidence to pursue your ultimate course.



HELP loans

Domestic students can defer their tuition fees with a Government HELP loan. Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once your annual income exceeds the minimum threshold.

FEE-HELP isn't means tested. Your income, or the income of a partner or your family, will not affect your eligibility. You can apply for FEE-HELP if you are enrolled as a full fee-paying student in an eligible course, and would like a Government loan to cover your tuition fees.



Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) turns your study and life experience into course credit that can reduce your study duration, as well as the cost of your study. We consider all university, TAFE and private tertiary education provider qualifications from around the world, as well as informal learning that relates to your course.

Every new course application at Deakin is automatically assessed for recognition of prior learning.



Explore your options

Find the scholarship, fee assistance or RPL requirements you need.

deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships



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Juris Doctor

Overview

Deakin's practise-focused Juris Doctor (JD) is built on the principle that lawyers can be catalysts for positive change in society. Designed for non-law graduates, this prestigious law program goes beyond the typical theory-centred model. Sharpen your critical thinking and practical skills, while developing a solid foundation of legal knowledge. You'll gain comprehensive training in each of the major areas of legal practice, with research, theory and policy embedded throughout the curriculum.

deakin.edu.au/course/juris-doctor

Careers

- Law firms – from small rural/regional practices to large national or international organisations
- Business
- Government
- Industrial relations
- Public administration
- Academia
- Law reform bodies.

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Trimester intake: **T1, T2, T3**

T3 intake is for part-time study only

Duration: **3 years full-time**

or part-time equivalent

NEW COURSE

Graduate Certificate of Australian Law

Overview

This course is designed to allow overseas trained lawyers and law graduates to meet the academic areas of knowledge for the Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules. Choose online study from a top 3 law school in the state of Victoria and gain a rigorous introduction to Australian law. Units incorporate a policy focus that enhances your versatility and you will gain local insight from a graduate-level cohort. Completing units drawn from our fully online Juris Doctor, you can complete your requirements before arriving in Australia, with flexibility to work around time differences and career commitments.

deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-certificate-australian-law

For fee information please visit the course pages.

Careers

- Barristers, including public prosecutors
- Corporate legal advisers
- Government and regulatory lawyers
- Policy officers or policy advisers
- Community or human rights lawyers
- Industrial relations or employment law specialists
- Public administrators
- Risk and governance managers
- Management consultants or analysts.

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Trimester intake: **T2, T3**

Duration: **0.5 years full-time**

or part-time equivalent



Your guide to applying at Deakin

► When can I expect an offer?

For applications made directly to Deakin, offers are made via email within a few days, subject to course, time of year and application information.

► Need help?

If you have questions or need support with your offer or the enrolment process, Student Central is here to assist you.

deakin.edu.au/enrolment



Step 1

CHOOSE DEAKIN

Step 2

FIND YOUR COURSE

Browse Deakin's website to check entry requirements, application methods and dates.

Step 3

CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO STUDY

Study online or on campus and either part time, full time or with units across three trimesters. This will depend on your own preferences and the course you choose. deakin.au/flexible-study-options

Step 4

LEARN ABOUT FEES

Learn about fees, other study costs, government assistance and scholarships.

deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships

Step 5

APPLY

We're here to ensure your application process is as seamless as possible. Learn more about how to apply at: deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply

▶ Contact us

We're here to help

We have staff at each of our campuses who are more than happy to answer your general queries.

Prospective student enquiries

1800 693 888

deakin.edu.au/help-hub

Endnotes

1. Graduate Outcomes Survey 2025 (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)
2. Law and Paralegal Studies (Undergraduate and Postgraduate), CompareEd (QILT – Course Experience Questionnaire), 2023–2024
3. 2025 QS World University Subject Rankings
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7. 2024 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)
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