

Master of International Law & International Relations

Faculty of Law



This program is jointly offered by
the Faculty of Law and
the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

“As a result of studying the Master of International Law & International Relations, I was able to secure a great job assisting with democracy and development projects in the Middle East and Africa.”



Corey Donahue
MILIR 2008

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There is virtually no area of world politics in which international law does not play a role, and international law cannot be fully understood without an appreciation of the political context in which it operates.

The Master of International Law & International Relations provides an interdisciplinary study program for students with backgrounds in law, the social sciences or humanities who are interested in a career in international law and international relations.

This program covers issues relating to the problems and conduct of international law and politics and the areas of interaction, overlap and conflict between the two disciplines. It provides students with a strong theoretical and practical understanding of the international legal system, the workings of international politics and their effect on each other.

Students will develop skills in identifying the underlying theoretical and practical issues that shape and inform international relations and the international legal system, and think creatively about approaches and solutions to them.

The Master of International Law & International Relations and the Graduate Diploma are joint programs of the Law School and the School of Social Sciences & International Studies in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences.

Who should enrol?

- Humanities graduates wishing to move into a career in international relations or foreign affairs
- Lawyers working in international law and politics
- Media professionals
- NGO professionals
- Public sector officers – particularly those working in Defence, Foreign Affairs & Trade, and the Australian Federal Police

Applicants must have been awarded a Bachelors degree in law, the social sciences or humanities with performance at credit level. Work experience will be taken into consideration for admission purposes where an applicant can demonstrate at least eight years' experience in the area of expertise.

This program does not lead to a professional qualification for legal practice.



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United Nations General Assembly

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Master of International Law & International Relations

48 units of credit (uoc); Full time over 2 semesters or part time

Graduate Diploma in International Law & International Relations

36 uoc; Full time over 2 semesters or part time

Compulsory courses

Students enrolled in both the Master of International Law & International Relations and the Graduate Diploma program are required to complete the following two compulsory courses (16 uoc) in the first year of study:

- Principles of International Law
- The Politics of International Law

Elective courses

Students then choose half of their courses from the Law courses offered and half from the International Relations & Politics courses.

Law courses

- Advanced Issues in International Law
- History and Theory of International Law
- International Aspects of Social Justice
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights
- International Law and the Use of Force
- International Organisations
- International Refugee Law
- International Trade Law
- International Trade Law: Environment and Development
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Law of the Sea
- Research Thesis

International Relations & Politics courses

- Australia in the World
- China and Asia-Pacific Security
- Exceptional Empire: US Foreign Relations in the 'American' Century
- Global Politics
- International Institutions
- International Peace and Security
- International Political Economy
- Law, War and Justice
- Middle East in World Politics
- Research Project
- The International Political Economy of East Asian Development
- Theories of the Global Free Market and their Critics

Please note that all courses may not be offered in any one year and additional courses may be offered as new courses are developed.

How to Apply

Apply online at www.apply.unsw.edu.au

Applicants should provide a copy of their curriculum vitae.

Students can commence study in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.

To Commence	Applications Due
Semester 1, 2009	End of November 2008
Semester 2, 2009	End of May 2009

Single Course Enrolment

Some students want to study just a particular course or 'test the water' before enrolling in a full degree program. We offer enrolment on a single course, non-award basis, with the option to credit courses towards a future degree program. Please apply by completing the form available at www.law.unsw.edu.au/singlecourse

Transfer applicants

Students who wish to transfer from the Master of Laws or the Master of Arts in International Relations into the Master of International Law & International Relations will need the consent of their School Office. Application for transfer must be submitted prior to the completion of 24 uoc in the program of current enrolment.

Advanced standing may be awarded at the discretion of the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences to a maximum of 50 per cent for each component.

Students enrolled in a Graduate Diploma in International Law & International Relations may apply to transfer to the Master of International Law & International Relations during their candidature. This is conditional on students receiving a credit average in the Graduate Diploma.

Fees

In 2009 the fee for Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents will be \$350 per uoc for Law courses and \$320 per uoc for International Relations & Politics courses.

Classes

Courses are taught in a variety of formats, including weekly evening classes (usually from 6-8pm over a 12 week semester) and intensive classes (taught over a 4-5 day period). Weekly classes are held at the UNSW Sydney CBD Campus (1 O'Connell Street), at city law firms, or at UNSW's Kensington campus. Intensive classes are usually held at UNSW's Kensington campus.

Other Postgraduate Programs

The School of Law also offers the following programs:

- Master of Laws
- Master of Human Rights Law & Policy
- Master of Law & Management
- Master of Legal Studies
- Master of Laws by Research
- Doctor of Juridical Science
- Doctor of Philosophy

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The information in this publication applies to Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens only. All other prospective students should contact UNSW International at www.international.unsw.edu.au or email internationaloffice@unsw.edu.au

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