

## ***Information for current UNSW Graduate Law students (4790 and 4791)***

### ***Graduate Law (LLB)***

From 2010 the Graduate Law degree at UNSW will no longer be offered.

Students who are currently enrolled in the Graduate Law program (LLB) will be given the option of completing their LLB or transferring to the new Juris Doctor (JD) program to complete their studies.

### ***Transferring from Graduate Law to the JD***

To be eligible to transfer to the JD, Graduate Law students must have at least one full-time semester (24 uoc) of study still to complete their degree. Students who have less than 24 uoc must complete their degree in the Graduate Law program.

For UNSW Graduate Law students, all courses completed in the Graduate Law program will be credited to the JD program.

### CSP and Full-fee

Students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in Graduate Law are eligible to transfer to a CSP place in the JD.

Students enrolled in a full-fee place in the Graduate Law program are eligible to transfer to a full-fee place in the JD. Full-fee students are not eligible to transfer to a CSP place.

### Full-time and part-time

Students enrolled in the full-time Graduate Law program (4790) and in the part-time program (4791) will be eligible to transfer to the JD program. The JD program is flexible and allows students to progress through the degree at the standard 3 year progression, accelerate by taking courses over the summer semester, or enrol in fewer courses and extend the duration of the program (to a maximum of 8 years study in total).

### ***Transition arrangements***

All completed courses that can be counted towards the Graduate Law program will be credited towards the JD.

### ***Applications to transfer to the JD***

For current Graduate Law students who wish to transfer to the JD, a JD specific Internal Transfer Form will be available from the Law Student Services Office in August 2009. This form will also be emailed to all current Graduate Law students. The form will guide the student in terms of course structure for completing the rest of the JD program after moving across from the Graduate Law program. Students will have until October to submit this form. All other components of the Internal Program Transfer (due date for submission of application forms, extra instructions/implications for CSP, HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP and International Students) will remain the same as for other Internal Program Transfers.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions:***

***Q: Will the number of units of credit for both core and elective courses be the same in the Juris Doctor as for the Graduate Law degree?***

***A:*** Yes. There will be 92 core and 52 elective units of credit required.

***Q: Will UNSW phase out the Graduate Law program?***

A: Eventually, yes. The final year for new enrolments into the Graduate Law (4970) program is 2009, however the Graduate Law program will continue to run until all students currently enrolled in the Graduate Law program either transfer to the JD or graduate from the Graduate Law program.

***Q. If I transfer to the JD in 2010, will I be in classes with only JD students?***

A: As the JD will only be introduced in 2010, LLB students who wish to transfer to the JD in 2010 may be in some core courses with Graduate LLB students.

***Q. Will Graduate Law students be able to enrol in JD core courses over the Summer Semester?***

A: No. Students who remain in the Graduate Law program (4790 or 4791) will not have access to the core courses over summer – this is an option exclusively for JD students only.

***Q: Will I be entitled to call myself 'Doctor' if I complete the JD?***

A: No. The JD is not a doctoral level award and graduates are not entitled to use the honorific title 'Doctor'.

***Q: Will I still be able to get Youth Allowance and Austudy if I transfer to the JD?***

A: Yes. The JD has been approved by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations as an approved program of study for Youth Allowance and Austudy payments.

***Q: Will the cost of the student contribution in a CSP place in the JD be the same as in the Graduate Law program?***

A: Yes. As a guide, the Student Contribution for a CSP in Law in 2009 is \$8,677 per year.

***Q: Will the full-fee cost in the JD program be the same as the full-fee in the Graduate Law program?***

A: No. The full-fee cost in the JD program will be slightly higher:  
2009 Graduate Law full-fee - \$460 per unit of credit  
2010 JD full-fee - \$565 per unit of credit

***Q. Will International students in the Graduate Law program be able to transfer into the JD program?***

A: Yes. Although the JD program is the same 3 year duration as the Graduate Law program, it has a different CRICOS code (067475M). The transferring student will be issued with a new ECOE (Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment).

***Q: Will UNSW retain the undergraduate Combined Law degree?***

A: Yes. The Combined Law Degree will be retained for undergraduates.

***For further information***

Current Graduate Law students should contact the Law Student Services office with any questions.

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