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Law meets justice at UNSW, Australia’s leader in progressive and rigorous legal education and research. Grounded in black letter skills and inspired by principles of justice, we study law in action and make a difference in this world.

UNSW Law

"Employers tell us that the distinctive UNSW approach gives our students the edge. Our JD curriculum, which teaches law in action and law in the world, sets a new benchmark for legal education."

Professor David Dixon
Dean, UNSW Law
Welcome to UNSW Law, one of the world’s top ranking law schools and Australia’s leader in progressive and rigorous legal education and research.

We graduate law students who strive to make a difference to the world. Inspired by principles of justice, our internationally-acclaimed teachers, researchers and commentators produce graduates who will contribute at the highest levels in the community, while our research is translated into real change in public policy and the law.

The distinctive UNSW JD (Juris Doctor) leads to admission to legal practice for graduates of other disciplines, equipping them with the skills and knowledge they need for employment in law, business, government, NGOs or in the wider community. The progressive JD curriculum sets a new benchmark for legal education, incorporating a global focus and prioritising experiential learning to produce graduates who are highly sought after in a competitive and ever-changing international legal landscape. JD students learn about law in action and law in the world, combining the study of law’s principles, doctrine and rules with a wider focus on social justice and the operation of law in practice.

UNSW JD students enjoy unparalleled opportunities, with a broad range of elective choices, hands-on legal experience and international exchange options. Our dynamic learning environment, including Sydney’s only in-house community legal centre, and renowned teaching methods enable students to realise academic success. With a high-achieving student cohort and extensive range of national and international networks and alumni, our JD program offers students a competitive edge, whatever career path they choose.

Thank you for considering UNSW Law. I look forward to welcoming you.

Professor David Dixon
Dean, UNSW Law
Introducing the UNSW JD

WE WILL DEBATE THE BIG ISSUES, DEFEND THOSE WHO CAN’T DEFEND THEMSELVES, AND RElish THE CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY. WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD.
A career in law

The UNSW JD (Juris Doctor) is the professional law degree for graduates of disciplines other than law, or with a law degree from an overseas institution. As a JD student, you will develop your legal knowledge in a challenging and dynamic learning environment, under the guidance of a world-class faculty.

The JD provides the basis for admission to legal practice, as well as a wide range of careers in government, legal and social policy, or international relations.

Mature cohort

Harnessing the core structure and teaching of the renowned UNSW Law degree, the UNSW JD allows you to study law at a postgraduate level, taking into account the maturity and proven proficiency of JD candidates in tertiary study.

Knowledge

The core courses of the JD equip you with a comprehensive knowledge of the areas of law that are fundamental to legal practice and an understanding of the legal system. You can then select courses from a wide array of electives on offer, including internships and clinical placements. You may prefer to focus your elective studies in a particular area, such as international law, commercial law, media or intellectual property law. Alternatively, you can develop a broad understanding across a number of different areas before you graduate and make career decisions.

Experience

UNSW Law is a leader in experiential learning and clinical legal education. UNSW Law is proud to offer you an exceptional range of opportunities for high-level experiential learning. Kingsford Legal Centre is an integral part of UNSW Law, and all students have the opportunity to experience working at this community legal centre housed on campus. Included in our extensive list of electives are courses that offer sustained and direct engagement with legal practice in the form of internships and specialist clinics, as well as national and international mooting competitions.

International

We offer students unique opportunities to study other countries’ legal systems in our summer or winter schools in China, Vanuatu and the USA. Or you may wish to immerse yourself in a semester abroad at one of over 70 exchange partner schools.

Progressive

We implemented a revitalised curriculum in 2013 that set a new benchmark in legal education. Informed by the changing legal landscape, our program incorporates a global outlook and prioritises experiential learning to create highly skilled, highly sought-after graduates.
Our JD students are an exceptional group of people.

The qualifications, experience, skills and interests of UNSW JD students are wonderfully diverse, which makes for a very rich learning experience. The availability of JD only classes throughout the compulsory component of the program enable you to establish a strong collegial network with colleagues from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Who’s studying the UNSW JD?

PREVIOUS DEGREES
from across Australia and more than 50 international universities

INCLUDING:
- Arts
- Commerce
- Communications
- Construction Management
- Criminology
- Design
- Economics
- Engineering
- Fine Arts
- History
- Information Technology
- International Studies
- Languages
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Media
- Medicine
- Music
- Political Science
- Public Relations
- Science
- Veterinary Science

35% HAVE POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

INCLUDING:
- Accounting
- Commerce
- Communications
- Economics
- Education
- Finance
- Media
- Pharmacy
- Physics
- Public Policy
- Science
- Social Science

55% OVER HALF SPEAK TWO OR MORE LANGUAGES

INCLUDING:
- Arabic
- Bengali
- Cantonese
- Croatian
- French
- German
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Malaysian
- Mandarin
- Norwegian
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese

AVERAGE AGE 28
Age Range: 21 to 60+

MORE THAN HALF OF OUR STUDENTS WORK WHILE STUDYING

STUDENT STUDY MODE
75% Full Time
25% Part Time
“JD students differ in many ways from our undergraduate (LLB) counterparts – we’re typically older, some students have already experienced successful careers in a range of professions while others are fresh from undergraduate degrees, and most of us continue to work while we study.

The UNSW Law Society runs a separate JD Portfolio to cater specifically to the different needs of JDs. It organises a variety of events throughout the year where you can meet fellow JDs, but also encourages JD and LLB students to take part in Law Society events together, like career sessions and fairs, competitions, social justice forums and publications, and social events.

Both the Law Society and faculty engage in regular conversations with JD student representatives, helping UNSW Law cater to the evolving and unique needs of the JD student body.”

Caitlin Weatherby-Fell
Vice President (JD), UNSW Law Society

The diversity of the JD student cohort has made studying at UNSW one of the most interesting and rewarding experiences I’ve had.

Caitlin Weatherby-Fell
Vice President (JD), UNSW Law Society
UNSW Law is different to other law schools.

Our teaching is student-centred, our research is outward facing, and our perspectives are forward-looking, global and contextual.

As a UNSW JD student, you’ll be different too. Our program won’t just give you a sophisticated understanding of core legal concepts, it will change the way you think – about the law, about the world and the part you can play.

Read on to learn how the UNSW JD program works.
What does the program involve?

You will study sixteen core courses, one prescribed elective and seven electives, totalling 144 units of credit. The UNSW JD fulfils the academic requirements for admission to legal practice.

Courses
You will begin your JD with four foundational courses, providing the foundation for your learning.

Courses in the compulsory core have been designed to be studied in a defined sequence, building on each other and developing your depth of knowledge. You can then select seven elective courses according to your interests or future career path.

Foundational compulsory courses
- Introducing Law and Justice
- Crime and the Criminal Process
- Principles of Private Law
- Principles of Public Law

Middle stage compulsory courses
- Administrative Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Laws
- Law in the Global Context
- Lawyers, Ethics and Justice
- Resolving Civil Disputes
- Torts

Advanced stage compulsory courses
- Business Associations
- Court Process, Evidence and Proof
- Equity and Trusts
- Federal Constitutional Law
- Land Law

Prescribed elective
- Law and Social Theory, or
- Legal Theory, or
- Theories of Law and Justice

Electives
You can choose from a wide range of postgraduate electives, which include experiential, clinical and exchange opportunities. Further details about the elective offerings are available from p20.

Legal Writing in Context elective for International Students
UNSW Law offers international JD students from non-Common Law countries a specialised elective course, Legal Writing in Context. This course is designed to support the development of the core legal skills you will need for studying and practising Law in Australia. For more information go to law.unsw.edu.au/international
Who are the academic staff at UNSW Law?

As a student at one of Australia’s leading law schools, you will learn from some of Australia’s leading scholars and professional legal practitioners.

The academic staff at UNSW Law are nationally and internationally recognised researchers, the authors of leading textbooks, and engaged in public debates at national and international levels. The teaching program at UNSW Law is enriched by our adjunct faculty, visiting professors, including former judges, specialist practitioners and leading international scholars.

Our academics are committed to excellence in teaching, through ongoing and innovative course design and delivery and a significant number are award winning teachers. Our courses often take a cross-disciplinary approach, well suited to the diverse experiences and backgrounds of our JD students.

Associate Professor Sean Brennan,
Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

Sean is the Director of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law and teaches and writes mainly in the areas of constitutional law, native title and Aboriginal land rights. After working as a judge’s associate in the Federal Court, with various Aboriginal and other community organisations and in the Commonwealth Parliament’s research service, Sean joined UNSW Law in May 2002. He is author and co-author of a number of books including Blackshield & Williams Australian Constitutional Law and Theory, Indigenous Legal Issues: Commentary and Materials and Treaty. His research examines the intersection of public law and Indigenous issues.

Professor Simone Degeling, Director of Research, UNSW Law

Simone is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and the Director of Research at UNSW Law. She is an expert in private law, specialising in restitution and unjust enrichment law, equity and trusts, and remedies. Simone has held visiting appointments at Keble College, University of Oxford and the National University of Singapore. She is also the General Editor of the Journal of Equity and has published articles and written/co-edited books in her areas of expertise, including Unjust Enrichment in Commercial Law.

Simone teaches Remedies, Equity and Trusts, and Restitution.

Professor Megan Davis, Director, Indigenous Law Centre

Megan is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a Commissioner of the NSW Land and Environment Court. She has extensive experience as an international lawyer at the UN and is currently an Expert Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She is a former Fellow of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

For the past several years Megan has researched and worked in the areas of constitutional law, especially recognition of Indigenous peoples in the Australian Constitution; and Aboriginal women, in particular violence against Indigenous women and sentencing, political representation of Aboriginal women and the limitations of the human rights system for Indigenous women.


Dr Jason Varuhas, Senior Lecturer, UNSW Law

Jason spent several years as an academic at the University of Cambridge before joining UNSW in 2013. He completed his doctorate at Cambridge, being awarded the prestigious Yorke Prize by Cambridge University. He is a member of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, and co-founder and organiser of the series of biennial, international Public Law Conferences held at Cambridge University.


Jason teaches Torts and Advanced Administrative Law.

These are just a few of our teaching faculty at UNSW Law. For a full list of our current academic staff visit law.unsw.edu.au/staff
I can’t recommend peer tutoring enough. I joined the program as a first year student and with the support of my tutor I was able to achieve the grades I wanted, to get involved in the Law School community and meet new people.

I have since decided to become a tutor myself – I have not only made new friends but I also get to help others with their own journey at Law School. Peer tutoring is extremely rewarding and provides a great support network for incoming students. I would encourage every student to get involved!

Anna Harley  
UNSW JD student
Student-centred learning in seminar classes

You won’t sit in a lecture theatre among hundreds of others at UNSW Law. We pioneered student-focused, interactive teaching in Australian legal education, as we believe our students learn best when they are actively engaged.

Interactive, seminar style teaching is demanding on students. It requires preparation and pre-reading, but it also facilitates real debate and discussion. In class you will develop skills of reasoning and analysis, argument and negotiation that are critical to your future legal career.

To allow you to develop your confidence and capacity to engage in the interactive seminars, your classes in the foundational courses are kept smaller. In addition, to provide you with the grounding necessary for your other core courses in your first semester of study, Introducing Law and Justice starts early, in Orientation Week (one week prior to the start of semester) and is taught in an intensive format during that week. This course introduces the basic conceptual tools needed to study law, including how to read and interpret case law, the principles of statutory interpretation and essential legal writing and research skills.

Class format

Each core course is usually taught over four hours per week. Class sizes will vary as you progress through the program depending on demand. Both compulsory courses and electives are taught in a variety of formats which may include:

- Twice weekly daytime or evening classes
- Weekly daytime or afternoon/evening classes
- Intensive classes (taught over a condensed timeframe) offered during semester, on weekends, or in Summer Semester
- A combination of weekly and intensive classes

Peer Tutor Program

We provide a Peer Tutor Program to assist first year JD students to develop legal skills such as case-reading and statutory interpretation. Senior students are trained as Peer Tutors and work with a small group of students for one to two hours per week at the Kensington Campus. This program is open to all JD students and is free.
When can I start?

You can commence in Semester 1 or 2 of each year. All of the foundational courses are offered in each of these semesters, with *Introducing Law and Justice* commencing in Orientation Week each semester.

Where and when are classes held?

All core courses are offered at the UNSW Kensington Campus (just 7km from the centre of Sydney). Most classes are held in our modern, purpose-built law building which also houses the Herbert Smith Freehills Law Library, Law Student Services, Kingsford Legal Centre, the Law Centres Precinct, the UNSW Law Student Society, and facilities such as the dedicated JD study space. A wide range of elective courses are offered at Kensington. Core classes are generally held during the day, and electives are scheduled during the day and early evenings.

We also offer core courses and some electives in the newly renovated Sydney city (UNSW CBD) campus, in O’Connell Street. Classes are held in the late afternoon and evening. You can elect to study (on a course by course basis) at whichever location best suits you, depending on the timetable and course availability.*

* Core courses are offered at least once per year at Kensington and in the CBD in line with the published progression plans.

How do I plan my degree?

The UNSW JD is a three year program when studied full time in the standard Semesters 1 and 2. You can commence your studies full time or part time, but you are not locked in to either a full time or part time pathway. The maximum duration for the JD program is eight years.

We offer a number of progression plans to help you to organise your timetable and plan your degree. We timetable core courses at Kensington and the CBD in line with these progression plans, so the best way to sequence your enrolment in core courses across your degree is to follow these progression plans.

There are three teaching periods over the year at UNSW Law. Semesters 1 and 2 are 13 week semesters and run from late February to June, and late July to November. The Summer Semester runs over a shorter period of eight weeks from late November to early February.
I applied to UNSW Law because they were a leader in their field – and now I am here I wouldn’t want to go anywhere else. I have enjoyed the smaller class sizes, which allows for great communication not only between students but with the lecturers as well.

It’s really good for the JD students to have that intimacy in class because it fosters discussion and you really get a lot out of being there. The seminar style classes create an atmosphere in which the students and lecturers work together to learn.

Joe Ishow
UNSW JD student
How flexible is the UNSW JD?

Flexibility to allow you to balance your study with work or other demands is one of the distinguishing features of the UNSW JD, but there are some things to bear in mind.

While the entire program can be completed part time, certain courses, such as Introducing Law and Justice or clinical courses will require daytime attendance either at our Kensington Campus or elsewhere. Some assessments will require you to observe the operation of courts or tribunals during the day. Daytime attendance will also be necessary if you undertake internships, clinics or other experiential learning electives.

Preparing for class is a vital part of our interactive teaching style and helps you get the most out of it. We generally expect that you spend one to two hours preparing for each hour of class. You can get advice about planning your study, or about combining your study with work or family commitments from Law Student Services or from the Director of JD Studies.
The UNSW JD program offers flexibility like no other top ranking university – you won’t always have your head buried in textbooks. The flexibility comes from the opportunities there are to take summer courses, attend night classes at the CBD campus after work, or study intensively over a week or on weekends. The JD program can be completed over as long as eight years, so students are able to balance study, family commitments, work and still have a life outside the classroom.

Yi Lu
UNSW JD student
These progression plans are offered to help you select your courses and plan your study. The plans will show you the recommended sequence of courses and take into account that some courses have prerequisites and so need to be studied in a defined order. UNSW Law schedules core courses at Kensington and the CBD in accordance with these progression plans.

Additional progression plans for Semester 2 start, and for International Students can be found at law.unsw.edu.au/studyplans

The electives offered in each semester will vary each year, with some electives also available over the Summer Semester. For a full list of electives on offer see p20.
### Standard 3 year full time progression plan for Kensington classes (Semester 1 start)

| YEAR 1 | Semester 1  | Introducing Law & Justice | Crime & the Criminal Process | Principles of Private Law | Principles of Public Law |
| YEAR 2 | Semester 1  | Law in the Global Context | Resolving Civil Disputes | Equity & Trusts | Administrative Law |
| YEAR 3 | Semester 1  | Business Associations | Law Elective | Law Elective | Law Elective |
| Year 1 | Semester 1  | Introducing Law & Justice | Crime & the Criminal Process | Principles of Private Law | Principles of Public Law |
| Year 2 | Semester 2  | Torts | Criminal Laws | Contracts | Lawyers, Ethics & Justice |
| Year 3 | Semester 1  | Equity & Trusts | Administrative Law |
| Year 3 | Semester 2  | Land Law | Federal Constitutional Law |
| Year 4 | Semester 1  | Law in the Global Context | Resolving Civil Disputes |
| Year 4 | Semester 2  | Law & Social Theory/ Legal Theory/ Theories of Law & Justice | Court Process, Evidence & Proof |
| Year 5 | Semester 1  | Business Associations | Law Elective |
| Year 5 | Semester 2  | Law Elective | Law Elective |
| Year 6 | Semester 1  | Law Elective | Law Elective |
| Year 6 | Semester 2  | Law Elective | Law Elective |

### 6 year progression plan for CBD classes (Semester 1 start)

| YEAR 1 | Semester 1  | Introducing Law & Justice | Principles of Private Law |
| YEAR 2 | Semester 2  | Crime & the Criminal Process | Principles of Public Law |
| YEAR 3 | Semester 1  | Torts | Contracts |
| YEAR 3 | Semester 2  | Criminal Laws | Lawyers, Ethics & Justice |
| YEAR 4 | Semester 1  | Equity & Trusts | Administrative Law |
| YEAR 4 | Semester 2  | Land Law | Federal Constitutional Law |
| YEAR 5 | Semester 1  | Law in the Global Context | Resolving Civil Disputes |
| YEAR 5 | Semester 2  | Law & Social Theory/ Legal Theory/ Theories of Law & Justice | Court Process, Evidence & Proof |
| YEAR 6 | Semester 1  | Business Associations | Law Elective |
| YEAR 6 | Semester 2  | Law Elective | Law Elective |
| YEAR 6 | Semester 1  | Law Elective | Law Elective |
| YEAR 6 | Semester 2  | Law Elective | Law Elective |
Elective courses

After you have completed the majority of your core courses (72 UOC), you can choose from a wide range of electives from the JD and from our Masters programs. Not all electives are offered every year, but with such a wide range of offerings, including our experiential courses, you will be able to specialise, study what interests you, obtain hands on experience in the workplace, or study overseas.

Up to 30 different classroom based electives are offered in each of the standard semesters and up to 10 electives are offered in the summer semester, in addition to the numerous courses such as clinics and internships offered in the experiential learning program. UNSW Law offers the largest internship program in Australia. A full list of current internship opportunities can be found on p24.

Clinics and Internships
- Kingsford Legal Centre Community Law Clinic
- Kingsford Legal Centre Employment Law Clinic
- Kingsford Legal Centre Family Law Clinic
- Hong Kong Refugee Law Clinic
- Housing Clinic (Redfern Legal Centre)
- Human Rights Clinic
- Land and Environment Court Clinic
- Police Powers Clinic (Redfern Legal Centre)
- Social Impact Hub Clinic
- Social Justice Internship Program (15 organisations)
- UNSW Law Internship Program (56 organisations)

Corporate, Commercial Law and Private Law
- Advanced Contract Law
- Advanced Issues in Property Law
- Advanced Issues in Torts
- Advanced Tort Law
- Animal Law
- Asian Competition Law
- Australian Consumer Law
- Business Taxation
- Children and the Law
- Chinese Corporate and Securities Law
- Civil Fraud
- Commercial and Charitable Trusts
- Commercial Law
- Competition Law
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Insolvency
- Doping in Sport: Global Issues
- Electronic Commerce Law and Practice
- Family Law
- Fiduciary Duties and Conflicts of Interest
- Funds Management, Superannuation and Insurance
- Global Issues in Competition Law & Policy
- Health and Medical Law
- Housing Law
- Insolvency Law
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Financial System: Policy and Regulation
- International Investment Law
- Interpretation of Contracts
- Land Dealings
- Law of Banking
- Mining and Resources Law
- Remedies
- Restitution
- Securities & Finance Market Regulation
- Sport and the Law
- Succession
- Takeovers and Capital Markets Law
- Unfair Contracts
- Workplace Law

Criminal Law, Criminology, Evidence and Advocacy
- Advanced Criminal Law
- Anti-Money Laundering & Proceeds of Crime
- Comparative Anti-Terrorism Law
- Corruption Law and Policy: Australian and international perspectives
- Crime Prevention Policy
- Criminal Justice: Global Perspectives
- Criminal Process: a Human Rights Framework
- Criminal Threats from Cyberspace
- Critical Victimology
- Current Issues in Criminal Justice
- Expert Evidence
- Gender, Race and Justice
- International Criminal Court
- International Criminal Competition
- International Criminal Law
- International Criminal Law & Transitional Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- Penology
- Policing
- Taking Facts Seriously: Fact-finding Evidence and Proof
- The Criminal Trial
- The Essential Advocate
- Therapeutic Jurisprudence: from Conception to Application
- White Collar Crime

Critical and Theoretical Perspectives on Law and Legal Systems
- Cities, Planning, Law & Justice
- Conceptual Framework of the Common Law
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Gender and Law
- Law and Social Theory
- Law and the Holocaust
- Legal History
- Legal Theory
- Theories of Law and Justice
- The Legal Landscape of the Sharing Economy
- The Politics of Human Rights: Theory & Critique

Editorial Publications and Research
- Australian Journal of Human Rights Editor
- Australian Journal of Natural Resources Law and Policy Internship
- Human Rights Defender
- Indigenous Law Bulletin
- Indigenous Law Review
- Journal of Equity Internship
- Research Thesis
- Sir Anthony Mason Research Project in Constitutional Law
- UNSW Law Journal Editor

Environmental, Administrative and Public Law
- Administrative Justice
- Advanced Administrative Law
I was lucky enough to be part of the UNSW Law mooting team that represented Australia internationally in The Hague, competing against 50 other teams from places like Gaza, Africa, Europe and the US.

It was an incredible experience to be able to stand up in front of international academics and lawyers in a mock court environment and deal with problem scenarios like the legality of hypothetical drone strikes.

UNSW Law’s mooting program is backed by intensive training and regular practice sessions – it’s a really good way to improve your ability to speak on your feet.

Kara Grimsley
UNSW JD student
We are the law in action.

Don’t just learn about the law. Put it into action with Australia’s leading and largest range of experiential learning opportunities. Gain high-level practical experience through internships, clinics, exchange and international courses, all of which are credited towards your degree.

Internships and clinics offer you the chance to ‘trial’ careers during your studies and the opportunity to put your skills into practice while critically analysing the law and the legal system.
The Kingsford Legal Centre Clinic introduced me to the strong sense of community the centre fosters. KLC actively extends its reach into the community, fostering partnerships with local community organisations and increasing awareness of legal issues. Students get a chance to be involved in the local community through an array of legal projects from assisting local tenancy advocacy groups to volunteering with Legal Aid solicitors at Waverley Local Court.

Alex Dixon
UNSW JD student

In my final semester I edited a Thematic Issue of the UNSW Law Journal looking at miscarriages of justice, and also enrolled in the Evidence Project, a social justice internship with the UNSW Program in Expertise, Evidence and Law.

The internship helped me understand the complex issues and controversies surrounding forensic science evidence in criminal trials. I was able to work with lawyers, legal academics and forensic psychologists, and even watch a case the Program was working on go to the High Court. This experience, and editing the journal, convinced me I wanted to work in criminal law, and I am now doing my practical legal training with the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Yuki Shimizu
UNSW JD student
Internships

Our wide range of internships give you the chance to ‘trial’ careers during your studies. Work in advocacy and policy with non-government organisations (NGOs), social justice organisations, law reform and public interest groups, or gain valuable experience as the student editor of a law publication or journal.

The internship program offers students the opportunity to critically analyse the law, the legal profession and the legal system. You will receive training and gain practical legal experience, enhanced by seminar discussions, reflective journal writing and presentations. In addition to the partner organisations listed below, you can also organise your own internship placement for course credit at an overseas organisation, including the United Nations, other intergovernmental organisations or NGOs in foreign countries.

Social Justice Internships at UNSW
• Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law
• AustLII
• Australian Human Rights Centre
• Centre for International Finance and Regulation
• Centre for Law, Markets and Regulation
• Centre for Refugee Research
• Crime and Justice Research Network
• Cyberspace Law and Policy Community
• Diplomacy Training Program
• Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law
• Indigenous Law Centre
• National Children’s and Youth Law Centre
• National Pro Bono Resource Centre
• The Evidence Project
• The Social Justice Project

UNSW Publication Internships
• Australian Journal of Human Rights
• Australian Journal of Natural Resources Law & Policy
• Human Rights Defender
• Indigenous Law Bulletin
• Indigenous Law Review
• Journal of Equity

External Partner Organisations
• Aboriginal Legal Service
• Administrative Appeals Tribunal
• Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre – Pacific; Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
• Arts Law Centre of Australia
• Aurora Project
• Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration/ Australian International Disputes Centre
• Australian Earth Laws Alliance
• Australian Human Rights Commission
• Australian Muslim Civil Rights Advocacy Network
• Baker & McKenzie Pro Bono

I travelled to Dili, Timor-Leste to work with the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP). There I did more than just learn about the law in different cultures and developing nations. I actually got to be a part of it. The fact that I was able to do something to actively assist and promote gender equality in such a unique legal setting was both an incredibly rewarding and very eye-opening experience!

Jade Bond
UNSW JD student
The value of internships

Students have extraordinary learning opportunities in internship subjects. There also is no doubt that employers are impressed by the skills that students gain during internships. From an employer’s point of view, practical experience in a workplace is invaluable and this type of experience makes a student stand out in a crowd of applicants.

Frances Gibson
Director, Experiential Studies, UNSW Law
See how the law impacts real clients and study what your role could be as a future lawyer or policy maker. Clinics offer you the chance to put your skills into practice while critically analysing the law and the legal system. UNSW JD students can choose from a range of courses at our on-campus community legal centre or a number of other innovative clinics exclusive to UNSW Law.

All courses involve working on legal issues which impact on actual clients and communities. They also include a seminar program and either reflective journals, blogs or presentations. You will reflect on your practical experience and analyse some deeper questions which it raises.

Kingsford Legal Centre Clinics

All UNSW JD students go behind the scenes at our on-site community legal centre as part of the Lawyers, Ethics and Justice course. In this course you interview real clients who have a legal problem. You also have the opportunity to work with pro bono lawyers to devise the legal advice and observe them while they deliver legal advice. You can also choose from several longer clinical programs at KLC as an elective.

Community Law Clinic

Working with experienced solicitors, you will interview clients, develop legal strategies for conduct of the case, undertake legal research, write letters, prepare briefs to counsel, make submissions and instruct barristers in court. You will work on individual client cases in domestic violence, debt, or other areas of law, as well as write law reform submissions or work with community groups on local campaigns.

Employment Law Clinic

Help real clients with their employment issues while analysing the effect of the law in practice. You will conduct interviews with clients, make strategic decisions about conduct of the file, undertake research, draft all documents and where appropriate, undertake advocacy in court or tribunals for the client. You will also have the opportunity to write law reform submissions or work with community groups on local campaigns.

Family Law Clinic

Work with various community groups and community members focusing on issues affecting families including family law and domestic violence. You will develop community education materials and/or present an easy to understand seminar on an area of the law for community workers. You will also deal with enquiries from the public, make referrals and work as a part of the team at Kingsford Legal Centre.

The Land and Environment Court Clinic was a truly unique opportunity to get an insider’s view of how a court works. For me the most interesting part was talking to the commissioners and experiencing the arguments put by barristers and experts. I also saw firsthand how commissioners manage processes such as merits review. This sort of insight is extremely valuable for anyone contemplating a career in environmental law.

Karl Brown
UNSW JD student
Housing Clinic

Prepare cases for the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal under the supervision of Redfern Legal Centre staff. You will interview and advise disadvantaged people who have administrative and housing law problems and may even appear for clients in the Tribunal.

Human Rights Clinic

Address human rights violations that extend beyond Australia’s borders, focusing primarily on advancing the human rights of non-citizens including migrant workers and refugees in Asia and Australia. You will support organisations with public interest litigation within national courts, draft communications to UN human rights bodies, documenting systemic rights violations, produce advocacy reports or educational materials, white papers, law reform submissions or freedom of information requests.

Land & Environment Court Clinic

In this clinic you will gain first-hand experience in the resolution of environmental and land use disputes, as well as research planning and environment issues, under the supervision of the Chief Judge, Senior Commissioner and court staff.

Police Powers Clinic

Work with Redfern Legal Centre and Law Faculty academics to help disadvantaged clients with their problems with Police, getting insight into the law and policing in action. Students will provide advice, conduct research and work on policy and community education with the legal centre’s solicitors.

Social Impact Hub Clinic

In this course you will put your legal and business knowledge to use and gain practical experience in different areas of social impact. The course provides formal and informal training, as well as supervised practical experience in planning and implementing a project in a field of social impact. The applied projects are developed and conducted with industry, social enterprises, not-for-profits and foundations.

Hong Kong Refugee Law Clinic

Travel to Hong Kong to undertake casework on behalf of asylum seekers and refugees including intake interviews, collecting client testimonies, and preparing research memoranda. You’ll be supervised by Hong Kong Refugee and Asylum Seeker staff and will receive content-specific and skills training such as interviewing and working with survivors of torture and trauma.*

*The Summer 2015 Hong Kong clinical program is currently under revision. Please contact Student Services for more information.

UNSW offers fantastic opportunities for legal internships and experiential learning. Studying law involves a lot of academic reading and technical “black letter law” so the chance to get out and see how the law applies in the real world is invaluable.

Supporting a solicitor in the Police Powers Clinic at Redfern Legal Centre was really useful, especially in understanding people’s individual circumstances and drafting succinct documents in plain English.

Emma Moss
UNSW JD student
Looking at the direction business is headed, Asia is definitely a growth area – so I was fortunate to have the opportunity to go on exchange at Tsinghua University in Beijing, one of China’s highest-ranked universities. I was exposed to different ideas and perspectives, taught by leading academics such as the international arbitration and litigation expert, Gary Born, and immersed in a completely different culture.

I relished the opportunity to practice my Chinese language skills and to meet other law students on exchange from around the world. Given China’s economic significance, this was a very valuable experience.

Ken Ooi
UNSW JD student
Choose from more than 70 international law schools including:

- **Austria**
  - University of Salzburg

- **Canada**
  - McGill University
  - Queen’s University
  - University of Alberta
  - University of British Columbia
  - University of Toronto
  - University of Western Ontario

- **Chile**
  - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

- **China**
  - Beijing Normal University
  - Fudan University
  - Peking University
  - Tsinghua University

- **Denmark**
  - Aarhus University
  - University of Copenhagen

- **Finland**
  - University of Turku

- **France**
  - Sciences Po
  - University Jean Moulin – Lyon 3
  - University Pantheon Assas – Paris 2
  - University Paul Cezanne – Aix Marseille 3

- **Germany**
  - Bucerius Law School
  - Freie University Berlin
  - Freiburg University
  - Mannheim University
  - Tübingen University
  - University of Bonn

- **Greece**
  - University of Athens

- **Hong Kong**
  - Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - University of Hong Kong

- **Iceland**
  - University of Iceland

- **India**
  - NALSAR School of Law

- **Ireland**
  - University College Dublin

- **Israel**
  - Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- **Italy**
  - Bocconi University
  - University of Bologna
  - University of Padua

- **Japan**
  - Chuo University

- **Korea**
  - Ewha Women’s University
  - Korea University
  - Seoul National University
  - Yonsei University

- **Mexico**
  - Tech De Monterrey
  - University of Guadalajara

- **Netherlands**
  - Erasmus University Law School
  - Tilburg University
  - University of Amsterdam

- **New Zealand**
  - University of Auckland

- **Norway**
  - University of Oslo

- **Singapore**
  - National University of Singapore
  - Singapore Management University

- **South Africa**
  - University of Cape Town

- **Spain**
  - University of Carlos III Madrid
  - University of Zaragoza

- **Sweden**
  - Lund University
  - Uppsala University

- **Switzerland**
  - University of Geneva
  - University of Lausanne
  - University of Zurich

- **Taiwan**
  - National Taiwan University

- **Thailand**
  - Chulalongkorn University

- **UK**
  - Glasgow University
  - University of Birmingham
  - University College London
  - University of Edinburgh
  - University of Exeter
  - University of Leeds
  - University of Nottingham

- **USA**
  - Boston College
  - Tulane University
  - University of California, Hastings College of Law
  - University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
  - University of Texas

- **Vietnam**
  - Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

For further details, please visit [international.unsw.edu.au](http://international.unsw.edu.au)
JD students keen to add international experience and legal knowledge to their study program find that our two to three week summer and winter schools overseas are ideal. We offer these courses at a range of overseas locations during the main semester breaks. The courses are electives that are credited towards your law degree.

**Berkeley, California, USA**

Travel to Berkeley in California, to undertake a two week intensive course on the *Introduction to the American Legal System* at the University of California, Berkeley.

The course will focus principally on the study of the federal and state legal systems within the United States of America. It will include consideration of the primary features of the American legal system, including: US legal history; US judicial structure and operation; the US Constitution; and the legislative and administrative structure and process. The course will also include guest lecturers, field visits to points of relevance to the American legal system, as well as social and cultural events.

**New York, USA**

Head off to the Big Apple for a two week intensive summer school at Columbia Law School’s Human Rights Institute. The course, *Human Rights in Practice*, examines the operation of human rights law in practice in international, regional and domestic US and Australian contexts. The course draws together leading US and international human rights lawyers to provide cutting-edge case studies from US courts, regional human rights commissions and the UN system. It also provides you with doctrinal foundations in international human rights law and its incorporation into domestic law, as well as an introduction to the US Bill of Rights and civil rights law. You will also go on field visits to the United Nations and other major New York landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

**Shanghai, China**

Travel to China to study the *Chinese Legal System* in Shanghai. This two week course provides an introduction to the legal system of the People’s Republic of China with particular reference to modern developments in contract and commercial law. In addition to studying the legal system, you will see this legal system in practice with field trips to a Chinese law firm and Chinese court. The itinerary also includes opportunities to experience local culture and attractions.

**Port Vila, Vanuatu**

Study *Pacific Islands Legal Systems* at the University of the South Pacific Law School in Port Vila. This course will provide an introduction to legal systems of the Pacific region, and to some specific areas of Pacific law. Most Pacific Island states have gained independence only in recent years, and thus their laws and legal systems are still works in progress. This course will introduce many of the issues arising in these developing legal systems, including issues of history and politics, constitutional development, recognition and application of customary law, land tenure regimes, and regional engagement between states, and with outside bodies.
Graduate with a UNSW JD and degree from Oxford University in just 3.5 years.

UNSW Law and Oxford University Faculty of Law have signed a memorandum of understanding to give UNSW JD students the opportunity to graduate with two internationally recognised qualifications in just 3.5 years. Students will spend 2.5 years at UNSW and 1 year at Oxford.

Oxford University’s highly regarded Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and Masters in Law and Finance (MLF) will be open to applications from UNSW JD students in their fourth semester of study at UNSW. Successful applicants will complete their fifth semester at UNSW and then undertake a full academic year at Oxford.

On completion, students will be entitled to receive a Juris Doctor (JD) from UNSW and a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) or Masters in Law and Finance (MLF) from Oxford University.

Oxford BCL

The Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) is a world-renowned postgraduate course in law, designed to serve outstanding law students from common law backgrounds.

Oxford MLF

The Masters in Law and Finance (MLF) was launched in October 2010. It is jointly taught with the Saïd Business School, and offers outstanding students with a legal background the opportunity to integrate the study of finance with advanced legal study.

Visit law.unsw.edu.au/oxford for more information.
Attend career presentations, participate in skills competitions, meet legal professionals and socialise with your fellow law students at events throughout the year, all of which are coordinated by our student-run Law Society.

**Presentations**

Career presentations from top-tier firms, public interest organisations and government agencies bring prospective employers and students together on-campus in the Law Building. These presentations give you the chance to meet prospective employers and gain an insight into each firm and what they look for when selecting employees.

Twilight Drinks is an opportunity for penultimate year students to network with professionals from Sydney’s top commercial law firms. Partners, lawyers, HR and previous summer clerks from top tier firms attend so you can ask questions in a relaxed setting.

Alternative and Government Public Interest Careers Week lets you explore other ways to use your law degree. Featuring short presentations from a range of government agencies and other institutions, you can talk to experienced professionals in the public and community sector.

**Careers Guides**

Each year the Law Society produces various careers guides designed to give you the information you need on preparing for the recruitment process, choosing the right career path and taking the next step. It will give you information on Australian and International law firms, public interest organisations and government agencies, the clerkship process and internships, as well as personal accounts from students.

These guides include information about pro-bono departments in law firms, public interest law (such as international humanitarian rights law or native title law), and other non-commercial career opportunities (e.g. opportunities in the Australian Defence Force and other Government Departments), ensuring that students are aware of the multiple career pathways available to them as UNSW Law students.

**Mentoring**

The LawPLUS Mentoring Program will assist you in your transition to law school through collaborative sessions with senior JD peers. The LawPLUS program runs throughout the year, ensuring that you have multiple avenues to have questions answered, as well as to assist you settling into your new law studies.

The Headstart Mentoring Program offers you an opportunity to network and learn from leading Australian legal professionals. Running throughout the year, the program provides you with a rare insight into life as a lawyer. It offers students and mentors flexibility in meeting times and facilitates a genuine interaction with an experienced professional.

**Professional Skills Competitions**

From your first year onwards you will have the opportunity to hone your practical and professional skills through a variety of competitions, such as mooting, trial advocacy, client interviewing and negotiations. Beginners to advanced competitions are offered, and you can also compete internationally in a skills moot as an elective in later years of your degree.

**Advice**

UNSW Careers and Employment service can assist you in finding graduate, part time and vacation employment while you complete your studies. You can also attend career planning workshops or book individual appointments. careers.unsw.edu.au

**Socialising and well-being**

The Law Society also realises that you will need to have a break from study every now and then, and so runs various social activities throughout the year. With events ranging from JD Welcome Drinks, to Law Ball, to fitness sessions, the Law Society will strive to ensure that your studies will be one part of a balanced life during your time at UNSW Law.
Summer clerkships are offered by law firms and some government departments. You would usually apply for a clerkship during your penultimate year of study and undertake the clerkship during the summer before your third or final year of study. Clerkships allow you to gain practical experience and skills and discover what life is really like as a legal practitioner. Places are in high demand each year. The NSW Law Society coordinates the Summer Clerkship Program and Graduate Employment Program on behalf of law schools and law firms in NSW.

For more information visit lawsociety.com.au

What is a summer clerkship?

The Law Society (LawSoc) is a big bonus at UNSW. It is incredibly easy for JD students to get to know undergrads and other law students through LawSoc events.

There are lots of social events like the Law Ball, but it’s more than that. The LawSoc runs mooting competitions to help students practice, provides career advice, runs social justice programs – it is very active in organising relevant events.

It helped me a lot and was a great way to get involved in the UNSW Law School community.

Kara Grimsley
UNSW JD student

“
As a UNSW Law graduate, you’ll be in good company.

Our alumni can be found in global law firms, in big business, in the top levels of government and in NGOs, here and overseas.

Your options are endless, but we’ll help you discover the right path.

Learn about our extensive alumni network and your next steps.
As Director of Senior Studies at UNSW Law, my job is to help students think outside the box.

That means whether I am assisting with choices of electives, organising seminars on various fields of legal practice or helping students with career advice or options for further study after graduation, I am always trying to get them to think in the broadest possible terms about what kind of careers they would like to build. That way they can make the most of the opportunities UNSW Law offers them.

Law prepares you for so many different paths in life – in addition to large law firms there are boutique, suburban and rural law firms, in house positions, government roles, community legal centres and legal aid, just for a start.

In my own case, after graduating from UNSW with a B.Com (Hons), M.Com (Hons) and LLB I was fortunate enough to have the chance to go on to the University of California, Berkeley for my Masters of Law. Then, after more than a decade or so working with major law firms in the US and Australia – having been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of NSW, Federal Court of Australia, High Court of Australia and in the State and Federal courts of New York – I had the opportunity to come back to UNSW to help foster the careers of another generation of lawyers.

Associate Professor Michael Legg  
Director of Senior Studies, UNSW Law
As a teenager, I loved crime fiction so I had imagined becoming a forensic scientist, except I wasn’t very good at science. So, instead I studied criminology at UNSW as an undergraduate – at that stage I hadn’t even considered Law.

But, after a couple of years travelling and working, postgrad Law was a natural progression and UNSW’s JD was the obvious choice for me – I had loved studying at UNSW the first time round. I’d met great people and had loved the lecturers. The JD really challenged me and there were so many fantastic, inspiring lecturers. Law is so big and interesting – I found new areas of interest that I hadn’t even thought about before, like consumer law, but I still stuck with a criminal law slant.

When I took an internship with the Aurora Project, I ended up in Darwin helping write a paper on child protection. I loved Darwin and its people so much that I stayed – I was able to do my research thesis and one of my subjects in the Northern Territory and then came back to Sydney temporarily to finish at UNSW’s summer school.

That led to my current position at the NT Supreme Court as a judge’s Associate. I am in court almost every day – it is great experience. I am not sure what direction I’ll take from here, but I am passionate about indigenous justice issues, which relate mainly to criminal law. It’s a really important area – but it can also be heartbreaking.

“I embarked on a second career in 2009 when I took up Law at UNSW after owning and running my own components manufacturing business – and now I’m in court as a barrister most days and involved in a wide range of fascinating cases.

I recently passed the Bar exams and completed the Bar Practice Course. This takes me to a year as a reader, working on cases with a more experienced barrister (my tutor). My goal is to practice as a barrister in family law – an area that needs good people to help at a time when families are stressed.

As a mature-age student it had been decades since I’d studied formally and my previous qualifications were in engineering (metallurgy) and business. I wanted to go to a top ranked uni and UNSW Law was a logical choice. There’s a wide range of people of different ages and backgrounds in the JD program, so it wasn’t difficult to fit in – and we still maintain contact.

I always had a hankering to do law and found it fascinating – it impacts every aspect of our lives. I enjoyed both the content of the degree and the opportunity to study again. I had the chance to work with the Salvos Legal Humanitarian service and even had the opportunity to travel to Italy to do an elective subject on the law of the European Union.”

For more information, please visit law.unsw.edu.au/alumni-community
Some of our distinguished alumni in law, government, business and the arts.

Hon. Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace
Judge of the Family Court of Australia

Richard Alcock
Managing Director, Investment Banking, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Hon. Justice Stewart Austin
Judge of the Family Court of Australia

Hon. Judge Bob Bellear
Judge of the District Court of NSW (1996-2005)

Hon. Justice Annabelle Bennett AO
Judge of the Federal Court of Australia

Elizabeth Broderick
Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner

Michael Del Nin
Co-Chief Executive Officer, Central European Media Enterprises

Hon. Justice Colin Forrest
Judge of the Family Court of Australia

Stuart Fuller
Global Managing Partner, King & Wood Mallesons

Hon. Justice Elizabeth Fullerton
Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW

Hon. Justice Barnabas Fung
Judge of the High Court in Hong Kong and Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission

David Gonski AC
UNSW Chancellor, Chairman for Investec Bank (Australia), Coca-Cola Amatil, the Guardians of the Future Fund and the National E-Health Transition Authority

Jennie Granger PSM
Director General Enforcement & Compliance, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs

Nicholas Gray
CEO, The Australian

Matthew Grounds
CEO, UBS Australasia

Hon. Judge Andrew Haesler SC
Judge of the District Court of NSW

Terri Janke
Founder and Principal, Terri Janke and Company

Hon. Justice Anna Katzmann
Judge of the Federal Court of Australia

Hon. Justice Megan Latham
Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW

Hon. Justice Lucy McCallum
Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW

Robert McClelland
Former Federal Attorney-General

Hon. Justice Anthony Meagher
Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW

Damien Miller
Australian Ambassador to Denmark

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Judge of the Federal Court of Australia

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Best-Selling Author

Michael Rose
Chief Executive Partner, Allens

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Emile Sherman
Film Producer

Joanna Shulman
CEO, Redfern Legal Centre

Hon. Justice Janine Stevenson
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Shemara Wikramanayake
Director, Macquarie Funds Group

Rebel Wilson
Comedian and Actress

Hon. Justice David Wong
Judge of the Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Malaysia

Hon. Judge Dina Yehia SC
Judge of the District Court of NSW
The JD is a graduate level law degree and can be used as a basis for seeking admission to the legal profession.

In order to be admitted as a legal practitioner (for example in New South Wales) you must:

- Meet certain academic requirements
- Attend a practical skills program, and
- Obtain practical experience from employment approved by the Legal Profession Admission Board of the NSW Attorney-General’s Department.

**Practising in NSW**

The UNSW JD is accredited by the Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) and satisfies the academic component for admission to practice as a solicitor and barrister of the Supreme Court of NSW. For more information about Practical Legal Training and admission to practice, please visit: collaw.edu.au, lawsociety.com.au and the NSW Bar Association nswbar.asn.au

**Practising in other states of Australia**

Under the National Practising Certificate scheme legal practitioners with a current practising certificate in NSW may also practice in other Australian States and Territories. Please refer to the relevant Law society in the state or territory that you wish to practice.

**Working internationally**

As in Australia, to practice Law in other countries you must satisfy the academic and accreditation criteria in the particular jurisdiction. Always refer to the relevant authority or admitting body in that country or state.
The UNSW JD opens doors to many career opportunities in Australia and internationally in law firms, business, government agencies or the community sector.

Your UNSW JD gives you the opportunity to join the global network of UNSW Law graduates. You will be able to take advantage of the supportive and connected Law Alumni chapters around Australia and in cities across the United States, England, Hong Kong, Germany and Canada.

Our graduates work in Australia and all over the world as solicitors and barristers, as in-house lawyers in the corporate and government sectors, as policy and legislative advisors or researchers, as prosecutors or public defenders in the criminal justice system, as lawyers in community legal centres or working in non-government organisations focusing on particular issues or rights.

"The international currency that is a JD has enormous potential value in serving the needs of Australia as a country that increasingly looks out into a world where we send our best and brightest to shine; not only in sport, the arts and sciences but in commerce, international justice and governance."

Hon. Judge Christopher Craigie SC
Judge of the District Court of NSW
BA ‘73 LLB ‘76

"The UNSW JD is an outstanding degree for candidates who want a challenging and relevant law degree that will provide many opportunities for their future careers. More relevantly, the UNSW JD will enable and equip graduates to be able to work in the increasingly competitive and complex global legal environment.

Nicola Wakefield-Evans
Non-Executive Director of Macquarie Group, Lend Lease, Toll Holdings Limited, Bupa Australia and Asialink
Former Partner, King & Wood Mallesons
B.Juris LLB ‘84"
Entry requirements

Join students from across Australia and around the world studying the UNSW JD.

Domestic applicants

Selection into the UNSW JD is based on academic merit and only completed tertiary qualifications at Bachelor, Masters or PhD level will be taken into account.

To be eligible for an offer, applicants must have completed a Bachelor degree in a discipline other than law, or a degree in law from an overseas institution.

UNSW offers both Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and full-fee places in the JD.

Commonwealth Supported Places are offered to the most competitive applicants and the remaining eligible applicants will be offered a full-fee place in the JD program. See ‘Fees’ section (p42) for more information on CSP and full-fee places. You should list both CSP and full-fee codes in your UAC preferences if you wish to be considered for both places.

As a guide, to be competitive for a CSP, you would have achieved at least a distinction average in your Bachelor or Masters degree. Your eligibility may be improved if you have also completed an optional honours year or research degree. To be competitive for a full-fee place, you would have achieved at least a credit average in your Bachelor degree.

While numbers will vary, our annual intake of domestic students into the UNSW JD is approximately 200 students.

When can I apply?

Semester 1 Applications

All students wishing to commence in Semester 1 2015 must have their results confirmed by 19 December 2014. If you expect to finish your studies in Summer Semester, you won’t be eligible to apply for Semester 1 2015 and should apply for mid-year entry instead.

Semester 2 Applications

To be eligible to commence in Semester 2 2015 your results must be finalised by 29 May 2015.

If you are a current UNSW student expecting to complete your studies at the end of Semester 1 2015, you may apply for mid-year entry into the UNSW JD program.

If you are due to complete your studies at another university in Semester 1 2015, we regret that you won’t
be eligible to apply for mid-year entry into the UNSW JD program. This is due to the early commencement of JD classes in Semester 2 and late availability of final Semester 1 results. Please apply for Semester 1 admission in the following year.

Transferring

Transfer from another university to the UNSW JD

We welcome applications from law students wishing to transfer to the UNSW JD from other Australian universities, but only completed tertiary qualifications can be considered in the selection process. Please see the entry requirements above for further details. Transfer applications need to be lodged via UAC Postgraduate.

Credit (Advanced Standing) for applicants transferring from a JD program at another Australian university

Students who have completed law subjects as part of a JD (or LLB) program at another Australian university can apply for transfer credit. The maximum amount of credit that can be granted towards the UNSW JD degree is 48 UOC (i.e. the equivalent of one year full time study). Credit cannot be granted for subjects studied as part of a completed qualification.

Exemptions

Applicants who have completed more than the equivalent of 48 UOC in law subjects as part of a JD (or LLB) program at another Australian university can apply for further exemptions from core courses, but will need to make up the equivalent UOC in elective units.

You are welcome to contact Law Student Services for advice on likely transfer credits and/or exemptions, but applications for advanced standing or exemptions can only be determined once you have received an offer and provided all relevant documentation.

International applicants

The UNSW JD is open to international applicants who have completed, or are about to complete, a Bachelor degree in any discipline, including a degree in law from overseas.

International applicants may improve their chance of entry by providing an LSAT result in addition to their academic grades.

International students who hold the equivalent of an LLB or JD qualification from a recognised overseas institution can apply for Advanced Standing for the elective requirements of the UNSW JD. The standard credit is 36 UOC, so as to enable students to enrol in the specialised elective course, Legal Writing in Context. The maximum credit that can be granted is 42 UOC. Advanced standing or exemptions cannot be granted for core course requirements of the UNSW JD degree on the basis of LLB/ JD qualifications from overseas institutions.

English language proficiency requirements

If you do not have a university degree undertaken and assessed in English, you must provide evidence that your English language ability meets the requirements for admission.

For more information about the English language tests and English Preparation Courses which can be undertaken to meet the University’s English language requirements visit unsw.edu.au/elp

For more information on studying at UNSW, please refer to the international student brochure at international.unsw.edu.au
The UNSW JD offers both Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and full-fee places. CSP places are awarded on the basis of academic merit to the most highly qualified applicants.

Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)

Students enrolled in a CSP pay a proportion of the cost of their tuition (a Student Contribution) and the balance is funded by the Commonwealth Government. CSP costs will increase if the Government’s proposed changes to higher education funding are approved by Parliament. See unsw.edu.au for details.

Full-Fee Places – Domestic

For domestic students enrolled in a full-fee place, the 2015 tuition fee for the UNSW JD is $36,720 per year (based on a full time year of 48 UOC) or $765 per unit of credit. Please refer to law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/unsw-jd/cost for details.

Full-Fee Places – International

For international students the 2015 tuition fee for the UNSW JD is $38,400 per year (based on a full time year of 48 UOC) or $800 per unit of credit. Please refer to law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/unsw-jd/cost for details.

FEE-HELP

FEE-HELP is a loan available to help eligible students pay part or all of their tuition fees. It is available to students who are either Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents with a humanitarian visa. In 2014, the FEE-HELP limit was $96,000. This amount is indexed each year. For further information visit www.studyassist.gov.au

Student income support

The UNSW JD is an approved program of study for Youth Allowance and Austudy payments. For further information please visit the Department of Human Services website at www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/themes/students-and-trainees

Accommodation

UNSW offers a range of accommodation both on and off the campus for local and international students. We offer fully catered on-campus colleges and self-catered on and off-campus apartments, private rental units in surrounding suburbs as well as numerous short-term options are also available.

Visit housing.unsw.edu.au for more information.
UNSW Law offers a range of substantial scholarships and awards to enable students to undertake JD study at UNSW. Please refer to scholarships.unsw.edu.au for details on these and other UNSW scholarships you may be eligible for.

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<td>Established to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake the Juris Doctor program at UNSW. $10,000 per annum for the duration of a standard program. Up to two awards per year. Scholarship code: [PGCE1006]</td>
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<td>Established to assist high achieving Indigenous students to undertake the Juris Doctor program at UNSW. $10,000 per annum for the duration of a standard program. Up to two awards per year. Scholarship code: [PGCE1007]</td>
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<td><strong>Juris Doctor (JD) Scholarships for International Students</strong></td>
<td>Established to assist high achieving international students to undertake the Juris Doctor program at UNSW. $10,000 (one year only). Up to two awards per year. Scholarship code: [PGCA1039]</td>
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<td><strong>Postgraduate Equity Scholarship</strong></td>
<td>Established to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake postgraduate study at UNSW. The Scholarship converts the recipient from full-fee paying student to Commonwealth Supported Place fee paying student. Scholarship code: [PGCE1004]</td>
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<td><strong>UNSW Law Juris Doctor (JD) Awards</strong></td>
<td>New in 2015. Established to assist high achieving domestic students enrolled in a UNSW JD full-fee place, and who have completed a minimum of 48 UOC, to continue their JD studies at UNSW. Offers a fee reduction up to the value of the difference in fees between a Commonwealth Supported Place and a full-fee place for the remaining duration of the awardee’s JD program. Up to eight awards per year. For further information please contact <a href="mailto:law@unsw.edu.au">law@unsw.edu.au</a></td>
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Domestic applicants

For Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens, applications for the UNSW JD are online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

Go to www.uac.edu.au and click on “UAC Postgraduate”.

To commence in Semester 1 2015, applications open in early September and on-time applications are due by the end of October 2014.

To commence in Semester 2 2015, applications open in early September 2014 and are due by the end of May 2015.

International applicants

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