Earn a world-class legal qualification in a practical and dynamic learning environment
Welcome to UNSW Law, Australia’s global leader in legal education and research.

We graduate law students who make a difference to the world. They have the very best grounding in the law, along with a deep understanding of how the law operates in practice. Our graduates have achieved great success in legal and other fields, from commercial practice to working in community legal centres, to running start-ups, to working for international organisations.

The distinctive UNSW JD degree leads to admission to legal practice for graduates of other disciplines. 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.

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 inhouse community legal centre and renowned small-group 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.

I look forward to welcoming you to our community.

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The UNSW Juris Doctor (JD) is the professional law degree for graduates of disciplines other than law, or those 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.

**Mature cohort**

The UNSW JD allows you to study law at a postgraduate level, accounting for the maturity and proven proficiency of JD candidates in tertiary study.

**Progressive**

Our curriculum sets the benchmark for a progressive, student-focused 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. We offer courses in established areas of law with a focus on the most recent and relevant developments. We ensure students have access to new and emerging topics so that UNSW Law graduates are prepared and able to adapt to the future of law.

**Knowledge**

The compulsory 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 specialise 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 several different areas before you graduate and make career decisions.

**Experience**

UNSW Law is a leader in experiential learning and clinical legal education and we are proud to offer you Australia’s leading and largest range of experiential opportunities. Kingsford Legal Centre is an integral part of UNSW Law, and all students 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 an extensive list of opportunities for students to study other countries’ legal systems through our overseas electives in China, the USA, Switzerland, and Chile. Or you may wish to immerse yourself in a semester abroad at one of over 80 exchange partner schools.

The JD is a three-year program which provides the basis for admission to legal practice, as well as a wide range of careers in government, business, legal and social policy, or international relations.
Who’s studying the UNSW JD?

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 enables you to establish a strong collegial network with colleagues from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

**JD snapshot**

### Previous Degrees

From across Australia and more than 70 international universities.

- Architectural Studies
- Arts
- Commerce
- Communications
- Criminology
- Design
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Fine Arts
- History
- Information Technology
- International Studies
- Journalism
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media
- Medicine
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Science
- Veterinary Science

### STUDENT STUDY MODE

- 74% Full-time (7-8 courses per semester)
- 26% Part-time
- Average age: 28
- Age range: 20 to 70

### More than 1/2 of our students work while studying

### 33% Have postgraduate qualifications

- MBA
- Media
- Pharmacy
- Physics
- Public Policy
- Science
- Social Science

### 55% Speak two or more languages

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

Timothy Edstein  
Vice-President (Juris Doctor and Postgraduate)  
UNSW Law Society 2017

"During my time studying the JD, one of the best aspects has been the tight-knit community that is the UNSW JD cohort. Whether you have come straight from an undergraduate program, established career or have existing family and work commitments, the JD community is always extremely supportive of each other. Some of the closest friends I made have been during the course of my JD program, many of whom have given me great academic and social support. Our diversity has brought a wide range of knowledge, experience and viewpoints into discussions of legal principles, policies and doctrines.

Our student Law Society has a separate JD and PG program that caters to the distinct needs and interests of JDs, including JD catered events such as our annual JD Black Tie, JD Impact Mentoring program, JD Competition and education workshops. This is all in addition to the vast amount of career services, society-wide events, social-justice initiatives and legal skills competitions."

**Source:** 2017 Student Enrolment and Commencement Form Data.
You will study seventeen compulsory courses and seven electives, totalling 144 units of credit. The UNSW JD fulfils the academic requirements for admission to legal practice in Australia.

Compulsory courses
You will begin your JD with four introductory 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 (JURD7152)
- Crime and the Criminal Process (JURD7121)
- Principles of Private Law (JURD7150)
- Principles of Public Law (JURD7141)

INTERMEDIATE COMPULSORY COURSES
- Administrative Law (JURD7160)
- Contracts (JURD7175)
- Criminal Laws (JURD7122)
- Equity and Trusts (JURD7285)
- Land Law (JURD7283)
- Lawyers, Ethics and Justice (JURD7130)
- Resolving Civil Disputes (JURD7271)
- Torts (JURD7161)

ADVANCED STAGE COMPULSORY COURSES
- Business Associations (JURD7224)
- Court Process, Evidence and Proof (JURD7261)
- Federal Constitutional Law (JURD7250)
- Law and Social Theory (JURD7222) or Legal Theory (JURD7223) or Theories of Law and Justice (JURD7236) or Legal Experimentalism (JURD7284)

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.

Electives
You can choose from a wide range of electives, including internships, clinics, and international opportunities. Further details about our elective offerings are available on p20.

UNSW Law is different from 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.
“My experience of studying the JD has been fantastic! Every class is challenging and rewarding at the same time. We all come from different backgrounds, which enriches the overall class discussions. While discussing and debating the most controversial issues, our life experiences have definitely brought life into these discussions! Our lecturers are also professional in their teaching style.”

Joshua Kan
JD Student

Our distinctive approach to legal education

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 in Orientation Week (the 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 period) offered during semester, including on weekends; or
- 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.

Dedicated Careers Service
UNSW Law is the first Law School in New South Wales to offer an in-house careers service, dedicated specifically to UNSW Law students and alumni. This service includes one-on-one counseling sessions, a jobs board and a range of resources, presentations and workshops aimed at maximising your employability. For more information visit law.unsw.edu.au/careers.
Who are the academic staff at UNSW Law?

The academic staff at UNSW Law are nationally and internationally recognised researchers. They are the authors of leading textbooks, and are engaged in public debates at national and international levels.

Jane is Scientia Professor of Law and Director of the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW, and the leader of the UNSW Grand Challenge on Refugees and Migrants. She has special expertise on cross-border relocations, especially in the Pacific, and a keen interest in the global history of refugee and migration law. Her research has been supported by a number of Australian Research Council grants, and she is Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Refugee Law.

Jane has been an expert advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; the International Organisation for Migration; and the World Bank’s Thematic Working Group on Environmental Change and Migration. In 2017 she was awarded the prestigious international 2017 Calouste Gulbenkian Prize for Human Rights for her work on refugees and forced migration.

Gary is Director of the Program in Expertise, Evidence and Law at UNSW Law and Chair of the Evidence-based Forensics Initiative. Originally trained in the history and philosophy of science, he subsequently studied law at the University of Sydney and took a PhD in law from the University of Cambridge. An active commentator on expert evidence in Australia, England, the US and Canada, he is a member of the Council of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences, a member of Standards Australia’s forensic science committee, a member of the editorial board of the Australian Journal of Forensic Sciences, and served as an international adviser to the Goudge Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology in Ontario (2007-2008).


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 Chair 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.

Weihuan is a member of UNSW Law’s China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Initiative, a long term and strategic project to enhance research strength in the areas of international business and economic law of relevance to China in the twenty-first century. Prior to joining UNSW Law in 2015, Weihuan was a trade and commercial lawyer at a major law firm in Sydney acting as an advisor to the Government of China (represented by China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)), Chinese industry associations, and numerous major producers and exporters from different countries in various trade remedy investigations in Australia. Weihuan has also been a consultant at the WTO Secretariat. His research covers the laws of the WTO, trade remedies, Chinese commercial law, China’s trade and investment policies and regulations, and China’s integration into the international economic order. He teaches Principles of Private Law, International Trade Law: The Law and Policy of the WTO and Chinese Regulation of International Business.

Dr Jonathan Bonnitcha joined UNSW Law as a Lecturer in 2016. His primary area of research interest is in international economic governance, with a particular interest in investment treaties. Much of his research is inter-disciplinary, drawing on perspectives from the disciplines of economics and political science. In 2017, Jonathan published The Political Economy of the Investment Treaty Regime. Prior to joining UNSW Law, Jonathan lived in Myanmar, where he worked as an advisor to the Myanmar Government on investment governance. For several years he also worked for the Australian Attorney General’s Department, as a member of the team that successfully defended a multi-billion-dollar challenge to Australia’s tobacco plain packaging laws brought under an investment treaty. Jonathan was a Rhodes Scholar, and holds a DPhil, MPhil and BCL from the University of Oxford.

**When can I start?**

You can commence either in Semester 1 or 2 2018. All 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 and a wide range of elective courses are offered at the UNSW Kensington Campus (just 7km from Sydney CBD). Most classes are held in our modern, purpose-built Law Building which also houses the Herbert Smith Freehills Law Library, Law Student Services, the Kingsford Legal Centre, the Law Centres Precinct, the Landerer Moot Court, the UNSW Law Student Society, and facilities such as the dedicated Postgraduate and JD study space. Core classes are generally held during the day, and electives are scheduled during the day and early evenings. We also offer limited places for core courses and some electives at the Sydney city (UNSW CBD) campus, on O’Connell Street in the late afternoon and evening.

The UNSW JD is a three-year program when studied full-time. 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.

The main teaching periods in 2018 are Semesters 1 and 2, each are 13-week semesters and run from late February to June, and late July to November.

Students are advised that core courses should be completed before enrolling in electives.

International students must enrol in the minimum number of units of credit per semester to meet their visa requirements.

**PLEASE NOTE:** UNSW is moving to a new academic calendar model from 2019. The new academic calendar is called UNSW3+. The new calendar will consist of three normal terms, each with ten weeks teaching, and an optional five-week summer term.


**How do I plan my degree?**

Planning your JD program

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.

Unlike other universities, UNSW gave me complete control over my studies and course load. As a single mother who works full-time, I required a flexible program that fit around my schedule. The evening classes in the CBD provided me with the flexibility I needed, allowing me to head to class without needing to finish work early to get to campus.”

Claudia Jakuszyk
JD Student

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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.
When you commence your JD you will be given a study plan to help you select your courses and plan your study. The plans will show you the recommended sequence of courses, taking into account that some courses have prerequisites and as such, need to be studied in a defined order.

JD students can vary their enrolment from part-time to full-time and choose courses at Kensington and the CBD. Please note however that UNSW Law schedules core courses at Kensington and the CBD in accordance with these plans, and that places in CBD classes are limited.

If you commence the UNSW JD in 2018, a standard first year study plan for your program would look like this:

**Standard 3 year full-time study plan (Semester 1 start)**

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**Standard 6 year part-time study plan (Semester 1 start)**

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*Most international students’ study plans will be slightly different.*

Please note that UNSW is moving to a new academic calendar model from 2019. The new academic calendar is called UNSW3+. The new calendar will consist of three normal terms, each with ten weeks teaching, and an optional five-week summer term.

This will offer enhanced flexibility and options for students to spread their study load across three terms. Additional information about study plans can be found at [law.unsw.edu.au/studyplans](http://law.unsw.edu.au/studyplans).

**UNSW JD Degree Structure**

- **Study mode:** 3 Years FT / 6 Years PT
- **17x Compulsory Law core courses**
- **7x Law electives**
- **144 UOC**

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**Phil Moser, JD Student**

“My decision to move from Canada to study the JD at UNSW filled me with anticipation and apprehension. I was excited at the prospect of leaving home and embarking on a new adventure but was not sure what to expect. I find the extracurricular social events, exclusive to law students, provide an opportunity to meet new friends and upper year students, who gave me an insight into what the next three years of what my life will be like. Small class sizes encourage participation and create an active learning environment. As well, the professors are approachable and stimulate critical thinking and provocative discussions.”
Elecive courses

After you have completed the majority of your compulsory courses (72 UOC), you can choose from a wide range of electives from our JD and Masters programs.

UNSW Law offers a comprehensive selection of elective courses covering a wide range of specialist areas, including:

- Corporate, Commercial Law and Private Law
- Criminal Law, Criminology, Evidence and Advocacy
- Critical and Theoretical Perspectives on Law and Legal Systems
- Editorial Publications and Research Internships
- Environmental, Administrative and Public Law
- Human Rights and Social Justice
- Intellectual Property, Media and Communications Law
- International, Comparative and Global Law
- Legal Process and Dispute Resolution

UNSW Law also offers the largest internship and clinical program in Australia. A full list of current clinics, internship and experiential learning opportunities can be found on p24.

Not all electives are offered every year, but with such a wide range of options, including our experiential courses, you will be able to specialise, study what interests you, obtain hands-on experience in the workplace, or study overseas. In 2018, up to 30 different classroom-based electives are offered in each of the standard semesters, in addition to the numerous courses such as clinics and internships offered in the experiential learning program. Research thesis and publication electives are generally available every semester. Our electives are taught by specialist academics and practitioners, and are oriented towards developing critical and contextualised understanding of our contemporary legal and social challenges. Here is just a snapshot of some of our courses and academic staff:

**Criminal Law, Criminology, Evidence and Advocacy**

UNSW Law has always had a strong commitment to teaching and research in the area of criminology, criminal justice, criminal procedure and evidence and criminal law reform and policy. This is an area of law constantly evolving in response to shifts in societal attitudes and norms, and as a law school committed to social justice our elective program emphasizes criminal law and procedure's critical role in protecting citizens' civil and political rights, in courses such as Comparative Anti-Terrorism Law, Gender, Race and Justice, The Essential Advocate and International Criminal Law. Our experts include Dr Vicki Sentas, who joined the Faculty in 2012 from the School of Law, Kings College London. Vicki’s research interest is in the processes of criminalisation and racialisation in law and policing and their significance for how we understand criminal justice. In addition to teaching the core course Crime and the Criminal Process, Vicki teaches Issues in Policing, and leads the innovative Police Powers Clinic at Redfern Legal Centre.

**UNSW Law's Home to some** of Australia's leading private law scholars and offers a wide range of electives in corporate, commercial and private law, from International Investment Law to Sport and the Law. Our experts in this area include Professor Simone Degeling. In addition to teaching Equity and Trusts, Restitution and Issues in Equity, Simone also teaches the capstone private law course of Remedies. Simone is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and an expert in private law, specialising in restitution and unjust enrichment law, equity and trusts, and remedies. Her most recent co-edited book is Private Law and Power, and she is the author of Restitutionary Rights to Share in Damages, and co-author of a leading Australian casebook on Remedies.

UNSW Law’s intellectual property courses cover the numerous ways that creativity, innovation and branding are regulated in Australia today. With course options every semester, students have the opportunity to spend one term immersed in the world of copyright, examining everything from the protection of tweets to attempts to regulate ‘Internet piracy’, and the next semester explore the patenting of inventions and the safeguarding of some of the world's most valuable trademarks. Our leading Intellectual Property scholars include Professor Kathy Bowrey whose research explores laws and practices that inform knowledge creation and the production, distribution and reception of technology and culture. She is author of the ground-breaking Law and Internet Cultures, and co-editor of the leading Australian textbook Australian IP Commentary, Law and Practice and is currently working on a number of ARC funded projects, including one on the history of Australian Copyright Law with UNSW colleague, Dr Catherine Bond.

**Legal Process and Dispute Resolution**

Civil disputes range from local neighbourhood disagreements, debt disputes over mobile phone contracts, and personal injury claims, to large scale, complex litigation involving anti-competitive conduct, or pharmaceuticals and securities cases brought by regulators or as class actions. UNSW Law provides electives that introduce students to dispute resolution in this broad range of contexts. Our elective courses examine the key areas of contemporary practice in litigation, discovery in the electronic age, expert evidence, class actions and litigation funding and will develop your understanding of the role of negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and litigation in domestic and international disputes. Our courses look to the new and developing challenges in this area, including the role of key regulators such as the Australian Securities & Investments Commission, and examining the challenges posed by transnational disputes in the global age. We also offer a number of hands-on electives that enable you to develop your skills in mediation, negotiation and advocacy in a practical and applied setting. Our experts in this area include Associate Professor Michael Legg, Director of the IMF Bentham Class Actions Research Initiative who joined UNSW Law after almost two decades as a legal practitioner with leading Australian and US law firms. In 2017 Michael was named Academic of the Year at the annual Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards, and was the only academic contributor to the influential Future of the Legal Profession Report.
I am a recipient of the JD scholarship for international students. The scholarship is great encouragement for me to keep my first-year academic performance in good standing. I’ve used my scholarship to pay my tutorial fee for one course and to purchase my textbooks for the JD program.

I am impressed by the wide range of extracurricular activities and opportunities provided by the Faculty and UNSW Law Society. There are opportunities to participate in academic events and workshops, we have opportunities to ask former High Court judges questions and have your voice heard in Australian policy submissions.

Chujing (Charlene) Cai, JD Student

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Experiential learning

Gain high-level practical experience with Australia’s leading and largest range of experiential learning opportunities.

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.

Internships

Our wide range of internships gives you the chance to ‘trial’ careers during your studies.

Work with non-government organisations, social justice organisations, law reform and public interest groups, government organisations, barristers, or law firms, 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.

“I completed the UNSW Law Internship JURD7308 at The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre. My internship exposed me to some of the harsh realities of our justice system. It reinforced my reason for studying law; to help those in society who don’t have the means to defend themselves. It was an eye opening and life changing experience. My internship clarified that criminal law is my passion and it even opened my mind to the possibility of going to the Bar - an avenue I had never considered before.”

Tahlia Jennings
JD Student
UNSW Law on-site Internships
- Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law
- AustLII
- Australian Human Rights Institute
- Australian Pro Bono Centre
- Centre for Law, Markets and Regulation
- Cyberspace Law and Policy Community
- Diplomacy Training Program
- Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law
- Indigenous Law Centre
- National Children’s and Youth Law Centre
- The Social Justice Project

UNSW Publication Internships
- Australian Indigenous Law Review
- Australian Journal of Human Rights
- Human Rights Defender
- Indigenous Law Bulletin
- UNSW Law Journal (Executive)

External Partner Organisations
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- AFL NSW/ACT
- Amnesty International
- Amy Gillett Foundation
- Arts Law Centre of Australia
- Australian Disputes Centre
- Australian Drug Law Reform Initiative
- Cancer Council of NSW
- CHOICE
- Environmental Defender’s Office NSW
- Dharrriwa Elders Group in Walgett
- Federal Court of Australia
- Financial Planning Association
- Financial Services Institute of Australasia
- Football Federation of Australia
- Inspector of Custodial Services
- International Disability Alliance
- Justice Action
- Justice Policy, Department of Attorney-General & Justice
- Law Society of NSW
- Legal Services Council
- Liquor and Gaming NSW
- Local Courts – Bankstown, Burwood, Campbelltown, Central, Downing Centre, Liverpool, Parramatta, Sutherland
- Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre
- National Association for the Visual Arts
- Nature Conservation Council of NSW
- NSW Attorney-General & Justice – Public Defenders Office
- NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- NSW Ombudsman
- Office of the Small Business Commissioner
- People with Disability Australia (PWDA)
- Refugee Advice & Casework Service (Aust) Inc.
- Resolution Institute
- Salvo’s Legal Humanitarian
- Shopfront
- Tramby National Indigenous Adult Education and Training
- UNICEF
- UNSW Grand Challenges Program
- UNSW Innovations
- UNSW Legal Office
- Voiceless
- Women in Prison Advocacy Network

The value of internships

“Experiential learning offers students the unique opportunity to simultaneously study the theory of law in the classroom and also to experience it in action. It plays a critical role in the process of transforming our law students into ethical, analytical and engaged legal professionals.”

Nicola McGarrity
Director, Experiential Learning, UNSW Law

*UNSW Law regularly revises and enhances our internship offerings. Internships listed are current at the time of print but may be subject to change.

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.
The KLC experience

“Students at KLC love the chance to meet with real clients, learn about how law and lawyers work in practice and see how law frequently fails disadvantaged clients and communities. They enjoy using the theory they have learnt in their work and can imagine themselves as lawyers.”

Associate Professor Anna Cody
Director, Kingsford Legal Centre

Clinics

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 at a number of other innovative clinics exclusive to UNSW Law.

All courses involve working on legal issues which impact 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 of the deeper questions raised during the course.

Kingsford Legal Centre (KLC) 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 appropriate legal advice and observe them while they deliver that 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 cases, undertake legal research, write letters, prepare briefs to counsel, make submissions and assist KLC solicitors at court or in mediations. You will work on individual cases, including domestic violence, debt or discrimination, 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 files, undertake research, draft documents, assist KLC solicitors at court or in mediation, and 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.

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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 KLC.

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KFC Clinics

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 at a number of other innovative clinics exclusive to UNSW Law.

All courses involve working on legal issues which impact 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 of the deeper questions raised during the course.

Kingsford Legal Centre (KLC) 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 appropriate legal advice and observe them while they deliver that legal advice. You can also choose from several longer clinical programs at KLC as an elective.

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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.

RACS Clinic

Gain practical experience in refugee law, while critically reflecting on best practice legal service delivery methods, at the Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS) Clinic. At this clinic, you will have significant responsibility working for individual clients and will work with RACS volunteers including barristers, lawyers and volunteer interpreters.

The clinic’s partners include the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown, Auburn Community Centre, and Settlement Services Parramatta. Students are expected to see RACS clients at these outreach locations and also to attend the Randwick office, totalling two days each week.

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, including impact investing, social enterprise, impact measurement and philanthropy. The applied projects are developed and conducted with industry, social enterprises, not-for-profits and foundations.
Expand your horizons with a semester-long international exchange to one of the world’s leading law schools. UNSW students do not pay any additional tuition fees to the overseas host institution and your courses are credited directly to your UNSW JD.

UNSW Law has direct links with more than 80 leading international law schools including:

**Austria**
- University of Salzburg

**Brazil**
- FGV Sao Paolo

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

**Chile**
- Pontificia Universidad

**China**
- Beijing Normal University
- Fudan University
- Peking University
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Tsinghua University
- Xi’an Jiao Tong

**Colombia**
- Universidad de Los Andes

**Czech Republic**
- Masaryk University

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

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

**Germany**
- Bucerius Law School
- Freiburg University
- Freie University Berlin
- 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

**Ireland**
- University College Dublin
- Trinity College Dublin

**Israel**
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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

**Japan**
- Chuo University

**Mexico**
- ITAM (Mexico City)
- Tecn 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 College London
- University of Birmingham
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Leeds
- University of Nottingham
- University of Sussex

**USA**
- Arizona State University
- 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).

A definite highlight of the JD program has been the overseas elective trip to Shanghai, where I learned about the Chinese Legal System. This trip provided an all-round great educational experience learning about different aspects of Chinese law and was a fantastic opportunity to make friends and network with others.

Robert Lee
JD Student
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. Applications to Oxford University’s highly regarded Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and Masters in Law and Finance (MLF) are open to UNSW JD students in their fourth semester of study.

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 MLF**
The Masters in Law and Finance (MLF) was launched in October 2010. It is jointly taught with the Said 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.

**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.

**New York, USA**
Head off to the Big Apple for this two week intensive course, Human Rights Law in Practice. This course 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 the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

**Zurich, Switzerland**
This overseas elective, Law and Technology: Comparative Perspectives, is taught at one of Switzerland’s leading universities - the University of Zurich. The course explores the interaction between law and technology, introducing students to the potentially problematic relationship between legal rules and technological change. Students engage with legal issues arising at the technological frontier across a range of legal and technological contexts. Theories of law and technology, technology regulation and intellectual property are linked with practical problem-solving activities.

**Overseas electives**
JD students keen to add international experience and legal knowledge to their study program without the commitment of exchange, find that our two to three week overseas electives are ideal. We offer these courses at a range of overseas locations during the main semester breaks. These courses are electives that are credited towards your law degree. For more information on international opportunities, visit law.unsw.edu.au/international-opportunities.

**Santiago, Chile**
This overseas elective, Transitional Justice in International and Comparative Perspectives, explores the legal and other regulatory dimensions of transitions from dictatorships to democracies – from comparative and international perspectives. Studying in Chile, a country that experienced and emerged from one of the most brutal military dictatorships of the twentieth century, students are given unique insight into how transitional justice processes happen on the ground, and take into account the legal, social and political dimensions of transitional justice.

**Shanghai, China**
Chinese Legal System is a two week course that 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. When opening its economy to market forces 30 years ago, law and the legal system lost the pariah role under which they had been cast during the Proletarian Cultural Revolution. This course examines the role law is playing in modern China by reference to its historical antecedents. It examines particular areas of development for their own sake but also as indicators of the changing role of law in Chinese society.

**Berkeley, 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 focuses principally on the study of the federal and state legal systems within the United States of America. It includes 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 also includes guest lecturers, field visits to points of relevance to the American legal system, as well as social and cultural events.
Careers and employment

The UNSW JD opens doors to many career opportunities in Australia and internationally in law firms, business, government agencies or the community sector.

As a UNSW JD student, you have access to a range of careers and employment services both within the Law School and the University to assist you in making career choices.

UNSW Law Careers Service

UNSW Law offers a dedicated careers service led by a team of experienced staff who are lawyers themselves. They bring in-depth knowledge of trends and opportunities in the legal market and beyond, and are available exclusively to UNSW Law students and alumni. To find out more on the services provided, visit law.unsw.edu.au/careers.

UNSW Careers and Employment Service

The UNSW Careers and Employment service can assist you in finding graduate, part-time and vacation employment. You can also attend career planning workshops or book individual appointments. For more information visit careers.unsw.edu.au.

“The not only are UNSW Law students offered one-on-one career counselling sessions, but they can also take part in professional development programs. These cover topics as diverse as resume and cover letter writing; online branding and professional profile writing; networking strategies and skills; summer clerkship and graduate employment applications; and job hunting strategies. The aim of the Careers Service is to give our students the confidence and skills to ensure they are 100 percent job-ready.”

Joanne Glanz
Manager, Careers Services, UNSW Law

Mentoring

The JD Impact Program will assist you in your transition to law school through collaborative sessions with senior JD peers. The JD Impact Program runs throughout your first semester, ensuring that you have multiple avenues to have questions answered, and to assist you with settling into your new law studies.

The Headstart Mentoring Program offers you an opportunity to network with 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.

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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, witness examination, client interviewing and negotiations. The skills competitions further develop your legal understanding and equip you with strong analytical, teamwork and communication skills. Beginners to advanced competitions are offered, and you can also compete nationally and internationally as an elective in later years of your degree.

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Socialising and wellbeing

The Law Society knows that from time to time, you will need a break from study LawSoc host various social activities throughout the year. There are some events catering to JDs and Undergraduate students such as Law Ball, and other social events dedicated to JDs only such as the JD Welcome Back Drinks. In addition to these activities, LawSoc run social justice and wellbeing events such as the Happy Hour Project, to strive to ensure that your studies will be one part of a balanced life during your time at UNSW Law. Visit unswlawsoc.org for more information.

Student Law Society

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 (LawSoc).

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After your law degree

Your UNSW JD gives you the opportunity to join the global network of UNSW Law alumni. 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. There are many options, but we’ll help you discover the right path.

Some of our distinguished alumni in law, government, business and the arts include:

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

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

**Lea Armstrong**
NSW Crown Solicitor

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

**Hon. Judge Bob Bellear**
Judge of the District Court of NSW (1996-2000)

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

**Elizabeth Broderick**
Former 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 ANZ Banking Group, Coca-Cola Amatil, UNSW Foundation and Sydney Theatre Company

**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 Haessler 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**
Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

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

**Hon. Justice Robert McClelland**
Judge of the Family Court of Australia

**Andrew Trahair**
Partner and Co-Head of Global Banking Practice, Allen & Overy (UK)

**Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP**
Attorney-General of NSW

**Terri Janke**
Judge of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW

**Damen Miller**
Former Australian Ambassador to Denmark (2013 – 17), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Nicholas Moore**
Managing Director and CEO, Macquarie Group

**James Morton**
Magistrate for Mt Isa

**Hon. Judge Matthew Myers AM**
Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia

**Hon. Justice John Nicholas**
Judge of the Federal Court of Australia

**Robynne Quiggin**
CEO, Australian Indigenous Governance Institute

**Matthew Reilly**
Best-Selling Author

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**Emile Sherman**
Founder, See-Saw Films

**Joanna Shulman**
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**Shemara Wikramanayake**
Director, Macquarie Funds Group

**Rebel Wilson**
Comedian and Actress

**Hon. Justice David Wong Dak Wah**
Judge of the Court of Appeal, Malaysia

**Hon. Judge Dina Yehia SC**
Judge of the District Court of NSW

**Teela Reid**
UNSW JD ’16
Solicitor, Legal Aid NSW

**Geoff Simpson**
UNSW JD ’12
Barrister, 15 Wardell Chambers

“I am proud to be a UNSW Law JD graduate. I was drawn to this law school for its exceptional reputation for social justice and distinguished quality of teaching of black letter law. UNSW Law is at the cutting edge of legal education and allows every student to engage with the law in a way that enables them to truly make their mark in the legal profession.

A highlight for me was collaborating with other students, staff, barristers and judicial officers to establish the UNSW Law Mooting Competition of Australia’s First Peoples that is now in its fourth consecutive year. I went on to work as Tipstaff to Justice Lucy McCallum of the Supreme Court of NSW and I am currently a solicitor in the criminal law division at Legal Aid NSW.”

“I embarked on a second career in 2009 when I took up Law at UNSW after owning and running my own components manufacturing business. I now 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 university 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.”
Becoming a legal practitioner

The JD is a graduate level law degree and can be used as a basis for seeking admission to the legal profession in Australia.

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;
- be a fit and proper person; 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 practise as a solicitor and barrister of the Supreme Court of NSW.

For more information about Practical Legal Training and admission to practise, please visit the College of Law collaw.edu.au, the NSW Law Society 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 practise in other Australian States and Territories. Please refer to the relevant Law Society in the state or territory in which you wish to practise.

Working internationally

As in Australia, to practise 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.

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Daisy Ren
JD Student

“I was initially very worried about starting a law degree, as my previous qualifications are in Finance and Psychology. Now in my second year of the JD program, I couldn’t be happier. I’ve participated in a number of competitions held by the UNSW Law Society, such as the Witness Competition and Negotiation Competition to practice and improve my skills. I’ve also been involved in many of the social activities run by LawSoc which have helped me adapt to life in Sydney. As my first language is not English, these activities have really improved my language skills and my performance in the JD program.”

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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 considered. 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. CSP are offered to the most competitive applicants and the remaining eligible applicants will be offered a full-fee place in the JD program. See the JD fees’ section (p40) 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 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. While numbers will vary, our annual intake of domestic students into the UNSW JD is approximately 150.

When can I apply?

Applications for 2018 commencement open in early September 2017 at uac.edu.au.

Semester 1 applications

All students wishing to commence in Semester 1 2018 must have their results confirmed by 23 December 2017. If you expect to finish your studies in Summer Semester, you will not be eligible to apply for Semester 1 2017 and should apply for mid-year entry instead.

Semester 2 applications

To be eligible to commence in Semester 2 2018 your results must be finalised by 31 May 2018, unless you are a current UNSW student. If you are a current UNSW student expecting to complete your studies at the end of Semester 2018, 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 2 2018, unfortunately you are not 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 admission in 2019.

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 refer to the UNSW JD entry requirements for further details. Transfer applications need to be lodged via UAC.

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).

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 UNSW Law Student Services for general 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 a recognised overseas tertiary institution. To be competitive for admission, you must have a score of 70% as per the UNSW Postgraduate Coursework Entry Score Calculator at admissions.unsw.edu.au/PPGCalculators. International applicants* 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.

In 2016, the Australian and Singaporean Governments announced a new package of bilateral cooperation initiatives. As a result, the UNSW JD is now recognised in Singapore, and the LLB and JD degrees of Singapore universities are recognised in Australia (subject to applicable conditions in the 2003 Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement). For more information on studying at UNSW, please refer to the international student brochure at international.unsw.edu.au.

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*Domestic applicants with a completed law qualification from a recognised overseas institution may also apply for Advanced Standing.

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.
The UNSW JD offers both Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and full-fee places. CSPs 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. As a guide, the Student Contribution for a CSP in Law at UNSW in 2018 is $10,951. The Commonwealth Government is seeking parliamentary approval for changes to higher education funding. Please refer to student.unsw.edu.au/fees for details.

**Full-Fee Places – Domestic**
For domestic students enrolled in a full-fee place, the 2018 indicative tuition fee for the UNSW JD is $40,560 per year (based on a full-time year of 48 UOC) or $845 per unit of credit. Tuition fees are reviewed annually and may increase each year. Please refer to student.unsw.edu.au/fees for the most up-to-date information on fees.

**Full-Fee Places – International**
For international students the 2018 indicative tuition fee for the UNSW JD is $46,800 per year (based on a full-time year of 48 UOC) or $975 per unit of credit. Please refer to student.unsw.edu.au/fees for the most up-to-date information on fees.

**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 holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. In 2017, the FEE-HELP limit was $100,879. This amount is indexed each year. For further information visit 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 humanservices.gov.au/customer/themes/students-and-trainees.

**Accommodation**
UNSW offers a range of accommodation both on and off the campus for domestic 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 housing options. Visit rc.unsw.edu.au or 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.

**Juris Doctor (JD) Scholarship for Academic Excellence**
- Available to assist high achieving students to undertake the Juris Doctor Program at UNSW
- $6,000 per annum for the duration of a standard full-time program of up to 3 years
- Four awards available per year (two per semester)
- Scholarship code: PGCA1038

**Juris Doctor (JD) Scholarship for International Students**
- Available to assist high achieving international students to undertake the Juris Doctor Program at UNSW
- $10,000 (one-off payment)
- Two awards available per year (one per semester)
- Scholarship code: PGCA1039

**Juris Doctor (JD) Scholarship for Indigenous Students**
- Available to assist Indigenous students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake the Juris Doctor Program at UNSW
- $10,000 per annum for the duration of a standard full-time program of up to 3 years
- Two awards available per year (one per semester)
- Scholarship code: PGCE1007

**Juris Doctor (JD) Equity Scholarship**
- Available to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake the Juris Doctor Program at UNSW
- $10,000 per annum for the duration of a standard full-time program of up to 3 years
- Two awards available per year (one per semester)
- Scholarship code: PGCE1006

**Scholarship UNSW Law Juris Doctor (JD) Awards**
- 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 in a CSP
- Up to eight awards per year

**Danielle Sirmai Memorial Scholarship**
- Available to assist high achieving Juris Doctor students to undertake an internship overseas in international arbitration and private international law
- $5,000 (one-off payment)
- One award available per year
- Scholarship code: UGTR1035

For further information please visit scholarships.unsw.edu.au
**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 uac.edu.au and click on “Postgraduate”.
To commence in Semester 1 2018, applications open in early September 2017 and on-time applications are due by the end of October 2017. To commence in Semester 2 2018, applications open in early September 2017 and on-time applications are due by the end of May 2018.
You should list both CSP and full-fee codes in your UAC preferences if you wish to be considered for both places.

**International applicants**
Applicants who do not hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or Australian permanent residency are international applicants and should apply directly to UNSW at apply.unsw.edu.au.

**Information sessions**
JD information sessions are held during the year. Please register online law.unsw.edu.au/jdinfo for the session you would like to attend.

| Commonwealth Supported Places | UAC code – 910600 |
| Full-Fee Places | UAC code – 910601 |

**Key dates**

| Semester 1 | 2018 |
| O’Week and Introducing Law & Justice classes for new students | 19 February – 23 February |
| Classes start for continuing students | 26 February |
| Mid-semester break | 30 March – 8 April |
| Study period & exams | 2 June – 25 June |

| Semester 2 | 2018 |
| O’Week and Introducing Law & Justice classes for new students | 18 July – 20 July |
| Classes start for continuing students | 23 July |
| Mid-semester break | 22 September – 1 October |
| Study period & exams | 27 October – 20 November |

**Useful links and addresses**

**Online**
law.unsw.edu.au/jd
You can find more information on the UNSW JD on our website.

**Email**
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You can email our Law Student Services Office with enquiries about applications and admission.

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