You usually apply for Credit Transfer when you submit your application for admission to a Masters program at UNSW. Specific credit transfer is not assessed until an offer of admission is made but general advice can be provided by Law Student Services. See UNSW’s Credit Transfer information as well as the following information for prospective and current Law Masters students.

- Credit Transfer towards Law Masters programs will only be granted for Masters law courses completed at a recognised Australian university. Credit will not be awarded for courses undertaken in a Juris Doctor program.

- Credit will only be granted for courses completed within the last 10 years. Please note students should apply for credit when they apply for admission but must apply for credit within 5 years from when they commence their program at UNSW.

- Credit transfer will be assessed taking into account the following factors:
  - The relevance of the course/s for the program of enrolment at UNSW Law;
  - The quality of the institution where the course was originally undertaken;
  - The course description and content;
  - The assessment tasks undertaken, particularly with an eye to whether they are compatible with the requirements of UNSW Law Masters learning outcomes.

- The maximum Credit Transfer which can be awarded for previous studies is one course (6 UOC) for the law component of Master in International Law & International Relations, Master of International Law and Security and Master of Law, Media and Journalism. An additional number of UOC may be granted for the non-law component of the above Masters Programs at the discretion of the non-law faculty.

- The maximum Credit Transfer which can be awarded for previous studies is 25% for all other Masters programs offered by UNSW Law. This is two courses (12 UOC) for the Master of Laws, Master of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Master of Dispute Resolution and Master of Business Law and three courses (18 UOC) for the Master of Environmental Law and Policy.
• Credit Transfer is **NOT** granted for completion of a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice/PLT.

• The following Credit Transfer precedents have been approved. Students must still submit a formal application:
  
  o Specialist Accreditation from NSW Law Society – one course (6 UOC) in the Master of Laws;
  
  o Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (CIarb) – two courses (12 UOC) in the Master of Dispute Resolution or the Master of Laws;
  
  o Completion of Mediator training by Resolution Institute – Mediators who have undergone mediator training and been accredited to the national standard by LEADR, the Association of Dispute Resolvers, may be eligible for advanced standing for **LAWS8078 Mediation** one course (6 UOC) in the Master of Dispute Resolution or the Master of Laws;
  
  o International LLM students who have already completed an LLM at La Trobe University and completed **Introduction to Australian Law – Advanced Standing** may be awarded at UNSW for **LAWS8271 Australian Legal System** one course (6 UOC) in the Master of Laws;
  
  o Masters completed as a non-award (single course enrolment) at UNSW – maximum of two courses (12 UOC);
  
  o 18 hours of UNSW CPD seminars for which a certificate has been given by CPD, and where the attendee has also produced a substantial piece of legal writing (circa 6,000 words) such as an academic paper, submission to government/law reform commission, or contribution to an official report – one course (6 UOC) in the Master of Laws.

  ▪ For approval of this option, the student needs follow these steps:

    1. Undertake 18 hours of CPD on a cohesive subject area (discuss your options directly with CPD staff);
    2. Have a certificate produced by CPD attesting to the completion of the 18 hours (also liaise directly with CPD in that regard);
    3. Be admitted into the UNSW LLM program;
    4. Present your certificate to Law Student Services, with a view of obtaining advanced standing;
    5. Law Student Services will then liaise with the Director of Postgraduate Programs, who must approve the topic of your paper.
(or, if already published, the text itself). The research essay must be submitted within 90 days of the topic being approved, and no later than five years from when the first UNSW CPD activity for which equivalency is sought has been completed.

- The work you present should be your own work and clearly identifiable as such. Therefore, pieces of writing collectively produced, however meritorious, cannot be considered.

- You should consider topics that connect with the UNSW CPD activities for which you are seeking advanced standing.

- Your submission will be considered by the Director of Postgraduate Programs, and marked as pass/fail simply for the purposes of granting you advanced standing. No supervision is available in the preparation of original work.

- This procedure also applies to UNSW LLM students already enrolled, and who wish to do one of their courses via UNSW CPD units.

**Further Information**

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