UNSW Law
At a glance

A leading global Law School

UNSW Law is one of the world’s top ranking Law Schools and 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.

Student engagement is fundamental to everything we do. Renowned for our teaching method, we offer smaller class sizes, interactive teaching and a wealth of opportunities for studies beyond the classroom, both locally and overseas.

As a leading research-intensive university, we focus on interdisciplinary and collaborative research that leads to real change in public policy and the law. This research is used to inform, inspire and enliven our teaching.

UNSW Australia

Located on the east coast, the city of Sydney is the gateway to Australia and home to over 5 million people. UNSW Australia is ideally situated close to the airport, just 6 kilometers from the city centre and minutes from world famous beaches, including Bondi and Coogee.

Memberships
Undergraduate Law

Undergraduate students study Law as a dual degree, combining the study of Law with one of 25 partner degrees. Students gain a broader education and graduate with a better understanding of the value of the law in practice.

UNSW JD (Juris Doctor)

The UNSW JD is a three year professional Law degree for graduates of disciplines other than Law, or with a Law degree from an overseas institution. It can be used as a basis for seeking admission to legal practice.*

*To practise law 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.

Postgraduate Law

Postgraduate students with a Law degree can study a one year Master of Laws program and specialise in one of 12 areas of law. For non-Law graduates, we offer a range of innovative one year Master's programs in specialised areas.

Higher Degree Research Programs

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Juridical Science
- Master of Laws by Research

Teaching and learning

Our innovative curriculum sets the benchmark for legal education worldwide.

- Interactive seminar-style classes
- Australia’s largest program of internships and legal clinics
- Teachers include former judges, industry professionals, international scholars and award-winning lecturers
- Pathway from UNSW JD to Oxford BCL or MLF
- Overseas electives in Chile, China, Switzerland, USA and Vanuatu
- Exchange agreements with over 70 Law Schools around the world

Research

Rated 5 (‘well above world standard’) in the 2015 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA).

Areas of research strength

- Constitutional & administrative law
- Corporate & commercial law
- Criminal law, criminal justice & criminology
- Environmental law
- Evidence & procedure
- Human rights & social justice
- Indigenous peoples & the law
- Intellectual property
- Law, science & technology
- Legal & social theory
- Legal education & pedagogy
- National security & terrorism
- Private law
- Public international law
- Regulation & regulatory theory
- Transnational comparative law

Centres

UNSW Law incorporates a range of legal research, advocacy and education Centres.

These Centres are integral to the Faculty’s research output. They also play an essential role in the education of UNSW Law students through the provision of internships and clinical legal education.

- Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law
- Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII)
- Australian Human Rights Centre
- Australian Pro Bono Centre
- Centre for International Finance & Regulation
- Centre for Law, Markets & Regulation
- China International Business & Economic Law Initiative (CIBEL)
- Cyberspace Law & Policy Community
- Diplomacy Training Program
- Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law
- Indigenous Law Centre
- Kingsford Legal Centre
- National Children’s & Youth Law Centre
- Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS)
- The Social Justice Project