

Graduate Certificate in Law (SCC003.1)

Please note these are the 2025 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	Online
Location	UC - Canberra, Online
Duration	0.7 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Law School
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page. View UC's academic entry requirements
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About this course

The Graduate Certificate in Law is a postgraduate law program designed for those who have completed or are close to completing a bachelor's degree in a non-law discipline to enhance their qualifications through graduate legal studies. Students tailor their individual program of study to their needs by studying two foundation units and two electives, including subject streams such as business law and public policy streams.

Students may transition to the Graduate Diploma in Law or Juris Doctor (JD), which is a master's level pathway to legal practice throughout Australia with professional accreditation with the Supreme Court of the ACT and the State of New South Wales (the Graduate Certificate is not itself a qualification to practice law). With an emphasis on practical legal problem-solving, the JD units are designed to ground legal education in the broader social and economic context and support students' development as ethical professionals.

With small class sizes and highly qualified and experienced staff, students are encouraged to develop their advocacy abilities and legal skills. Students who transition to a JD will apply their skills in the workplace, with opportunities to complete an extended practical research project or law internship through linkages with law firms, government and non-government agencies and overseas universities.

Study a Graduate Certificate in Law at UC and you will:

- Understand legal fundamentals
- Develop practical dispute resolution skills
- Master effective and ethical legal communication across diverse settings
- Engage respectfully with Indigenous contexts

Career outcomes

What can you do with a law degree? A postgraduate law degree opens up a variety of opportunities. If you're a business professional looking to enhance your career with legal knowledge, or a public policy expert in the government sector eager to make a positive impact in your community, UC's online Graduate Certificate in Law will equip you with the skills you need.

Your career options include working as:

- C-Suite Leader
- Compliance Director/ Head of Compliance
- Strategy Director
- Executive/Non-Executive Director
- Trustee/Advisory Board Member
- Management Consultant
- Policy Director
- Policy Advisor
- Government Relations Officer
- Compliance Officer
- Regulatory Affairs Manager

Admission requirements

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in any non-law discipline, with a GPA of at least 5/7.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	17 March 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	12 May 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	07 July 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	01 September 2025	✓	✓
2025	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	27 October 2025	✓	✓

2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	19 January 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	16 March 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	11 May 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	06 July 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	31 August 2026	✓	✓
2026	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	26 October 2026	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	18 January 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	15 March 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	10 May 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	05 July 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	30 August 2027	✓	✓
2027	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	25 October 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Graduate Certificate in Law (SCC003) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[Legal Methods and Skills G \(11751\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level G

[Legal Systems G \(11752\)](#) | 3 credit points – Level G

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Workplace Law in Context PG (11425) | 3 credit points – Level P

Dispute Management G (11432) | 3 credit points – Level G

Lawyers and Professional Responsibility G (11433) | 3 credit points – Level G

Contract Law G (11434) | 3 credit points – Level G

Torts Law G (11435) | 3 credit points – Level G

Criminal Law and Procedure G (11436) | 3 credit points – Level G

Constitutional Law PG (11437) | 3 credit points – Level P

Corporations Law PG (11438) | 3 credit points – Level P

Property Law PG (11439) | 3 credit points – Level P

Legal Theory PG (11440) | 3 credit points – Level P

Administrative Law PG (11441) | 3 credit points – Level P

Evidence Law PG (11444) | 3 credit points – Level P

Legal Research and Writing Skills PG (11445) | 3 credit points – Level P

Intellectual Property Law PG (11459) | 3 credit points – Level P

International Law PG (11460) | 3 credit points – Level P

Law Reform and Social Change PG (11470) | 3 credit points – Level P

Law, Innovation and Technologies PG (11471) | 3 credit points – Level P

Civil Procedure PG (11753) | 3 credit points – Level P

Negotiation PG (11754) | 3 credit points – Level P

Equity and Trusts Law PG (11755) | 3 credit points – Level P

Human Rights Law PG (11758) | 3 credit points – Level P

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

Course information

Course duration

The standard duration for this course is 8 months (4 Study Blocks). The maximum duration is 3 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
2. Integrate legal research and apply critical analysis, professional strategic thinking and ethical decision-making to problem prevention and holistic dispute resolution.	
3. Communicate legal knowledge, ideas and arguments, ethically and effectively, within and across professional, multi-modal and cultural boundaries.	
4. Reflect critically on historical and social contexts to work respectfully with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in socially just ways.	

1. Demonstrate a broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of law.

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Certificate in Law	GradCert Law

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	Email: BGLStudent@canberra.edu.au

Prospective Students

Email: study@canberra.edu.au or Phone: 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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