

Graduate Certificate in Government Law (SCC201.1)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank

English language
requirements

An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

Duration

0.5 years

UAC code

Faculty

Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline

Canberra Law School

Location

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Fees

2021: \$24,500 per year

2022: \$25,000 per year

Disclaimer:

Annual fee rates

The fees shown are the annual fee rates for the course. The annual rate is the fee that applies to standard full-time enrolment, which is 24 credit points. The final fee charged is based on the proportion of 24 credit points in which a student enrolls. Students enrolled in a Commonwealth Support Place (CSP) are required to make a contribution towards the cost of their education, which is set by the Commonwealth Government. Information on Commonwealth Supported Places, HECS-HELP and how fees are calculated can be found [here](#).

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 Government Law (GCGL) is a 4 unit (1 full-time semester equivalent) course for government lawyers and others working in public law areas in government or private practice to improve their skills and knowledge of government legal practice. The course includes the lawyer's role in government decision-making across and negotiating the law/policy/politics divide, engaging with the legislative process, advising on the scope of government authority, advising on compliance with government specific legislative requirements and legal policy requirements such as freedom of information and legal services directions, government contracting, and government workplace law. The GCGL is taught over four modules, each with a blend of intensive classes and online delivery. Assessments in the GCGL are a combination of practical and innovative tasks with a reflective component and smaller, formative assessments targeting key knowledge areas.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Applicants must have completed the academic requirements of an undergraduate degree in Law or a Master Degree Course in Juris Doctor or have equivalent professional experience. Examples of equivalent professional experience include at least 12 months employment in a government department undertaking contracting or procurement activities; legal drafting; human resources and dispute management; legal research and advice; litigation-related work; policy formation in law-related areas such as legal services and data management; or other activities administering the laws governing the public service.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2021	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	08 February 2021	✓	
2021	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	02 August 2021	✓	
2022	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	07 February 2022	✓	
2022	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	01 August 2022	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 1	06 February 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Bruce	Semester 2	31 July 2023	✓	

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](#). Credit is not permitted towards completion of a graduate certificate.

Course requirements

Graduate Certificate in Government Law (SCC201) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Government and Corporate Contracting PG \(6631\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Data Management Law PG \(11532\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Professional Practice in Government Law PG \(11533\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Public Sector Workplace Law PG \(11534\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

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

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Part-Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Data Management Law PG \(11532\)](#)

[Government and Corporate Contracting PG \(6631\)](#)

Semester 2

[Professional Practice in Government Law PG \(11533\)](#)

[Public Sector Workplace Law PG \(11534\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard duration is 1 year part-time. Maximum duration is 3 years.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Apply regulatory frameworks for government lawyers and the public service spanning multiple portfolios and levels of government.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries.</p>
Develop the capacity to update and adapt professional knowledge in a complex, changing profession.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Display initiative and drive, and use their organisation skills to plan and manage their workload.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Be self-aware.</p>
Demonstrate fluency in government legal practice through a range of complex problem-solving tasks requiring creativity and professional judgement and advanced cognitive, technical, and communication skills.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisation skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Be self-aware.</p>
Critically reflect upon the role and ethical responsibilities of government lawyers to inform an enhanced capacity for leadership, self-awareness and autonomy, and professionalism incorporating a global perspective on issues in the profession that is responsive to diversity, sustainability, and innovation.	<p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession.</p>

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Certificate in Government Law	GradCert GovtLaw

Enrolment data

2020 enrolments for this course by location. Please note that enrolment numbers are indicative only and in no way reflect individual class sizes.

Location	Enrolments
UC - Canberra, Bruce	3

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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