

Graduate Certificate in Government Law (SCC201.1)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	0.5 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 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

This course is not open for new admissions.

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 Government Law (SCC201) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

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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 must 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
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>
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>

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Certificate in Government Law	GradCert GovtLaw

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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