

Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (SCG002.1)

Please note these are the 2022 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	Online
Location	UC - Canberra, Online
Duration	1.4 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.
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About this course

The Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (GDLS) is a post-graduate law program designed for those who have already completed or are close to completing a bachelor's degree in another discipline. It will allow professionals who have already completed a degree in another discipline to try post-graduate legal studies and enables them to transition into the UC Juris Doctor (JD). Students graduating from a GDLS will be able to:

- Demonstrate foundational legal knowledge and skills at post-graduate level, enhancing their employment opportunities. The units in the GDLS are also foundational units in the JD.
- Develop practical legal problem-solving and problem prevention skills.
- Ground their legal education in the broader social, historical and economic context and become socially responsible and ethical professionals.
- Develop their advocacy abilities and a wide range of professional legal skills.
- Through UC's close connections with industry, the legal profession and community partners, students will have the opportunity to build their professional network and apply their talents in the real world by opportunities by completing a law internship or research project.

Students can also tailor their individual program of study by selecting from a variety of electives from different areas of law with a particular focus on technology, innovation and dispute resolution.

100% Online

Our practical, supported and accelerated online Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies is designed to deliver outcomes that create real impact and inspire real change in the world around us. UC postgraduate courses are not only delivered online – they are career-relevant and designed-for-demand so you can apply your learning faster. Click through to download our course brochure to learn more about our online Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies.

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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

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 Diploma in Legal Studies (SCG002) | 24 credit points

Restricted Choice - Must pass 18 credit points from the following

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

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

Required - Must pass 6 credit points as follows

Legal Methods and Skills G (11751) | 3 credit points – Level G

Legal Systems G (11752) | 3 credit points – Level G

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, Online

Commencing Study Block 1 2022 - Recommended Unit Sequence

Foundation

1.

Legal Methods and Skills G (11751)

2.

Legal Systems G (11752)

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2.

[Constitutional Law PG \(11437\)](#)

3.

[Contract Law G \(11434\)](#)

4.

[Criminal Law and Procedure G \(11436\)](#)

5.

[Torts Law G \(11435\)](#)

6.

[Lawyers and Professional Responsibility G \(11433\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

The standard duration for this course is 1 year and 5 months (8 Study Blocks). The maximum duration is 4 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Integrate advanced legal research and apply critical analysis, professional strategic thinking and ethical decision-making to problem prevention and holistic dispute resolution.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; 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 organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p>

	<p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; and apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.</p>
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<p>Demonstrate a broad and coherent theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of law.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; 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 organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; and apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.</p>
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<p>Communicate complex legal knowledge, ideas and arguments, ethically and effectively, within and across</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team,</p>
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<p>professional, multi-modal and cultural boundaries.</p>	<p>negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p> <p>UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; and apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.</p>
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Reflect critically on historical and social contexts to work respectfully with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in socially just ways.

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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies	GradDip LegSt

Alternative exits

SCC001 Graduate Certificate in Legal Studies - Must have passed 12 credit points as follows: 11751 Legal Methods and Skills G, 11752 Legal Systems and any other two 3 credit point units from the Juris Doctor (SCM002).

Enquiries

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

Prospective Students

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.