

Graduate Diploma in Law (SCG003.1)

Please note these are the 2027 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 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 six electives, including subject streams such as business law and public policy streams.

Students may transition to the 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 Diploma 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 Diploma in Law at UC and you will:

- Study foundational legal units
- Develop practical dispute resolution skills
- Understand and apply the theory and history of law
- Discover how the law engages with and shapes disruptive technologies

Career outcomes:

With a Graduate Diploma in Law from the University of Canberra, you will be building your legal knowledge to apply in a variety of work settings. If you continue to study the Juris Doctor, your career options include working as a:

- Solicitor
- Legal counsel
- Workplace relations consultant
- Family lawyer
- Legal case manager

A third of people employed in a legal profession have a postgraduate qualification (source: Job Outlook).

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
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 Diploma in Law (SCG003) | 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

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
1. Graduates will have an advanced theoretical and technical knowledge of the discipline of law in specific legal areas.	
2. Graduates will demonstrate cognitive and creative skills to select or generate and apply responses to legal issues.	
3. Graduates will have communication and technical legal research skills to evaluate and transmit information and solutions to complex legal problems to others.	
4. Graduates will be able to apply their legal knowledge and skills to work with accountability, autonomy and professionalism.	

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Graduate Diploma in Law	GradDip Law

Alternative exits

SCC003 Graduate Certificate in Law

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
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