

Juris Doctor (DJUR) - JD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 060145G

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	

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Program focus

The Juris Doctor is a graduate entry program that provides students with the opportunity for a comprehensive study of law, not only to prepare for practice as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland but also to examine the legal process and its social, political and economic context.

The program aims to equip students with an academic qualification for professional practice with particular specialisations offered in environmental and natural resources law, international law and general practice as well as an extensive specialisation in commercial law.

While this is a focused program preparing students for professional practice with particular skills in applied legal research, it also builds the special capabilities that a legal education can offer, such as complex problem-solving and policy analysis.

Please note this qualification does not entitle graduates to use the title 'Doctor'.

Professional accreditation

The Juris Doctor has been accredited by the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board, Queensland, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland as an approved academic qualification under the *Supreme Court (Legal practitioner Admission) Rules 2004* (Qld). This will partially satisfy the requirements to practise as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland, or as a legal practitioner elsewhere in Australia. (Intending solicitors and barristers must also complete an approved practical legal training course in order to become admitted to practice. USQ law graduates have the option of completing their practical legal training either through USQ's preferred provider or through another institution that specialises in this qualification).

Program aims

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Program objectives

Upon completion of the Juris Doctor students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical framework of subject areas of study
- apply theoretical knowledge, concepts and principles to areas of practical significance
- research legal issues at an advanced level
- critically appraise law reform trends and recent developments and assess their impact upon legal practice and public policy
- demonstrate advanced communication, problem-solving and analytical skills
- satisfy academic admission requirements for legal practice in Queensland (subject to accreditation).

Admission requirements

To gain entry to the graduate entry program, students must have graduated with an approved three year undergraduate degree.

International applicants must have met the University's [English language](#) requirements or have completed the University's ELICOS/UNIPREP [program](#).

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ. You should ensure you submit your application by the [closing dates](#).

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. [Full fees](#) vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay [full fees](#). Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The graduate entry program is 24 units in total. It has two prime components: a core (20 units) and law electives (4 units).

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

Core courses

All students are required to complete a core of twenty single-unit courses. The purpose of the core courses is to expose law students to fundamental legal concepts and methods in legal research and reasoning.

Core Courses	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of Offer Springfield Campus
LAW5501 Advanced Legal Process and Research	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)
LAW5502 Advanced Law in Context	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5601 Advanced Contract A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5602 Advanced Contract B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5603 Advanced Torts A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5604 Advanced Torts B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5605 Advanced Criminal Law A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5606 Advanced Criminal Law B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5607 Advanced Company Law		
LAW5701		
LAW5702		
LAW5712		
LAW5703 Advanced Property Law A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5704 Advanced Property Law B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5705 Advanced Equity	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5706 Advanced Trusts	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5708 Advanced Evidence		
LAW5709 Advanced Procedure		
LAW5711 Advanced Legal Professional Practice and Ethics		
LAW5713 Advanced Capstone Research Project		

Elective courses

The four law elective courses may be selected from any of the electives listed below. Students may choose to specialise by taking electives in one particular area of concentration.

Course	Semester/mode of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester/mode of offer Springfield campus	Semester/mode of offer Fraser Coast campus
Commercial Law Electives			

LAW3130 Revenue Law and Practice	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)	S1 (ONC)
LAW3131 Revenue Law and Practice II	S2 (EXT)		
LAW3110 Insolvency and Restructuring Law	S2 (EXT)		
LAW3404 Banking, Finance and Insurance Law			
LAW3405 Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Law			
LAW3406 Intellectual Property Law			
LAW8105 Corporate Governance Law	S2 (EXT)		
LAW8110 Advanced Insolvency Law and Practice I	S1 (EXT)		
LAW8111 Advanced Insolvency Law and Practice II	S2 (EXT)		
LAW8220 Goods and Services Tax	S1 (EXT)		
General Practice Electives			
LAW2206			
LAW2301 e-Law	S1 (ONC, EXT)		
LAW3421			
LAW3422 Succession Law			
LAW3424 Land Contracts			
Natural Resource Law Electives			
LAW2107 Environmental Law	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)	
LAW3441 Natural Resources Law			
LAW3442 Labour Law			
LAW3443 Public International Law			
International Law Electives			
LAW3444 Competition and Consumer Law			
LAW3462 International Human Rights Law			
LAW3463 Private International Law			
LAW3464 International Business Law			

Other			
LAW3210			

Toowoomba campus

Courses available on-campus at Toowoomba are the 20 core courses plus a selection of electives.

Courses available externally from the Toowoomba campus are the 20 core courses plus the full range of electives.

Springfield campus

Courses available on-campus at Springfield are the 20 core courses plus a selection of electives.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [computer requirements section](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to [Academic Regulation 5.9](#) of the University Calendar.

Exemptions

Maximum credit

Exemptions from USQ courses credited to the Juris Doctor may be granted for a maximum of 50% of the program, that is, 12 courses.

Maximum credit for completed undergraduate courses

Exemptions from USQ courses creditable to the Juris Doctor may be granted for successful completion of undergraduate courses on condition that:

- (1) any other requirements for the granting of exemptions in these guidelines are met
- (2) if the student had been previously enrolled in a combined program with law at USQ or another university, and law courses were credited to the other award, exemptions are only granted so that, on completion of the Juris Doctor at USQ, the student will have successfully completed the equivalent of at least six years of full-time study
- (3) subject to paragraph 2, the maximum proportion of undergraduate courses that are taken or credited towards the Juris Doctor is 50% of the program, that is, the equivalent of 12 courses.

Admission courses

Exemptions may be granted from a core course that deals with an area of knowledge that is set out in Attachment 1 of the Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004 (Qld) if:

- (1) the course that was successfully completed at another university deals in substance with the topics that are set out in that area of knowledge
- (2) if the other university is an Australian university, the course was undertaken in a program that is an approved academic qualification for the purposes of admission as a lawyer in any Australian state or territory.

An exemption from a course that may be credited to the Juris Doctor will only be granted if:

- (1) the workload for the course that was successfully completed at another university is at least 70% of the workload required for the course from which an exemption is being granted
- (2) subject to paragraph 3, at least 70% of the content of the course that was successfully completed at the other university is similar to the content of the course from which an exemption is being granted.

No exemption from Advanced Capstone Research Project will be granted

Recommended enrolment pattern - part-time

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
LAW5501 Advanced Legal Process and Research	1	1	1	1			OE	
LAW5601 Advanced Contract A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5502 Advanced Law in Context	1	2	1	2			OE	
LAW5602 Advanced Contract B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5601 OE	
LAW5603 Advanced Torts A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5605 Advanced Criminal Law A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5604 Advanced Torts B	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5603 OE	
LAW5606 Advanced Criminal Law B	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5605 OE	
LAW5705 Advanced Equity	3	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5703 Advanced Property Law A	3	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5706 Advanced Trusts	3	2	3	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5705 OE	
LAW5704 Advanced Property Law B	3	2	3	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5703 OE	
LAW5701	4	1	4	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
Law Elective 1	4	1	4	1				
LAW5712	4	2	4	2				Pre-requisite: LAW5701
LAW5702	4	2	4	2				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5708 Advanced Evidence	5	1	5	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5606
LAW5607 Advanced Company Law	5	1	5	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5705
LAW5709 Advanced Procedure	5	2	5	2				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
Law Elective 2	5	2	5	2				
LAW5711 Advanced Legal Professional Practice and Ethics	6	1	6	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
Law Elective 3	6	1	6	1				
Law Elective 4	6	2	6	2				
LAW5713 Advanced Capstone Research Project*	6	2	6	2				

Footnotes

* Before enrolling in LAW5713 a student must normally have completed 15 other core law courses within their program. It is also highly recommended that this course be the last course to complete in the degree.

OE Before enrolling in this course students must check that they have satisfied the 'Recommended prior study' or 'Other enrolment' requirements set out in the Other requisites section of the course specification.

Recommended enrolment pattern - full-time (available only from 2009)

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
LAW5501 Advanced Legal Process and Research	1	1	1	1			OE	
LAW5601 Advanced Contract A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5603 Advanced Torts A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5605 Advanced Criminal Law A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5502 Advanced Law in Context	1	2	1	2			OE	
LAW5602 Advanced Contract B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5601 OE	
LAW5604 Advanced Torts B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5603 OE	
LAW5606 Advanced Criminal Law B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5605 OE	
LAW5705 Advanced Equity	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5703 Advanced Property Law A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5501 OE	
LAW5701	2	1	2	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
Law Elective	2	1	2	1				
LAW5706 Advanced Trusts	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5705 OE	
LAW5712	2	2	2	2				Pre-requisite: LAW5701
LAW5702	2	2	2	2				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5704 Advanced Property Law B	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5703 OE	
LAW5708 Advanced Evidence	3	1	3	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5606
LAW5711 Advanced Legal Professional Practice and Ethics	3	1	3	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5607 Advanced Company Law	3	1	3	1				Pre-requisite: LAW5705
Law Elective	3	1	3	1				
LAW5709 Advanced Procedure	3	2	3	2				Pre-requisite: LAW5501
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