

Juris Doctor (DJUR) - JD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 060145G

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) 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, up to 6 years part-time	

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Program focus

The Juris Doctor is a graduate entry program (for non-law graduates) that provides students with the opportunity for a comprehensive study of law to prepare for practice as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland, or a legal practitioner in another Australian jurisdiction.

While this is a focused program preparing students for professional practice with particular legal workplace skills such as 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 through a one-year traineeship in a law practice, or through an institution that offers a practical legal training qualification.

Program aims

The Juris Doctor is a graduate entry program (for non-law graduates) 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.

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.

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/EAP programs](#).

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

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](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

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 20 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.

Course	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	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5701 Advanced Constitutional Law A	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5702 Advanced Administrative Law	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
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	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5709 Advanced Procedure	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5711 Advanced Legal Professional Practice and Ethics	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5712 Advanced Constitutional Law B	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5713 Advanced Capstone Project*	S2 (ONC, EXT)	S2 (ONC)

Footnotes

* Students are expected to have completed at least 16 core law courses before enrolling in [LAW5713](#). It is also highly recommended that this course be taken in the last semester of the student's enrolment in the program.

Elective courses

The 4 Law elective courses may be selected from any of the electives listed below.

Course	Semester/mode of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester/mode of offer Springfield campus	Semester/mode of offer Fraser Coast campus
LAW2107 Environmental Law	S2 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)	
LAW2206 Legal Conflict Resolution	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)	
LAW2301 e-Law	S1 (ONC, EXT)		
LAW3110 Insolvency and Restructuring Law	S2 (EXT)		
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)		
LAW3210 Theories of Law	S1 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)	
LAW3404 Banking, Finance and Insurance Law			
LAW3405 Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Law			
LAW3406 Intellectual Property Law			
LAW3421 Family Law	S2 (ONC, EXT)		
LAW3422 Succession Law	S3 (EXT)		
LAW3424 Land Contracts			
LAW3441 Natural Resources Law	S3 (EXT)		
LAW3442 Workplace Law	S2 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)	
LAW3443 Public International Law	S1 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)	
LAW3444 Competition and Consumer Law			
LAW3462 International Human Rights Law			
LAW3463 Private International Law	S2 (ONC, EXT)		
LAW3464 International Trade Law	S1 (EXT)		
WIL3000 Work Integrated Learning - Law*	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)	
LAW5504 Comparative Law and Business	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)		

Footnotes

* A student must have completed at least half of the core law courses before enrolling in [WIL3000](#).

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 Section 2 of the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Policy](#).

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 6 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
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW5501 Advanced Legal Process and Research	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the Juris Doctor Program: DJUR
LAW5601 Advanced Contract A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5502 Advanced Law in Context	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the Juris Doctor Program: DJUR
LAW5602 Advanced Contract B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5601
LAW5603 Advanced Torts A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5605 Advanced Criminal Law A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5604 Advanced Torts B	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5603

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

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Recommended enrolment pattern - full-time

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW5501 Advanced Legal Process and Research	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the Juris Doctor Program: DJUR
LAW5601 Advanced Contract A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5603 Advanced Torts A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5605 Advanced Criminal Law A	1	1	1	1			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5502 Advanced Law in Context	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the Juris Doctor Program: DJUR
LAW5602 Advanced Contract B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5601
LAW5604 Advanced Torts B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5603
LAW5606 Advanced Criminal Law B	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5605
LAW5705 Advanced Equity	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5703 Advanced Property Law A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5501
LAW5701 Advanced Constitutional Law A	2	1	2	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5502 and LAW5606
Law elective	2	1	2	1			
LAW5706 Advanced Trusts	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5602 and LAW5705
LAW5712 Advanced Constitutional Law B	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5701
LAW5702 Advanced Administrative Law	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5602 and LAW5701 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5706
LAW5704 Advanced Property Law B	2	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5703
LAW5708 Advanced Evidence	3	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5502 and LAW5605

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	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
LAW5711 Advanced Legal Professional Practice and Ethics	3	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5502 and LAW5605 and LAW5704 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5708
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: LAW5602 and LAW5706 and LAW5712 Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: LAW5702
LAW5713 Advanced Capstone Project*	3	2	3	2			
Law elective	3	2	3	2			
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