



LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY

POSTGRADUATE LAW JURIS DOCTOR



Gain the knowledge and skills you need to excel as a legal professional with our accredited³ Juris Doctor.

La Trobe's Juris Doctor is designed for students with a Bachelor's degree in any discipline, so it's perfect for anyone looking to transition into a law career. In this accredited degree, you'll build strong foundations in your legal career with our core subjects and develop specialist knowledge with our electives, each designed in collaboration with judges and senior lawyers. You'll be immersed in the big city legal experience, with small and flexible evening classes at our City Campus in the heart of Melbourne's business district and court precinct.

Launch your legal career in just three years, or 2.5 years if you fast-track your studies. Connect with the profession through our alumni network, industry partnerships and placements. Eligible international students can apply for scholarships to reduce the cost of their study for the duration of their degree. Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs) may be accessible to domestic students who have achieved a 5.5 grade point average (GPA) in their previous studies.⁵



TOP 200 GLOBALLY

We're ranked in the world's top 200 for law.¹



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Put theory into practice with a work placement in law.



LEADING LAW RESEARCH

We're ranked 'above world standard' for our law research.²

1. Times Higher Education (THE), 2023, World University Rankings 2024 by subject: law.

2. Australian Research Council, 2019, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) Outcomes 2018.

3. The Juris Doctor satisfies the academic requirements for admission to practice law in Victoria on meeting the additional requirements set by the Victorian Legal Admissions Board (VLAB).

4. Domestic students with a GPA between 5.0 and 5.49 will be assessed for a CSP place on a case-by-case basis.

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POSTGRADUATE LAW

JURIS DOCTOR

By completing La Trobe's Juris Doctor, you will:

- Build a strong foundation in legal theory, research and practice
- Develop your skillset in client interviews, negotiation and mediation, advocacy and legal drafting
- Gain real-world experience through placements and internships with leading law firms, government and community organisations, the La Trobe Legal Clinic and more
- Graduate with an accredited degree, with the Juris Doctor satisfying the academic requirements for admission to practice law in Victoria on meeting the additional requirements set by the Victorian Legal Admissions Board (VLAB).

PREREQUISITES

- Successful completion of an Australian Bachelor's degree (or equivalent)
- An Australian Bachelor's degree (or an international Bachelor's degree equivalent) with a 60% or greater average

OR

- An Australian Bachelor's degree (or an international Bachelor's degree equivalent) with three years or more of professional work experience and a personal statement

OR

- An Australian Bachelor's degree (or an international Bachelor's degree equivalent) and an LSAT score of at least 150.

OR

- An equivalent qualification and/or experience approved by the Law School with a current curriculum vitae and a personal statement

INTAKE

Semester 1, LTU Term 6

DURATION

3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

LOCATIONS

CITY

FAST-TRACK YOUR STUDY

You can start in Semester 1 – or, you can get a head start in Term 6 the preceding year. If you start in Term 6, or if you complete summer electives, you can fast-track your degree in just 2.5 years.

You'll also have the opportunity to undertake practical legal training (PLT) if you finish all core subjects by the end of Semester 1 in your third and final year. This means you could gain both qualifications within three years.

CAREER PATHS

After graduation, you could work across a range of industries, including legal practice, the community sector, international development, environmental protection, government, banking and professional services. Possible roles include:

Barrister or solicitor³

Policy advisor

Legal consultant

In-house counsel

YOU'LL LEARN

- Study at one of Victoria's oldest law schools where you'll be mentored by expert teaching staff and experienced professionals.
- Connect with an extensive network that includes barristers, solicitors, magistrates, judges and in-house counsel.
- Placements enable you to gain experience and build your profile in settings like community legal centres, private law firms, government departments and NGOs.

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