With increasing government focus on planning and regulation, there is a clear need for individuals with a high level of understanding of policy and governance. In 2015, as a direct response to the need for graduates with this specific knowledge, UWA will be introducing a Graduate Diploma and Master in Law, Policy and Government.

These courses will provide students with an advanced understanding of socio-legal theory, policy development and the skills required to work in or with governments. Combining both theory and practically oriented units, these courses are suited to those looking to build a career in the public sector, working as legal practitioners or those in private industry where it intersects with government approval, regulation and compliance.

Study for both courses begins with foundational units in law, policy and socio-legal theory. Students can then tailor their study through elective units to focus on areas which match their interests, such as; crime and justice, medicine and law, drafting and interpretation, conflict and dispute resolution or governance. Students can also elect to undertake a research project which provides a pathway to doctoral studies, or to higher level research roles in employment.

Transform your career

- Develop a strong understanding of socio-legal theory, policy development and the skills required to work in or with governments
- Acquire specialist knowledge and practical skills in policy and government for a range of careers
- Focus on your area of interest through electives undertaken in the Masters
- Access a greater number of career opportunities in a competitive employment market
- Learn from, and develop links with practitioners and experts throughout your study enhancing your networks

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Course structure and study options

Applicable for lawyers and non-lawyers the courses comprise either 24 credit points (GradDip) or 48 credit points (Masters) study and can be undertaken full-time or part-time. Students can commence their studies by enrolling in the GradDip and providing they attain a weighted average mark of at least 60%, articulate into the Masters.

The core units which make up the GradDip and the first semester of the Masters are:

- Public Policy (6 points)
- Regulatory Theory and Ethics (6 points)
- Advanced Socio-Legal Studies (6 points)
- Foundations of Law and Governance (6 points)

Masters students then elect units to the value of 24 points from a range of units including:

- Advanced Criminology (6 points)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (6 points)
- Comparative Law (6 points)
- Law and the Body (6 points)
- Working with the Written Law (6 points)
- Theories of Justice and Punishment (6 points)
- Research Paper (6 points)
- Research Paper providing a pathway to Doctoral studies (12 points)

Admission requirements (GradDip)

To be eligible for admission, you must meet the following requirements:

- a bachelor’s degree in a cognate (related) area with a weighted average mark of at least 60%, or equivalent, as recognised by the Faculty; or
- a level and duration of education as well as a minimum of two years of professional experience considered by the Faculty to be sufficient to permit satisfactory completion of the course.

Admission requirements (Masters)

- a bachelor’s degree in a cognate (related) area with a weighted average mark of at least 65%, or equivalent as recognised by the Faculty; or
- the Graduate Diploma Law, Policy and Government of this University with a weighted average mark of at least 60%.

Applications

Australian and New Zealand residents can apply for entry via:

Masters: studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgraduate/m/law-policy-gov

International students can apply by contacting the International Centre at pg-international@uwa.edu.au

Why a UWA Law qualification?

- UWA is in the top 1% of World Universities, currently ranked 88th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities and the only Western Australian University part of the prestigious Australian Group of Eight.
- UWA is member of the Worldwide Universities Network of 16 member universities from across four continents and is also a member of the Matariki Network of Universities, a global group of high-quality universities across seven nations.
- The Law School has over 80 years of academic excellence – graduates have built rewarding careers in the legal, government, education, business and the not-for-profit sectors.
- UWA Law alumni have attained success at the highest levels and include a former Prime Minister, Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Defence, Chief Justices of the High Court and State Supreme Courts, Attorneys-General and Solicitors-General.
- Awards and honours conferred on UWA Law alumni include Australian of the Year, Rhodes Scholarships and the Order of Australia.

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