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Current JD Students
UWA Law School

Law School was founded in 1928
- Western Australia’s first law school
- Australia’s fifth oldest law school

Long history of excellence
- Progressive and innovative programmes
- Recognition and success - awards and funding

Student Success
- High rates of graduate employment
- 19 Rhodes Scholars; 4 Fulbright Scholars in 4 years

Strong links with and support from the legal profession and alumni
- Adjuncts, honorary staff and friends of the Law School
- Judiciary, private practice, corporate, public interest, government, NGOs, rural and international legal communities
- Local, National and International
Our Alumni
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Governors and Politicians
- Sir Francis Burt, Governor of Western Australia 1990-1993 & Chief Justice of Western Australia 1977-1988
- Peter Dowding, Premier of Western Australia 1988-1990
- Robert Hawke AC, Prime Minister of Australia 1983-1993
- Malcolm McCusker AO QC, Governor of Western Australia 2011-present
- Christian Porter, Federal MP 2013-present
- W/Prof Stephen Smith, former Federal Minister for Defence

Judiciary
- Robert French AC, Chief Justice of Australia 2003-present
- Sue Gordon, first Indigenous Magistrate in Western Australia 1988-
- David Malcolm AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia 1988-2006
- Wayne Martin, Chief Justice of Western Australia 2006-present
- Carmel McLure, inaugural President of the WA Court of Appeal 2009-
- Sir Ronald Wilson AC, Justice of the High Court of Australia 1979-1989
Our Rhodes Scholars
Studying at UWA

- Model of broad undergraduate studies followed by a postgraduate professional qualification.
- Remove need for students to decide on a relatively narrow field of study straight from school.
- More choices, better choices.
- Simple flexible structure allowing you to study a broad range of subjects in your first year, and greater focus through your degree.
- Additional entry opportunities.
- Well-rounded graduates.
What is a Juris Doctor?

- Professional Postgraduate (Masters Level) Law degree.
- Principal law degree for admission to practice law in the United States and Canada.
- Introduced at Harvard in C19.
- Also introduced in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea.
- Increasing in Australia.
The JD in Australia

The University of Adelaide
The Australian National University
The University of Melbourne
Monash University
The University of New South Wales
The University of Queensland
The University of Sydney
The University of Western Australia

Bond University
Macquarie University
RMIT
USQ
Murdoch University
University of Notre Dame Australia
University of Technology, Sydney
University of New England
Why the JD at UWA?

- Both LLB and JD provide entry to legal practice.
- JD compulsory subjects have up to 40% more class time than LLB.
- More coherent educational experience;
  - Greater coordination of subjects;
  - Greater emphasis on legal skills.
- Clinical Legal Education.
- Increased sense of belonging to cohort.
- Opportunities for international experience;
  - Exchange;
  - BCL/MLF at Oxford.
What does the JD look like?

The JD is a three year full time course involving the completion of 17 core units and 7 option units.

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Variety of Options

- Resources Law
- Tax Law
- Commercial Law
- Private International Law
- Public International Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Mooting
- Internship Opportunities
Entry into the JD

- Approximately 350 places available.
- All students must meet University requirements for English language competency.
- 3 possible pathways;
  - Assured pathway;
  - Standard pathway;
  - Indigenous program.
Assured Pathway

- You may qualify for a place in Law via the assured pathway scheme
- Selection based on ATAR score only
- Apply via TISC
- Offer conditional on completing one of the 5 undergraduate degrees at UWA with a minimum 5.5 GPA
- Take up position within 3 years of completing undergraduate degree
Standard Pathway and the LSAT

- For those who have already completed a bachelor’s degree, or those who will complete their bachelor’s degree.

- A bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 5.5 UWA equivalent across all tertiary studies.

- No subject prerequisites.

- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) within the previous 5 years.

- Independent, international test administered by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

- The LSAT comprises five multiple choice sections of 35 minutes each and a 35 minute writing sample. The writing sample does not go toward the calculation of your LSAT score at UWA, although we receive this sample.

- The LSAT has three types of questions:
  - Reading comprehension
  - Analytical reasoning
  - Logical reasoning

- The Faculty runs preparation sessions before each test.
Indigenous Pathways

- Advanced Diploma of Indigenous Legal Studies.

- 1 year course consisting of Internships PLUS mix of Law and Society units, School of Indigenous Studies units PLUS recognition of prior learning with a minimum GPA of 5.5.

- Assured pathway students Complete UWA Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 5.0.

- Indigenous quota Bachelor’s degree School of Indigenous Studies Law Admissions Test.
Applying for 2016?

Applications for admission into the Juris Doctor commencing in 2016 are now open.

- Applications will only be accepted via the online application system.

Round One Offers

- Applications for Round One Offers will close on Saturday 18th October 2015. Offers for complete applications submitted by this time will be made by Friday 13th November 2015. Should the number of eligible applications received in Round One exceed the number of places available, offers may not be made until Round Two Closes.

Round Two Offers

- Applications for Round Two Offers will close on Thursday 31st December 2015. Applicants who are successful in Round Two will receive an offer by Friday 22nd January 2016.

Round Three (Late) Offers

- Should places still be available, Late Offers will be made. Applications for Late Offers will close on Sunday 14th February 2016 with offers being made by Friday 19th February 2016.
How much does the JD Cost?

- The JD is supported by the Commonwealth Government, under HECS for domestic students.
- The JD is full fee paying for International Students.
- UWA has the highest number of Commonwealth Supported Places for its JD in Australia.
- Over 350 places in the JD will be HECS supported.
- Full domestic fees for the JD at other interstate institutions e.g. Sydney and Melbourne will be 3 times the HECS fees at UWA.
- The JD will be no more expensive than the Law component of the old combined LLB.
Why a Juris Doctor? A student voice.
Studying Law at UWA

- Master of Laws
- Chinese Business Law
- Commercial and Resources Law
- International Commercial Law
- International Law
- Law, Policy and Government
- Mining and Energy Law
- Taxation Law