Advance your legal expertise with the internationally recognised Master of Laws (LLM)

Equipping practising lawyers and law graduates with an advanced understanding of the law to meet the challenges of the dynamic workplace.

The University of Western Australia’s Master of Laws is a sought after qualification that caters specifically for the needs of the legal profession.

The flexible course curriculum gives you the freedom to personalise your education – you can choose a specialised area of the law or broaden your knowledge across a diverse range of subjects including commercial law, government regulation, resources law and a range of public, private and international law areas. The program is also available as a graduate diploma.

UWA Law School has particularly strong ties with the legal profession, and it is these connections that have been key to ensuring that the LLM program is continually evolving to remain highly relevant to contemporary law and legal practice.

You will learn from an award-winning, international group of teachers and study with the next generation of leaders in legal practice, government, business and the not-for-profit sector.

Dissertation units offer you the opportunity to explore your specific research interests, improve your independent research skills and provide a pathway to further studies.

The courses are designed for local, interstate and international practitioners and law graduates with many units taught intensively. The LLM can be taken full time or part time with all-year-round commencement.

A world-class qualification

- UWA is in the top 1% of World Universities, currently ranked 88th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities.
- UWA was ranked equal first overall in Australia based on key measures in the Good Universities Guide 2014.
- UWA’s Law School is Western Australia’s first Law School with over 85 years of academic excellence.
- UWA’s Law School is ranked in the world top 100 Law Schools in the QS ranking of world universities.
- Six of Australia’s High Court Judges studied at UWA Law School.
**Course structure**

**Personalise your study with an extensive range of subjects**

As a law graduate you are able to choose from the majority of the range of law postgraduate coursework units offered in the UWA Law School. Graduate Diploma students are required to complete four units and LLM students eight units.

An extensive range of generalist and specialist subjects are available, as well as research units which provide a pathway to further study. The breadth of the program allows students to choose specialisations in areas including mining and natural resources law, international commercial law, taxation law, public international law, law and policy, and dispute resolution.

Study can be undertaken full or part-time with the many units delivered intensively over 3-5 days periods including weekends, making the LLM program particularly suited to those in full time employment.

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**Units**

**Intensively Taught Units**

- Private Law
  - Advanced Evidence and Proof
  - Employment Law
  - Mergers & Acquisitions
  - Unjust Enrichment and Restitution

- Natural Resources Law
  - Australian Oil and Gas Law
  - Environmental Protection Law
  - International Oil and Gas Law (pre-requisites)
  - Mining Law
  - Oil and Gas Agreements
  - Oil and Gas Project Development Law (pre-requisites)
  - Resource Taxation (pre-requisites)
  - Water Resources Law

- Taxation Law
  - Double Tax Agreements and International Tax Law
  - Transfer Pricing
  - Taxation of Trusts
  - Foreign Tax Law
  - Advanced Australian Corporate Taxation
  - Advanced Australian International Taxation
  - Goods and Services Taxation
  - Resource Taxation
  - Tax Dispute Resolution and Litigation

- Public & Private International Law
  - China-Australia Relations: Trade, Finance and Law
  - Climate Change Law and Emissions Trading
  - Foundations of International Commercial Law
  - Heritage Governance: from Global to Local
  - Intellectual Property and China’s Innovation-based Economy
  - International Human Rights Law
  - International Criminal Law
  - International Humanitarian Law
  - International Sales Law
  - International Shipping Law
  - International Trade Financing
  - Law of the Sea
  - Practical Issues with Chinese Contracts and Commercial Laws
  - Working with China: Business in a Socio-legal Context
  - WTO Law

- Socio-legal issues, Policy and Governance
  - Advanced Criminology
  - Advanced Socio-legal Studies
  - Corporate Governance for Resource Companies (pre-requisites)
  - Foundations of Law and Governance
  - Government Accountability: Law and Practice

- Public Policy
- Regulatory Theory and Ethics
- Theories of Justice and Punishment
- Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration: Practice and Skills
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Mediation: Practice and Skills
- International Negotiation Practice and Skills

**Semester Units**

- Private Law
  - Insurance Law
  - Advanced Torts Law
  - Remedies
  - Family Law
  - Consumer Law

- Public Law
  - International Environmental Law
  - Intellectual Property Law
  - Income Taxation Law

- International Law
  - Public International Law
  - Comparative Law

- Law, Policy and Governance
  - Legislation in Practice
  - Working with the Written Law

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*Please note: Units available are subject to change at any time, for a full list of available units access the unit handbook at handbooks.uwo.edu.au*
“Coming from a civil law country, I have definitely achieved a larger knowledge of common law, including the extended use of case law in practice. Furthermore, I have gained a greater insight into oil and gas law and international contract law. The course helped me gain a larger perspective of international law, which I can use in my current job, where I deal with international tenders and contracts. The new knowledge I acquired from my course has also increased the possibilities to work abroad.”

Christa Krell
Attorney
COWI, Denmark
Master of Laws graduate

Student experience

A student oriented program

UWA Law School Master’s level units are delivered in a way that is tailored for the convenience of a mixed cohort of full-time and part-time students. Many units are offered intensively, over a period of three to five days, allowing all students to immerse themselves in the subject matter. It also facilitates students from outside of Perth to study part-time.

The option to internationalise your study

In addition to engaging with a diverse group of teachers and students from around the world, students of the LLM program have the opportunity to complete some of their study abroad. UWA Law School has direct exchange opportunities with partner universities in a range of areas. Partner universities include:

- Uppsala University, Sweden
- Renmin University Law School and Zhejiang University, China
- University of York, United Kingdom
- University of British Columbia, Canada

Students can also take advantage of specific short-term opportunities such as the Chinese Engagement Tour.

Unique opportunities to learn from eminent national and international visitors

The international reputation of UWA ensures we attract eminent legal practitioners, jurists and scholars who deliver subjects, give guest lectures, conduct seminars and interact with students and staff. Recent visitors include:

- Professor Catharine MacKinnon, Elizabeth A. Long Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School
- The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court and head of the Commission of Inquiry on Alleged Human Rights Violations in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- Professor Terence Daintith, Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London
- Dr William Boothby, former Air Commodore (1 star); Deputy Director, Legal Services, Royal Air Force, UK
- Professor Peter Mirfield, Professor of the Law of Evidence at the University of Oxford, and the Sir David Lewis Fellow and Tutor in Law at Jesus College, Oxford
Entry Requirements

Graduate Diploma (20320)

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

(a) a Juris Doctor of Bachelor of Laws, or equivalent, as recognised by UWA;

or

(b)(i) a level and duration of education considered by UWA to be sufficient to permit satisfactory completion of the course;

and

(ii) at least two years of relevant professional experience.

Master (20500)

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

(a)(i) a Juris Doctor or Bachelor of Laws, or equivalent as recognised by UWA;

and

(ii) the equivalent of a UWA weighted average mark of at least 60 per cent;

or

(b) completed 24 points of the Graduate Diploma in Law of this University with a UWA weighted average mark of at least 60 per cent*.

*Important - credit for units completed in this course will only be given if the course is not conferred.

Graduate Diploma (20320) and Master (20500)

English language requirements:

A minimum IELTS overall score of 7.5 is required, with a minimum of 7.5 in the Reading and Writing bands and 7.0 in the Listening and Speaking bands. For students below these levels English language pathway programs are available.

How to apply

Australian and New Zealand residents can apply for entry for the Graduate Diploma at:
www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/courses/graduate-diploma-in-law

Master at:
www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/courses/master-of-laws-coursework

International students can apply by contacting:
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