Canadians: Study Law in Perth, Western Australia
Planning a future in Law?

Consider undertaking your studies at a top ranked Australian Law School at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

The common law heritage of both the Australian and Canadian legal system makes it possible for Canadian students to undertake their Legal studies in Australia and return to pursue a career in Law in Canada. By studying law in Australia, you will broaden your education as well as gain valuable international experience.

Like Canadian Universities, UWA Law School offers the Juris Doctor (JD) as the qualifying law degree. You can elect to undertake either both your undergraduate degree and the JD or simply the JD.

Why a UWA Law qualification?

- UWA is one of only ten universities worldwide to be awarded a Five Stars Plus rating in the QS Stars University Ratings.
- UWA is a respected Australian University and is a member of the prestigious Group of Eight (Go8). The Go8 is a coalition of the leading Australian universities which are research intensive and offer comprehensive education.
- As one of Australia’s oldest, the Law School has over 80 years of academic excellence and is home to Australia’s oldest Law review.
- The Law School counts amongst its graduates 19 Rhodes Scholars, 3 Fulbright scholars, an Australian Prime Minister as well as numerous other ministers, members of the Judiciary, successful legal practitioners and entrepreneurs.
- You will learn within an inspiring, academically stimulating environment, from international experts with a diverse and broad range of academic and professional experience.
The UWA Juris Doctor Degree (JD)

The Juris Doctor is a three year postgraduate Law degree by coursework involving the completion of 24 units (8 per full time year) comprising a combination of compulsory and option units.

The UWA JD is highly regarded and readily recognised, both nationally and internationally. Successful completion of the JD will lead to accreditation as a lawyer in Western Australia and satisfies the ‘institutional requirement’ of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada - National Committee on Accreditation (NCA).

The Juris Doctor provides a challenging and focussed environment for postgraduate studies in law.

Students enrolled in the JD are required to undertake studies in compulsory units including: Contract, Property, Torts and Corporations Law as well as a number of compulsory skills-based units like Dispute Resolution, Commercial Practice and Procedure. The study of these units will provide you with a sound understanding of common law principles, legal methodology and the practical skills necessary for your future legal career in Canada.

The assessment methods adopted in the JD include oral presentations, moots, problem-solving assignments, research essays, reflection journals and exams. These different assessment types have been carefully mapped across the entire JD so you can be confident you will achieve the learning outcomes expected of a well-rounded Law graduate.

As a UWA JD student, you will also be able to choose from a broad selection of law option units which, together with the compulsory units, ensures you will graduate with a broad liberal education – one that equips you well for your future in the Law.

Federation of Law Societies of Canada - National Committee on Accreditation (NCA)

How do I gain admission to practice law in Canada?

Students must obtain accreditation of their degree from the NCA upon returning to Canada.

According to the NCA Policies and guidelines published January 1, 2015, this requires submission of an application for a Certificate of Qualification and the completion of five exams to cover substantive Canadian law that is not included within the UWA JD programme. The exams are:

- Canadian Administrative Law;
- Canadian Constitutional Law;
- Canadian Criminal Law;
- Foundations of Canadian Law; and
- Canadian Professional Responsibility

More detailed information regarding the Policies and Guidelines of the NCA may be found at: fisc.ca/national-committee-on-accreditation-nca/getting-a-certificate-of-qualification/
Admission requirements

- A bachelor’s degree from this University or equivalent as recognised by the Faculty;
- A Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 5.5 (out of 7.0) or equivalent, across all completed tertiary studies;
- Completed and submitted a Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score;

Applicants will be ranked based on their GPA and LSAT score, which are equally weighted, and selection to the JD will be accorded to the highest ranked applicants.

The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)

As part of the application process for the UWA JD, applicants need to register for, and sit, the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The LSAT is an independent, international test administered by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), which sends results directly to the UWA Law School.

The LSAT can be taken in a range of Canadian cities. For information on dates and locations of sitting of the LSAT visit www.lsac.org

Course structure and entry requirements

The Juris Doctor is comprised of 24 units and includes both core and option units.

Each core unit will be taught over four hours per week, with each option unit involving three contact hours per week. Classes are taught in a variety of modes including lectures, tutorials, seminars, lectorials and workshops. Units which are undertaken in the JD include:

Year One

- S1 LAWS4101 Legal Process
- S1 LAWS4102 Criminal Law
- S1 LAWS4103 Contract
- S1 LAWS4104 Property
- S2 LAWS5106 Legal Theory and Ethics
- S2 LAWS4106 Torts
- S2 LAWS4107 Land Law
- S2 LAWS4108 Foundations of Public Law

Year Two

- S1 LAWS5101 Constitutional Law
- S1 LAWS5102 Administrative Law
- S1 LAWS5103 Equity and Trusts
- S2 LAWS5104 Corporations Law
- S2 LAWS4105 Dispute Resolution
- S2 LAWS5105 Remedies
- Plus two option units

Year Three

- S1 LAWS5107 Evidence
- S1 LAWS5108 Commercial Practice
- S2 LAWS5115 Procedure
- Plus five option units

Admission enquiries

For more information about applying to study law at UWA visit international.uwa.edu.au/ or contact Jennifer.Rhodes@uwa.edu.au
The UWA Law student experience

Western Australia’s most beautiful campus

Located on a river-bend in Crawley just minutes from the City of Perth, UWA is often described as one of Australia’s most picturesque campuses. Enjoy the charming combination of old and new as you walk to classes. Heritage-listed architecture blends with contemporary buildings and state-of-the-art facilities in leafy grounds of open courtyards and beautiful gardens.

Close to UWA’s Crawley campus is Kings Park, one of the world’s largest and most beautiful inner city parks where you can enjoy over 400 hectares of nature with sweeping views of the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Vibrant and inclusive student life

Our dynamic and vibrant campus has over 80 clubs and societies and plenty of year round events for you to socialise.

Students can enjoy an active lifestyle with an extensive range of sporting facilities on campus including swimming pools, tennis and squash courts, a gymnasium and riverside watersports complex.

The University’s Cultural Precinct hosts many cultural facilities such as the Berndt Museum of Anthropology, the Perth International Arts Festival, UWA Extension, the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, the Institute of Advanced Studies, the UWA School of Music, the Earth Science Museum, the Cullity Gallery and the University Theatres.

For more information on campus life visit uwa.edu.au/study/campuses

Blackstone Society

The Blackstone Society is UWA’s student society for Law Students. The primary purpose of the association is to advance the education of Law students. It addition to its equity, volunteering, mental health, academic support and mentoring initiatives, the Blackstone Society hosts a wide range of exciting and very popular social events as well as legal skill-building competitions in areas such as negotiation and drafting.

For more information on the Blackstone Society visit blackstone.asn.au

Mooting

Mooting is the oral presentation of a legal issue or problem against an opposing counsel and before a judge. It is perhaps the closest experience that a student can have whilst at university to appearing in court.


For more information on UWA participation in the Jessup Moot visit law.uwa.edu.au/students/jessup
Living in Perth

The capital city of the state of Western Australia, Perth is situated on the banks of the Swan River and a short distance from the white sandy beaches and the Indian Ocean. The city offers an inspiring study environment of sunny weather and a relaxed outdoor lifestyle with beautiful natural scenery. Perth has been recognised as one of the top ten most liveable cities in the world according to the Economist Intelligence Unit’s Global Liveability Survey for several years in a row.1

Culturally diverse
People from across the world are drawn to Perth and the state of Western Australia for many reasons and as a result our state has become the most culturally diverse in Australia with around 30 per cent of the population having been born elsewhere, and over 170 nationalities represented across the community.2

Economically strong
Perth has had one of the most consistent rates of economic growth in Australia over the past decade, with an average growth rate well above the national average of 3.5 per cent.3

Stunning landscape and outdoor lifestyle
Perth is Australia’s sunniest capital city and the Mediterranean climate of warm dry summers is ideal for sports and outdoor activities such as tennis, sailing, cycling, swimming and windsurfing, or you can experience nature at Kings Park, 400 hectares of natural bush and botanical gardens right in the middle of Perth and just up the road from UWA.

Safe and friendly
Perth offers a high standard of living and has achieved positive rankings in the Best Student Cities Rankings published by QS Top Universities.4 Perth also offers a safe and friendly study environment with a diverse student population; according to Australia Education International, Perth has the best international student diversity in Australia.

REFERENCES
1. A Summary of the Liveability Rankings and Overview, August 2014, The Economist Intelligence Unit
Accommodation

UWA understands how important it is to international students to find good quality accommodation close to the campus. There are many accommodation options open to international students, designed to suit different needs. Options for students include five UWA Residential Colleges situated directly adjacent to the main campus as well as private accommodation off Campus.

For more advice visit [www.housing.uwa.edu.au](http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au)

Getting around

Perth’s public transport system makes it easy to get around the city and to the main UWA campus. International students receive a West Australian Government-sponsored 40 percent discount on all public transport. Perth also has free buses called CATs that operate around the central business district.


Cost of living

The annual cost of living in Perth depends on your lifestyle and the type of accommodation you chose, however AUD $450–$640 per week is generally sufficient for most single students to live comfortably (this does not include tuition fees or medical cover). In addition you may need extra funds to cover various items such as airfares and textbooks.

For more information on cost of living visit [studyat.uwa.edu.au/about/accommodation/costs](http://studyat.uwa.edu.au/about/accommodation/costs)

More information

For more information about studying law at UWA visit [international.uwa.edu.au/](http://international.uwa.edu.au/) or contact [Jennifer.Rhodes@uwa.edu.au](mailto:Jennifer.Rhodes@uwa.edu.au)