



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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NEWCASTLE LAW SCHOOL NEW POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN 2014

The University of Newcastle, Australia is a research intensive university and a leading contributor to research in Australia and the world. Across many discipline areas, our researchers are making discoveries that offer solutions to some of the world's greatest challenges. We are ranked in the top 10 Australian universities based on research excellence, and top 3% in the world.

The Newcastle Law School is located in Newcastle, New South Wales, less than two hours driving distance from Sydney. Lonely Planet named it as one of the world's top cities in 2011, and it presents a beautiful environment - with eight beaches and natural parks - for the study of law. The Law School is a supportive and research-focused faculty, deeply committed to teaching. The Newcastle Law School has fostered an intellectual community devoted to the development of the next generation of lawyers.

Through taking an innovative and integrated approach to legal education, the Newcastle Law School ensures that graduates gain all the necessary theory, skills and experience for a career in legal practice. Students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to practice law not only in Australia, but around the globe as our teaching and curriculum provides a transnational insight into understanding law and the legal system.

Newcastle Law School has established a reputation for innovative legal education. Students gain practical legal experience through our unique University Legal Centre which provides an intensive clinical placement site for students, giving our students real life opportunities as part of their studies. By working with the Centre's lawyers and dealing with real clients with actual legal problems, students gain skills and experience in the practice of law.

Master of Laws (LLM)

The Master of Laws program has been designed to provide students with advanced legal knowledge and research skills with a strong emphasis on international, transnational and/or commercial law. This will be achieved through providing students with advanced training in legal research techniques and opportunity to choose from a range of specialised courses with an international, transnational and/or commercial flavour. The Masters program has been designed for law graduates and legal practitioners looking to fast track their legal career or develop a specialisation in a more focused area of the law.

Key features of the program:

- Builds upon your existing legal experience through an integrated and rigorous exploration of advanced legal knowledge, concepts, skills and research abilities necessary for the 21st century legal professional
- Provides the opportunity to pursue advanced legal study with a strong focus on specific areas of career and/or personal interest
- Through an international focus, assist in opening up global opportunities in the practice and application of the law
- Provides opportunity to pursue the study of international climate change and environmental law in a major centre of energy industry activity and innovative research
- A limited number of partial scholarships (fee waiver) may be available on the basis of merit and need

Juris Doctor / Grad Dip of Legal Practice

The Juris Doctor and the embedded Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice is designed for those looking for admission into legal practice in Australia. The Juris Doctor is to be studied concurrently with the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, allowing students to develop both high level academic and legal skills, whilst also providing practical and real world experience. Offered at a postgraduate level, the Newcastle JD prepares graduates with strong work ready skills and extensive knowledge to become a leader in Australian and global legal practice. Students completing the JD will have direct involvement with the University of Newcastle Legal Centre, getting involved in real cases and providing services to the community.

Key features of the program:

- Students will eligible to practice law in Australia upon completion of the program
- Students will be able to get in-depth hands on experience participating in customised Legal Clinics exploring the following areas; Natural resources law, Refugee/Migration law, Criminal law, Public interest law, Consumer Credit
- You will study in a tight-knit, interactive learning community with highly qualified academic staff dedicated to your success

Meet our new Dean of Law - Professor Sandeep Gopalan

Prior to his academic career, he worked as an investment banker on Wall Street, and as a lawyer in California. Professor Gopalan graduated with a Gold Medal from the National Law School of India, and went up to Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He was appointed to the Arizona Aerospace and Defense Commission by the Governor of Arizona, and he served as Chairman during 2006-07. Sandeep's research is focused on transnational commercial law, commercial law, corporate governance and international law theory.



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**The Juris Doctor / Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice is Subject to Professional Accreditation*

Master of Laws (LLM) – Fast Facts:

- The LLM is for one year duration, requiring a total of 80 units.
- The program will be taught on a semester basis with one intake in February each year
- Students will be required to have completed an LLB with Honours OR LLB with a minimum two years professional experience to gain entry
- The LLM courses will be delivered in either Newcastle or Sydney using a mixture of in class and blended learning techniques
- Applicants must also meet the English Language requirements of the University of Newcastle

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Juris Doctor / Grad Dip of Legal Practice* – Fast Facts:

- The JD/GDLP is three years' in duration, requiring a total program of 280 units
- The program will be taught on a semester basis, with one intake in February each year
- Entry to the program is available to students that have successfully completed a 3 year bachelor level, tertiary qualification in any discipline other than law, from a recognised institution; or other tertiary qualification from a recognised institution assessed by the Faculty Pro Vice-Chancellor to be equivalent
- The program will be delivered across both the Callaghan and Newcastle City campuses.
- Applicants must also meet the English Language requirements of the University of Newcastle

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