

Postgraduate Law Welcome and Advisory Session

Semester 1, 2024



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Welcome and Introduction

Professor Peter Billings

Director of Postgraduate Programs

Postgraduate orientation: welcome

Director of PG Programs – **Professor Peter Billings**
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Room: W410 Forgan Smith

What is my role? More than reviewing extension requests for assignments!

Providing *operational and strategic leadership* for our PG programs:

- PG program *planning and management*. LLM, and Master of Int'l Commercial Law. And 'law for business' field of study in the MBus
- Responsible for PG *course monitoring* and course development
- Responsible for *assessment monitoring and quality assurance* (e.g. looking at student evaluations/feedback about courses)
- *Liaise with Law School staff and sessional staff* (or guest lecturers) in respect of teaching and learning issues
- Oversight of PG *recruitment, enrolment* and student progression
- Liaising with International Services (BEL Faculty) to ensure our international students are properly supported during their studies
- **Helping students** navigate through course offerings, with their dissertation choices and careers advice

Distinctive features of Postgraduate Law Programs at UQ

- Design and delivery of exceptional courses by renowned legal academics, alumni and industry partners (judges and experienced legal practitioners)
- A wide range of unique courses in public, private, business and international law leveraging our research expertise, courses that are relevant and appealing to both domestic and international students;
- A strong student-centred and personalised approach to teaching and learning that is delivered flexibly (in-person and/or on-line) and that accommodates students also coping with the demands of f-t work via twilight and weekend classes in some subjects
- A diverse group of students (approx. 150 enrolled students):

Australian students with law and/or politics/business degrees or business/commerce degree

international students with a law degree from a *common law country*

international students with a law degree from a *civil law country*

international students with a non-law (politics or business) degree

When you graduate what will you have shown?

Learning outcomes

- Demonstrated comprehensive, specialised, **in-depth legal knowledge** of several discrete areas of law
- Exhibited a capacity to make logical connections between **legal theories and practice**
- Generated **informed responses to legal problems** that are rigorously justified by reference to national and/or international legal materials
- Created **solutions to national and global legal problems** that are consistent with legal theory, methods and practice, using advanced legal research skills, and information and communication technologies
- Analysed **ethical challenges** arising in particular areas of law and practice within/across jurisdictions
- Developed a **contextual (socio-politico/economic) understanding of the law** and its application
- Demonstrated an **advanced level of communication skills** to effectively address contemporary issues in both domestic and global law and practice.

The pathway to academic success and graduation

- Read over your **course profiles**: the electronic course profiles (ECPs) are accessible via **Learn.UQ** (Blackboard). Learn.UQ is the Learning Management System for all UQ courses.
- **Unsure about which courses to enrol in?** Ask the PG Program Director, or academic staff about their courses.
- **Preparation** is key: up to eight hours before each seminar. Effective participation and engagement with academic staff is dependent on your careful reading and consideration of study materials. There are no short cuts.
- Study materials for each seminar can usually be found in 'Learning Resources' via Learn.UQ or in the UQ Libraries.
- **Attendance**: Go to every class either in-person or online (where classes are 'zoomed'). The **process of learning** takes place before, during and after seminars. Missing seminars hampers your chances of academic success.
- **Participation**: Be prepared to actively contribute to seminar discussions by demonstrating (orally and/or in writing) your understanding of the study materials and their application. Seminars are not a forum in which the course tutor simply 'lectures' you for two to three hours
- Your **assessments** will be measuring the process and the outcomes of your learning; and, typically, your learning is based on the study materials that have been prescribed for you to read independently, think about, and then discuss in seminars.
- Take advantage of your course tutors' willingness to provide support outside of formal class contact time if you need more help learning and understanding the materials.
- **Look after yourself** and seek assistance if you are struggling for any reason; contact your teachers and alert them to any issues arising that may be impacting our studies or, health. Note the Law School has its own well-being officer **Dony Rodriguez** who you can contact for support.



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Law Life and Wellbeing

Dony Rodriguez

Student Support and Wellbeing Officer

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Student Support & Wellness Officer
Office: W362

The UQ Law School, through its **Law life & wellbeing** co-curricular program, is proactively committed to supporting our student community and equipping you with the tools you need to thrive.

Studying law can be challenging and involve hard work, so maintaining your wellbeing throughout your journey is fundamental.

We have resources to assist you to practise self-care, connect with friends and access professional support if you need to.



law.uq.edu.au/current-students/wellness

lawlife@uq.edu.au

Law life & wellbeing

 Coffee Catch Ups (International Students)

 Wellbeing Zones (Exam Weeks)

 Follow our social media accounts :

‘UQ Law School’ on Facebook and LinkedIn

 Pop up events for community building and social interactions



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Support for International Students

Peer Writing Support

To book an appointment, please visit our website for instructions: <https://law.uq.edu.au/current-students/course-information-and-support/writing-support-international-students>



Join our Facebook Group

‘UQinternationalLAW’

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UQinternationalLAW>



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Writing support for international students

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The Law Peer Writing Support provides individual consultations (1 hour) to **international students** enrolled in one of the law **undergraduate** or **postgraduate** programs. The consultations are restricted to checking the use of English grammar, sentence structure, spelling and general advice on the use of the appropriate referencing style (i.e. Australian Guide for Legal Citations, 4th ed.). **No advice** will be provided on the content of the written assessment. One-to-one peer writing support is an effective way of identifying common grammar and spelling errors, and providing feedback on one's writing.

Peer Writing Support Leaders also play an important role in providing information and directing international students to other support programs offered at the UQ, such as learning consultations offered by the student services.



Book an appointment

Appointments are available via zoom, or in person and are available from lecture week 2 onwards of each semester.

To book an appointment email lawlife@uq.edu.au with the subject 'Book Peer Writing Support'. Please provide your **student number, name, preferred session time, and preferred mode** (zoom/in person). Your appointment will usually be confirmed within two business days.

Law Peer Writing Support appointments are **only available to UQ international students** enrolled in one of the law **undergraduate** or **postgraduate** programs.
CRICOS code 00025B



To learn more please visit: sharperminds.psy.uq.edu.au

Recent research into Australian law students, suggests they are **2.4 times** more likely than medical students, and **3.5 times** more likely than the general population, to report **high, or very high levels of distress**.

Larcombe W, Malkin I, Nicholson P. Law students' motivations, expectations and levels of psychological distress: Evidence of connections. Legal Education Review. 2012;22(1/2):71-98.

I have moderate symptoms

WHO?

- UQ Psychology Clinic, UQ Student Counselling Service, UQ with You

WHERE?

- UQ Union Complex or phone, Zoom or Skype

COST?

- FREE for UQ Student Counselling Service and UQ with You; \$25/hour UQ Psychology Clinic

WAIT PERIOD?

- Varies, typically a week or two

I want individual therapy

WHO?

- Visiting Psychologists
- Visiting Psychiatrist
- Provisional Psychologists

WHERE?

- UQ Medical Centres or UQ Psychology Clinic, Upland Road (opposite Union College)

COST?

- FREE / Bulk Billed at UQ Medical Centres, \$25/hour at UQ Psychology Clinic

WAIT PERIOD?

- Varies, typically a few weeks
- Varies, typically a week or two

I want a referral for private therapy

WHO?

- GP referral to private Psychologist or Psychiatrist

WHERE?

- UQ Medical Centres or your local GP

COST?

- FREE at UQ Medical Centres, local GPs may charge a gap fee

WAIT PERIOD?

- None

I have mild symptoms

WHO?

- Talk to tutors and staff
- Mental health champions Mental Health Champions Network - About UQ - University of Queensland

WHERE?

- UQ Mental Health Champions network

COST?

- FREE

WAIT PERIOD?

- None

I am in crisis

WHO?

- Emergency Services call Campus Security (3365 3333)
- Suicide Call Back (1300 659 467)
- Student Counselling & Crisis Line (1300 851 998)

COST?

- FREE

WAIT PERIOD?

- None

The Hub

A round-up of the latest news and events, just for **current UQ law students**.

Do you have something law-related to share with your peers? **Submit it here.**

Study opportunities
Careers and Employability
Events
Life & Wellbeing
Community

In need of a chat? Check in with Dony

Whether it's a coffee catch up at Merlo or a check in via Zoom, your Law Student Support and Wellness Officer Dony is here for you. Learn how you can get to know your peers better, gain additional study support, explore different avenues available to improve your mental health and more.



» law.uq.edu.au/current-students/the-hub

UQ Pro Bono Centre

Pro Bono Roster

- Dozens of legal **volunteering opportunities** each year, mostly in community legal centres and other not-for-profit organisations
- Some projects are **short-term** (for a few weeks) and others are **longer term**, like our case law database projects
- Our new **Rural, Regional and Remote Project (RRR)** enables students to travel to RRR areas to deliver legal services in RRR communities

Visit the Pro Bono Centre: law.uq.edu.au/pro-bono



Law School Welcome Back Gelato!

Free gelato and grazing table!

An excellent opportunity to meet your peers, staff from the school, and student representatives from our societies

Date: Thursday, 29 February 2024

Time: 4-6pm

Location: Law Library (Walter Harrison Library)

Register by scanning the QR code!



UQLS Graduate & International Students Portfolio



We have many exciting events planned this year for Graduate and International Students! Stay up to date with the UQLS Facebook and keep an eye out for our fun events!

Feel free to reach out to your representative for Graduate and International students anytime on:
graduateandinternationalofficer@uqls.com.

If you want to know more about life at an Australian university or who to talk to at TCB, we'd love you to get in touch!





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English for Academic Communication: Law

Kit Nuttall

UQ College

Why attend EAC?

New students not only have to learn their discipline, they also have to learn the language and genres of their discipline.

Academic English is nobody's mother tongue.



Overview

The EAC Law course was developed in conjunction with the Law School and is a 6-week, discipline-specific program for postgraduate students from a non-English speaking background.

The course is delivered by UQ College teachers – specialists in teaching Academic English.

It focuses on developing written and spoken academic communication skills required for successful completion of postgraduate legal studies.

The course aligns to assessment for LAWS7936, but is open to all students.

Semester 1 2024 program structure

**may change according to
student need.*

Semester Week		EAC content	Link to LAWS7936 content
1	Monday 19 Feb	Diagnostic Writing Task	
1	Wednesday 21 Feb	Workshop 1 <i>Introduction to EAC Law</i> <i>Introduction to Research Proposals</i>	Research Quiz Research Proposal
2	Wednesday 28 Feb	Workshop 2 <i>Introduction to Literature Reviews</i> <i>Using the AGLC</i>	
3	Wednesday 6 March	Workshop 3 <i>Paraphrasing and Accuracy</i>	
4	Wednesday 13 March	Workshop 4 <i>Essay Writing</i>	Research Essay
5	Wednesday 20 March	Workshop 5 <i>Writing with Flow</i>	
6	Wednesday 27 March	Workshop 6 <i>Editing, proofreading and peer review</i>	

You must register for EAC

You can register now by following this link.

LAWS7936 students will receive more information by email.

Got questions? Drop us a line:

c.nuttall@uqcollege.uq.edu.au





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Post Graduate Advisory Session

Daniel Lim

Coordinator, Academic Programs

Contact

<p>Mr Daniel Lim Coordinator, Academic Programs pglaw@law.uq.edu.au Ph: (07) 3365 1492</p>	<p>For assistance with administrative aspects of your study such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program rules• Enrolment• Credit or exemptions from previous study• Progression checks and eligibility to graduate• Cross-Institutional study <p>Email pglaw@law.uq.edu.au with your query or if you wish to arrange a meeting. Meetings available in person at St Lucia.</p> <p>Please quote your student ID number in all your written correspondence with the University.</p>
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Important dates

- You should have enrolled in at least one course on mySI-net by now via www.sinet.uq.edu.au
 - If you have any issues email pglaw@law.uq.edu.au
- Final date to add/drop courses freely: **1 March 2024**
- Final date to drop course without penalty (Census date): **31 March 2024**
- Final date to drop course without academic penalty but financial applies: **30 April 2024**
- LAWS7936 (Fundamentals of the Common Law) first class commences **19 February**. Mandatory for LLM students from non-common law jurisdiction.

UQ academic calendar: https://www.uq.edu.au/events/calendar_view.php?category_id=16

Assessment Tips

Applying for extension

- Do not submit assessments late! 10% penalty each day late and zero marks after 7th day.
- DO NOT simply email course coordinator for extension.
- Request for an extension through my.UQ (<https://my.uq.edu.au/>).
- More information on website: <https://my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/manage-my-program/exams-and-assessment/applying-extension>

Plagiarism and Referencing

- Intentional plagiarism will be treated as misconduct. If you are confused about what plagiarism means, please ask questions.
- Read 'Avoiding Plagiarism' attached in booklet.

Referencing and the AGLC4

- Online module available through the UQ Library: <https://web.library.uq.edu.au/library-services/training/legal-research-essentials/introduction?p=6#6>
- Introduction to legal referencing video from the UQ Library: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCnMAXAuxV0&t=277s>
- Contact: librarians@library.uq.edu.au

School of Law Website

Most information about your program and courses is available from the Law School website.

For information on your program:

1. www.law.uq.edu.au
2. Go to 'Study' on the menu bar
3. Select 'Masters Guide' from the dropdown menu.
4. Select the option for your program

Master of Laws

A tailor-made, unique and transformative learning experience at the premier Law School in Queensland. We offer world-class teaching quality and an extensive suite of law courses relevant for the legal profession in Australia and internationally. Our LLM (Master of Laws) program inspires independent and critical thinking about the law and legal methods, the application of law in contemporary legal practice, and how the future of law and legal practice may be impacted by digital disruption and new technologies.



For qualified legal practitioners seeking to gain advanced knowledge in their field of interest. Select from the broadest range of courses and research options.

[✓ Prospective students - see program details and how to apply](#)

[☰ See LLM courses offered in 2024](#)

[Download the brochure](#)

Master of International Commercial Law



Designed for business, commerce, economics or law graduates, or graduates working in the field of international commercial operations. This program combines private, public and commercial law courses relevant to operating in an international environment.

[✓ Prospective students - see program details and how to apply](#)

[☰ See MICL courses offered in 2024 for students who commenced 2021 and after](#)

[☰ See MICL courses offered in 2024 for students who started before 2021](#)

Supervised Research Projects/Dissertations

Course Code	Units	Duration
LAWS7825	2	One Semester
LAWS7944	4	One Semester
LAWS7716	4	Two Semesters commencing in Semester 1
LAWS7717	4	Two Semesters commencing in Semester 2
LAWS7701	8	One Semester
LAWS7718	8	Two Semesters commencing in Semester 1
LAWS7719	8	Two Semesters commencing in Semester 2

Application form:

<https://law.uq.edu.au/files/90639/Application%20for%20PG%20Research%20Project%20or%20Dissertation%20Form.pdf>

Only available after completing at least one semester of studies.

- UQ GPA of 4.5 to enroll in a #2 supervised research project, and a minimum UQ GPA of 5.5 to enroll in #4 and #8 dissertations.
- Supervisor must be from UQ Law School: <https://law.uq.edu.au/team/academic>
- Email application and proposal to pqlaw@law.uq.edu.au **no later than two weeks prior to the commencement of the semester** during which the project is to be undertaken.

Week to week courses vs intensive courses

- Week to week usually means the course is semester long. Check timetable or ECP for details.
- Intensive usually means the course is taught over four days (sometimes six). Could be consecutive or across weeks.
- Several courses are taught intensively. See the school website.
 - <https://law.uq.edu.au/current-students/course-information-and-support/postgraduate-intensive-timetable>
 - We recommend international students avoid enrolling in too many intensive courses in the first semester of study at UQ. It can be a bit overwhelming!

Learn.UQ (Blackboard)

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Welcome

Posted on: Tuesday, 23 January 2024 12:08:32 o'clock AEST

Welcome to *Fundamentals of the Common Law* (LAWS7936)

One of the interesting things about law especially in this era of internationalism, economic globalisation and democratisation is that law can be made, interpreted and applied differently depending on a nation's history and contemporary priorities.

As a former colony of Great Britain, Australia is part of the common law system – or family or tradition – depending on the classification used, but this does not mean Australia's legal system is a replica of Britain's or America's. It has its own distinctive features which we will explore together in this course.

My aim, and that of our guest lecturers, legal language experts and librarians, is to provide you with the building blocks for other courses in the Master's program. This is why the course is taught intensively in the first few weeks on the semester.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you, bright and early, on Monday 19th.

Ann Black

Course Co-ordinator

To get started in this course, please watch the recorded video which gives a course overview: *Roadmap for the Common Law* in the Learning Resources. Also look through the Course Profile (ECP) which sets out the aims, learning activities and assessment for this course in addition to what is contained on this Blackboard site.

[Course Link/Learning Resources/Roadmap of the common law: an introduction](#)

Posted by: Ann Black

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<https://learn.uq.edu.au/>

Student Central

For all administrative enquiries and information related to your student journey

- Academic records
- Admissions and changing programs
- Enrolment and fees
- Exams and calculator approvals
- Forms and certified documents
- Graduation queries
- Orientation and timetables
- Study (or academic progression)
- Withdrawing from a course or program

Student Central, Prentice (Building 42)
Student.services@uq.edu.au
1300 275 870 (option 2)
Live chat: 8.30am to 4.30pm
<https://my.uq.edu.au/student-support>

facebook.com/uniofqld

Instagram.com/uniofqld

Student Services

Student Services provide assistance to all UQ students (and staff) via a number of services, including:

- Counselling
- Diversity, Disability & Inclusion
- Accommodation advice
- Financial Hardship
- International and remote Student Support
- Learning support
- Chaplaincy Services
- Mentoring
- Volunteering
- Student Staff Partnerships
- Campus Activations.



BEL Student Centre

Contact us for help

Visit: Level 2 Colin Clark Building (39)

Email: bel@uq.edu.au

Call: 3365 7111

bel.uq.edu.au/for-students



Business, Economics and Law Student Base

Level 1, Colin Clark Building

Your space to hang out, study and connect on campus!

The airconditioned study rooms, social courtyard and kitchenette are yours to enjoy.

Plus, keep an eye out for fun activities and giveaways happening in the space.

See you there!

Scan me!

