

Postgraduate Law Welcome and Advisory Session

Semester 2, 2025





Professor Rick Bigwood

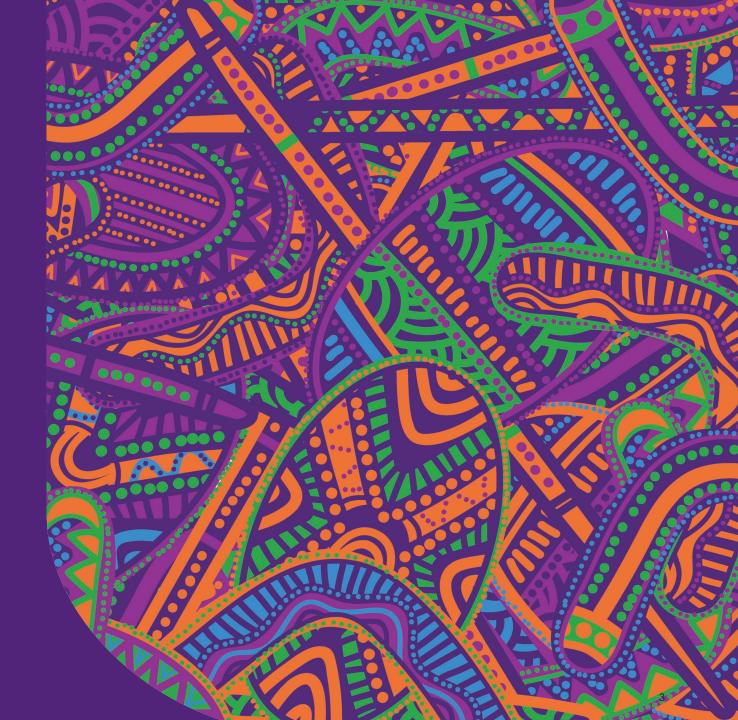
Academic Dean and Head of School TC Beirne School of Law





- The University of Queensland (UQ)
 acknowledges the Traditional Owners and
 their custodianship of the lands on which
 we meet.
- We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.
- We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.





Welcome and Introduction

Professor John Swinson

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Director of Postgraduate Programs



Welcome!

The UQ Law School is excited to have you join our LLM program in 2025!



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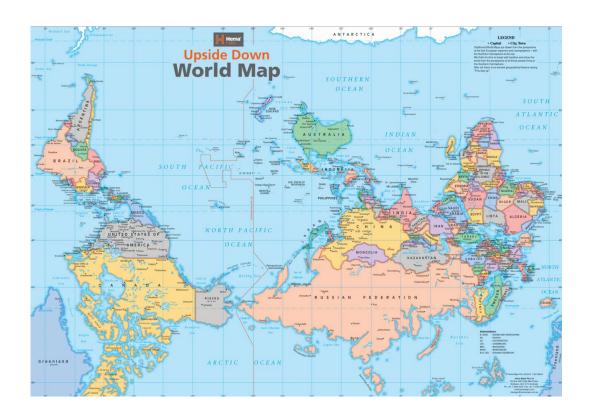
Our LLM Program aims include:

- Providing you with opportunities to learn about legal topics in detail
- Allowing you to think deeply about the law
- Considering how the law should change
- Enabling you to develop friendships and connections



Our LLM Program is International

- We have students from many countries
- We cover international legal issues
- We look at the laws of Australia and elsewhere, and we learn from the differences



Our LLM Program is diverse

We have over 60 students commencing this semester

- Australian students with a law degree and/or business degree
- International students with a law degree from a common law country
- International students with a non-common law degree (e.g. from a civil law-based country)
- International students with a non-law (business) degree

Postgraduate orientation: welcome

Director of Post Graduate Programs – **Professor John Swinson (**孙坚) Email: j.swinson@law.uq.edu.au Room: W415 Forgan Smith

What is my role?

Providing operational and strategic leadership for our PG programs:

- Welcoming you to the UQ Law School LLM program
- Ensuring the LLM program runs smoothly so that you have an excellent educational experience at UQ
- Helping you navigate through course offerings, with their dissertation choices, and facilitating career advice
- Learning from you to improve the LLM program so that it is relevant for you and future LLM students
- Course monitoring and course development
- Working with my Law School colleagues in respect of teaching and learning activities
- Oversight of LLM student recruitment, enrolment and progression to graduation
- Liaising with International Services (BEL Faculty) to ensure our international students are properly supported



Tips for Success

Select the right courses

- Courses have different aims and styles
- Not every course is suited for every student

Participate in Class

- Prepare for class
- Study the readings
- · Ask questions in class
- · Provide your point of view

Start work on Assignments early

Do other activities – don't spend all your time studying – have balance If you need more guidance, ask

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 me or Daniel Lim or individual academic staff about their courses.
- **Preparation** is key: up to eight hours <u>before</u> 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.
- 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. The Law School's well-being officer Dony Rodriguez can provide support.

Suitable course offerings for international students

https://law.uq.edu.au/study/postgraduate/llm-courses-2025

- Fundamentals of the Common Law (LAWS7936) (compulsory for LLM students from a non-common law background)
- Private Law (LAWS7025) only for LLM students from a non-common law background
- Principles of International Law (LAWS7710)
- International Human Rights Law (LAWS7156)
- International Refugee Law (LAWS7714)
- Law, Technology and Global Business (LAWS7855)
- International Admiralty and Maritime Law (LAWS7865)
- Theories in Dispute Resolution (LAWS7841)
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution (LAWS7028)
- Intellectual Property Law (LAWS7708)
- Internet and AI Current Legal Issues Impacting Business (LAWS7725)
- International and Comparative Competition Law (LAWS7728)
- Plus new courses for 2026... details coming soon

Suitable course offerings for international students with common law background

- Commercial Equity Litigation (LAWS7835)
- Advanced Civil Litigation (LAWS7721)
- Interpretation of Statutes & Instruments (LAWS7709)

The above courses are only suitable for students who have a law degree from a common law country.





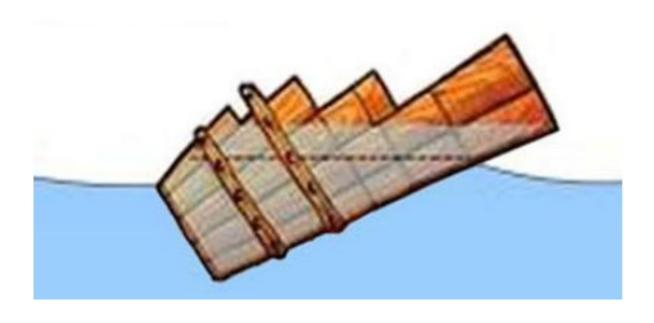
Dr Wenting Cheng

Senior Lecturer
TC Beirne School of Law



Find your strength and work on it







Law Life and Wellbeing

Dony Rodriguez

Senior Coordinator, Student Wellbeing and Co-curricular Programs



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Senior Coordinator, Student Wellbeing and Co-curricular Programs 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







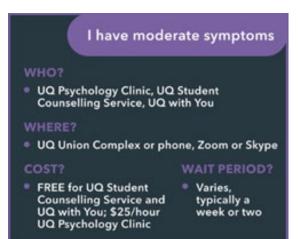




To learn more please visit: sharperminds.psy.uq.edu.au

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.













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



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!





CREATE CHANGE

English for Academic Communication: EAC Law



Why attend EAC Law?

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 School of Law and is a 5-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 closely to assessment for Fundamentals of the Common Law (LAWS7936).



EAC Law Structure (Sem 2, 2025)

Semester Week	Date	EAC Content	Links to LAWS7936 Assessment
1	Lecture Visit 28th of July	Diagnostic Writing Task	
2	Workshop One 13th of August	Common Law and Legal English The Writing Process	Assignment
3	Workshop Two 20th of August	Writing concise language Compare/Contrast Language	Assignment
4	Workshop Three 27th of August	Academic Reading and Notetaking Evaluation Language	Assignment
5	Workshop Four 3rd of September		
6	Workshop Five 10th of September	Proof-reading own work Open session	Assignment

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So how can you register for EAC Law?

Semester Week	Date	EAC Content	
1	Lecture Visit	Diagnostic Writing Task	
	28th of July		



- ✓ We will visit the LAWS7936 Lecture next Monday (28/7).
- ✓ You will do a short writing task during the lecture period, so bring your laptop!
- ✓ We will then send you an email with some helpful feedback on your writing.
- ✓ We will also say if we think you might benefit from participating in the EAC Law Course.
- ✓ The email will contain details about how to register, and dates/location of the 7 workshops.

Got any questions? Speak to me after this orientation or email: c.nuttall@uqcollege.uq.edu.au



You must register for EAC

You can register now by following this link.

LAWS7936 students will receive more information in Week 1.

Got questions? Drop us a line:

manager-eac@uqcollege.uq.edu.au





Assessment Helpers

Embedded Language Support Office (ELSO) for BEL – Tricia Hicks

What can a Language Support Officer help you with?

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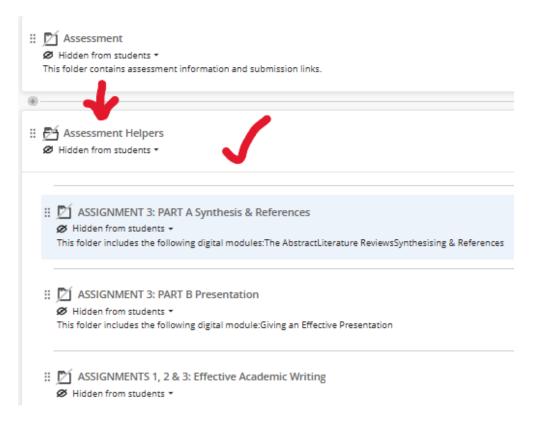
Self-access Assessment Helpers

Online assessment helpers help you:

- understand the assessment task requirements
- breakdown your assessment into bitesize chunks
- get started
- understand assignment styles & structure
- review checklists
- review vocabulary

The assessment helpers closely align to your assessment for Fundamentals of the Common Law (LAWS7936).







Post Graduate Advisory Session

Daniel Lim

Coordinator, Academic Programs





Contact

Mr Daniel Lim

Coordinator, Academic Programs pglaw@law.uq.edu.au_

Ph: (07) 3365 1492

For assistance with administrative aspects of your study such as:

- Program rules
- Enrolment
- Credit or exemptions from previous study
- Progression checks and eligibility to graduate
- Cross-Institutional study

Email <u>pglaw@law.uq.edu.au</u> with your query or if you wish to arrange a meeting. Meetings available in person at St Lucia.

Please quote your student ID number in all your written correspondence with the University.



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: 8 August 2025
- Final date to drop course without penalty (Census date): 31 August 2025
- Final date to drop course without academic penalty but financial applies: 30 September 2025
- LAWS7936 (Fundamentals of the Common Law) first class commences 28 July 2025. Mandatory for LLM students from non-common law jurisdiction.

UQ academic calendar: https://about.uq.edu.au/academic-calendar



Assessment Tips

Applying for extension

- Do not submit assessments late! 10% penalty each day late and zero marks after 7th day.
- <u>DO NOT</u> 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

- The UQ Library provides a guide on how to reference correctly in AGLC4 format. This is available through their website: https://guides.library.uq.edu.au/referencing/AGLC4/general-rules
- Contact: 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 2025

Download the brochure



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 <u>pglaw@law.uq.edu.au</u> no later than two weeks prior to the commencement of the semester during which the project is to be undertaken.



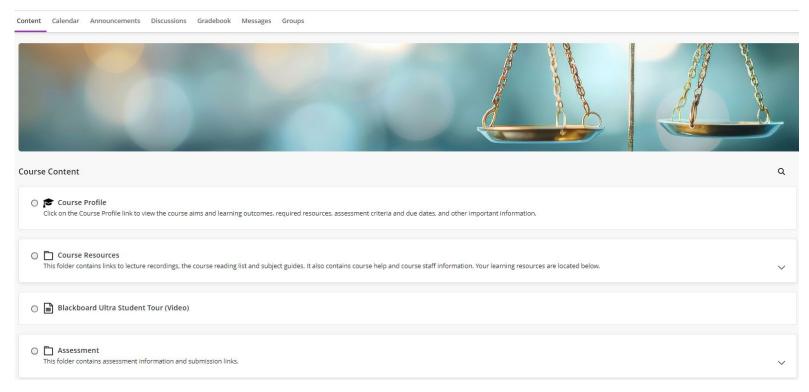
Week to week courses vs intensive courses

- 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 days 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)

[LAWS7936] Fundamentals of the Common Law (St Lucia). Semester 2, 2025



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.

https://bel.uq.edu.au/bel-student-base



Questions?

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Orientation Feedback

Have your say: Help shape the orientation experience for UQ students





Be in with a chance to win 1 of 5 exclusive BEL varsity jackets. T&Cs apply.