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Postgraduate Law Welcome and Advisory Session

Semester 1, 2022

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Postgraduate Orientation: Welcome

Director of Postgraduate Programs – **Dr Alan Davidson.** Email: a.davidson@law.uq.edu.au

What is my role?

Providing ***operational and strategic leadership*** for our Postgraduate Programs:

- PG program *planning and management*. We offer three law programs:
  - Master of Laws (LLM)
  - Master of International Law (MIL) and
  - Master of International Commercial Law (MICL)
  - And - Two dual programs: MIL/MIR and MICL/MCom

- Responsible for PG ***course monitoring*** and course development;
- Responsible for ***assessment monitoring and quality assurance*** (for example 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 supported during their studies; and
- ***Helping students*** navigate through course offerings (making suitable enrolment decisions etc) and with their dissertation choices.

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 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) that accommodates students also coping with the demands of full time work (including legal practice); and

- A diverse group of students (approx. 150-200 enrolled students):

  Australian students with law and/or politics degrees,

  international students from a *common law country*, and

  international students from a *non-common law country.*

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) understanding of the law** and its application; and
- Demonstrated an **advanced level of communication skills** to effectively address contemporary issues in both domestic and global law and practice.

Law life & wellbeing

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

Peer Writing Support (International Students)
To book an appointment visit: law.uq.edu.au/current-students/coursework-support/writing-support-international-students

- **Coffee Catch Ups (International Students)**
- **Wellbeing Zones (Exam and Study Weeks)**
- **Facebook - 'UQ Law School' & 'UQinternationalLAW'**
- **Pop up events for community building and social interactions**

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lawlife@uq.edu.au

‘The Hub’

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

Life & wellbeing

Vaccination requirements for UQ

Please note, from 14 February 2022, anyone attending UQ campuses, sites or facilities must be fully vaccinated – with an approved TGA vaccine – against COVID-19. Please visit the UQ Community Covid-19 advice page for more information about this and exemptions. All questions should be directed to student.services@uq.edu.au or call one of the below numbers.

International phone: +61 (07) 3365 1704

Australia toll-free: 1800 512 391

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. Whether you're looking for opportunities to get to know your peers, additional study support or an avenue to improve your mental health and wellbeing, we encourage you to reach out to Dony when you need it. Find out more here.

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.**

Power up your resume with VMock

BEL students now have access to VMock – the smart resume checker providing instant and personalised feedback on your resume. You'll have access to example templates, smart analytics and tailored suggestions to ure your resume stands out. Click above to get started.

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UQ Law Alumni Panel

Hear from three recent UQ Law Alumni as they share how their careers have progressed, and what they wish they knew they started at UQ.

Get your questions ready as this is a great opportunity to ask the panel questions about everything UQ Law!

Date: Thursday 17 February, 6pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Register: **bit.ly/lawpanel22**

Getting To Know You BBQ!

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

Free food and drinks!

Date: Wednesday 2 March

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Location: Great Court

Register: **bit.ly/lawbbq2022**

Graduate & International Students

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!

We would also love for you to join our Graduate and International Student Facebook group!

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!

E: graduateandinternationalofficer@uqls.com

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English for Academic Communication: Law

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 2022 program structure

**may change according to student need.*

Semester Week		EAC content	Link to LAWS7936 content
1	TBA	**Diagnostic Writing Task**	
1	Wednesday 23 Feb 8:00 – 11:00	**Workshop 1** Introduction to EAC Law Introduction to Research Proposals	Research Proposal *Due Week 3*
2	Wednesday 2 March 8:00 – 11:00	**Workshop 2** Introduction to Literature Reviews	Workbook of Guided Library Research *Due Week 3*
3	Wednesday 9 March 8:00 – 11:00	**Workshop 3** Essay Writing	Research Essay *Due Week 10*
4	Wednesday 16 March 8:00 – 11:00	**Workshop 4** Paraphrasing and Accuracy	
5	Wednesday 23 March 8:00 – 11:00	**Workshop 5** Writing with Flow	
6	Wednesday 30 March 8:00 – 11:00	**Workshop 6** Editing, proofreading and peer review	

Have you registered for EAC?

Please do it now if you haven't yet.

https://uqcollege.uq.edu.au/study-options/english-courses/eac

Got issues? Drop us a line:

info@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Got questions? Ask me:

c.nuttall@uqcollege.uq.edu.au

Contacts

Mr Iain Munro Coordinator, Academic Programs pglaw@law.uq.edu.au Ph: (07) 3365 6657	Refer to Iain for administrative aspects of your study such as: • Program rules • Problems enrolling • Credit transfer queries • Progression checks and eligibility to graduate • Cross-Institutional study Email pglaw@law.uq.edu.au with your query or if you wish to arrange a meeting. Please quote your student ID number in all your written correspondence with the University.
Student Central Building 42 8:30am – 5:00pm AEST; or Live chat: Mon – Fri (9:00 am - 4:45pm AEST) https://my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central	Contact the Student Centre for queries regarding fees, visa, general student administration matters, University rules, & services available on campus. If you are unsure who to contact at UQ for advice regarding a particular matter, the Student Centre is a good place to start – they will connect you to the appropriate area if they cannot resolve your query.
my.UQ website Click on 'Dashboard' to login using your UQ username & password	Access my.UQ website for important information including information regarding support services & University policies & procedures. We particularly draw your attention to the information available under 'Manage my program'. Click on 'Dashboard' (top right) for your timetable, student email account, applications/requests, myTimetable, Learn.UQ (Blackboard) site for each of your courses, Library and mySI-net (to add & drop courses or pay fees).

Overview

1. Important dates
2. Assessment Tips
3. Student support offered by Law School
4. Navigating UQ Program and Courses
5. Navigating School of Law website
6. Navigating Blackboard (Learn.UQ)
7. Applying for supervised research project or dissertation
8. Support services from UQ
9. Questions

Important dates

- Should all be enrolled in at least one course by now.
  - If you have any issues email pglaw@law.uq.edu.au
- Final date to add/drop courses freely: **4 March 2022**
- Final date to drop course without penalty (Census date): **31 March 2022**
- Final date to drop course without academic penalty but financial applies: **30 April 2022**
- LAWS7936 (Fundamentals of the Common Law) first class commences **18 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 5th 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.
- **Introduction to legal referencing using AGLC4 Workshop**
  - Tuesday, 8 March 2022, 10:00 am – 11:00 am
  - Zoom link: https://uqz.zoom.us/j/89512221476?pwd=azZzM1ArdTBnMG85Sk9Kak5kcllyQT09
  - Contact: Sheena Brockman (s.brockman@library.uq.edu.au)

Law Peer Writing Support

The Law Peer Writing Support provides individual consultations (1 hour) to international students enrolled in one of the law 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. **No advice** will be provided on the content of the written assessment. Appointments are available via zoom, or in person and are available from week 2 onwards of each semester.

- To book an appointment please visit:
https://law.uq.edu.au/current-students/coursework-support/writing-support-international-students

- Contact: lawlife@uq.edu.au

Searching UQ Program and Courses

students with a qualification from a non-common law jurisdiction

Complete 16 units comprising:

- 2 units for all LLM (16 units) Foundation Courses, and
- 0 to 4 units from LLM (16 units) Core Courses, and
- 10 to 14 units from LLM (16 units) Flexible Core Courses

LLM (16 units) Foundation Courses

Complete 2 units for ALL of the following:

LAWS7936 — 2 units
Fundamentals of the Common Law

LLM (16 units) Core Courses

Complete 0 to 4 units from the following:

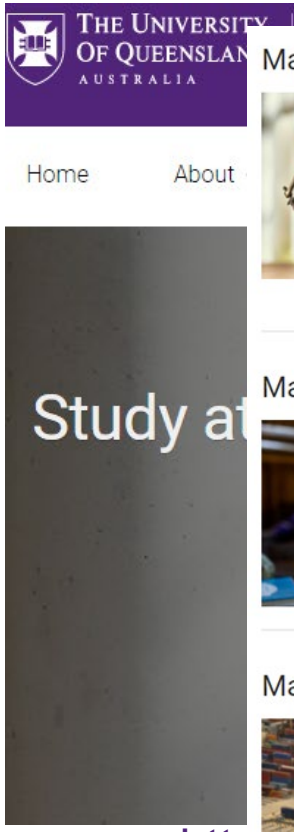
LAWS7021 — 2 units
Public Law

LAWS7025 — 2 units
Private Law

LLM (16 units) Flexible Core Courses

Complete 10 to 14 units from the following:

School of Law Website



Semester 1 Semester 2

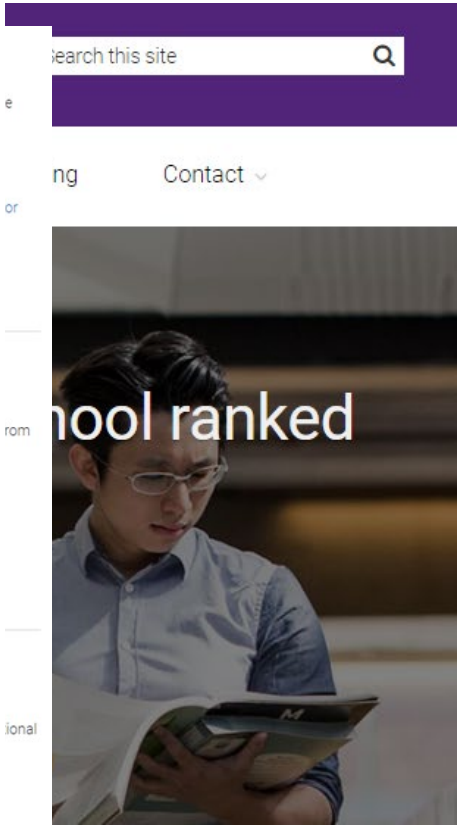
Note: This list is subject to change.

Foundation Course

Course code	Units	Course name	Dates
LAWS7025	2	Private Law	Semester long
LAWS7936	2	Fundamentals of the Common Law	18, 19, 21, 28 February; 7, 14 March

Flexible Core Courses

Course code	Units	Course name	Dates
LAWS7180	2	Clinical Legal Education	
LAWS7708	2	Intellectual Property Law	Semester long
LAWS7710	2	Principles of International Law	3, 4, 24, 25 March
LAWS7711	2	Laws of Armed Conflict	Semester long
LAWS7721	2	Current Issues in Private Law Topic: Advanced Civil Litigation	5, 6 March; 9, 10 April



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/67809/Application%20for%20PG%20Research%20Project%20or%20Dissertation%20Form%202021.pdf

- Only available after completing at least one semester of studies.
- UQ GPA of 4.5 to enrol in a #2 supervised research project, and a minimum UQ GPA of 5.5 to enrol in #4 and #8 dissertations.
- Supervisor must be from UQ Law School: https://law.uq.edu.au/team/academic
- Email application and proposal to pglaw@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 booklet for Semester 1, 2022 intensive timetable.
  - https://law.uq.edu.au/files/80528/Intensive%20Timetable_S1%202022%203_02_2022.pdf
  - Recommend international students avoid enrolling in too many intensive courses in first semester of study at UQ. It can be a bit overwhelming!

Learn.UQ (Blackboard)

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- Announcements
- Course Profile (ECP)
- Course Staff
- Course Help
- Learning Resources
- Assessment
- Discussion Board
- My Grades
- Library Links

Course Management

Control Panel

LAWS7936
Fundamentals of the Common Law

Institution Course

Announcements

Welcome

Posted on: Monday, 11 January 2021 1:29:59 PM AEST

Welcome to *Fundamentals of the Common Law*.

One of the interesting things about law especially in this era of internationalism, economic globalization 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. It has its own distinctive features which we will explore with you in this course.

My aim and that of our guest lecturers and librarians is to provide you with the building blocks for your other courses in the Master's program and 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, at your computer for our first Zoom class on Monday 22nd February at 9am. Because of the ongoing Covid 19 concerns & difficulties, this class will be held online this semester.

Ann Black

Posted by: Ann Black
Posted to: [LAWS7936] Fundamentals of the Common Law (St Lucia & external). Semester 1, 2021, Flexible Delivery LAWS7936S_7120_25060

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

Student Central - Student administration

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

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Live online chat available

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Student Central – Support services

Support services to help with life and study.

Counselling

Looking for ways to build strategies and help you overcome challenges in your life? Some areas we can provide support with, include:

- Stress
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Relationships
- Wellbeing

Book an appointment

Wellbeing

We are here for you. Take advantage of our support and maximise your university experience. Some areas we can provide guidance on include:

- Accommodation
- Crisis support
- Financial hardship assistance
- International student support
- Health and wellbeing advice
- Academic Accomodations
- Support with Disability and Inclusion

Book an appointment

Study skills

Set yourself up for academic success with the right tools, advice and support from our experts. Some of the areas we can support you in include:

- Academic writing
- Time management
- Learning and exam preparation
- Learning Adviser Appointments

Book an appointment

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Email: student.services@uq.edu.au
Phone: 1300 275 870 (8.30am-5pm) or request Call Back

https://my.uq.edu.au/contact/student-central#support

Share your feedback and **WIN!**

Tell us what you think of your Orientation experience and enter the draw to win one of six $50 eGift vouchers.

bit.ly/PGLAWorientationsurvey

Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions after this session.

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