

SYDNEY LAW  
SCHOOL

# Health Law



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY



## THE LEGAL DIMENSIONS OF MEDICINE & HEALTH CARE

Sydney Law School offers one of the nation's leading postgraduate programs in health and medical law. We offer flexible, postgraduate qualifications providing inter-disciplinary coverage of legal and ethical issues in healthcare. The core curriculum covers the area of healthcare or medical law: the legal issues arising from the provision of health care services, the impact of new technologies on health care, and the regulation of the health professions. Other units explore the fields of public health law, mental

health law, and global health governance. The program attracts lawyers, health executives and administrators, doctors, nurses, dentists, and other eligible health professionals. It also caters to those who work in public health in government, in public health organisations, and in the community health sector, and those working in industry whose role encompasses public health regulation.



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## CENTRE FOR HEALTH GOVERNANCE, LAW & ETHICS

The Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics was launched in 2005 and builds upon more than a decade of excellence in health law research and teaching within the Sydney Law School. The objectives of the Centre are to encourage, promote and support innovative and important scholarship including teaching, research, consultancy and advocacy in all areas of health law, including health policy and bioethics. These objectives will include work both within the University of Sydney, with other Centres in Australia and overseas, with the legal profession more generally, and the wider community both in Australia and internationally.

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### DEGREE PROGRAMS & STRUCTURE

#### **Master of Health Law (MHL) - 48 credit points to complete**

Students to complete three out of four core units:

- Government Regulation, Health Policy & Ethics
- Health Care & Professional Liability
- Information Rights in Health Care
- Critical Issues in Public Health Law

Students without a law degree must also complete the unit, Legal Reasoning & the Common Law System or Introduction to Law for Health Professionals. The remainder of the program is made up of electives. Each unit of study is worth six credit points unless indicated otherwise.

#### **Graduate Diploma in Health Law (GradDipHL) – 24 credit points to complete**

Students to complete two core units:

- Health Care & Professional Liability
- Information Rights in Health Care

Students without a law degree must also complete the unit, Legal Reasoning & the Common Law System or Introduction to Law for Health Professionals. The remainder of the program is made up of electives. Each unit of study is worth six credit points unless indicated otherwise.

#### **Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law (GradDipPubHL) – 24 credit points to complete\***

Students to complete two core units:

- Law & Healthy Lifestyles
- Critical Issues in Public Health Law
- Introduction to Law for Health Professionals or Legal Reasoning & the Common Law System

The remainder of the program is made up of electives. Each unit of study is worth six credit points unless indicated otherwise.

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

100,000 word supervised thesis plus three compulsory research support units.

#### **Doctor of Juridical Studies (SJD)**

75,000 word supervised thesis plus three elective coursework units related to the thesis topic and three compulsory research support units.

#### **Master of Laws (LLM) by Research**

50,000 word supervised thesis plus one compulsory research support unit.

\*Not available to international students

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## UNITS OF STUDY

### COMPULSORY UNITS OF STUDY

#### Master of Health Law (MHL)

Students must complete at least three of these core units:

Law & Healthy Lifestyles

Government Regulation, Health Policy & Ethics

Health Care & Professional Liability

Information Rights in Health Care

New Directions in Public Health Law & Policy

Introduction to Law for Health Professionals or

Legal Reasoning & the Common Law System\*

#### Graduate Diploma in Health Law (GradDipHL)

Health Care & Professional Liability

Introduction to Law for Health Professionals or

Legal Reasoning & the Common Law System\*

#### Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law (GradDipPubHL)

Critical Issue in Public Health Law

New Directions in Public Health Law & Policy

Introduction to Law for Health Professionals or

Legal Reasoning & the Common Law System\*

\*For students without a law degree from a common law jurisdiction

### ELECTIVE UNITS OF STUDY

Advanced Forensic Psychiatry

Class Actions & Complex Litigation

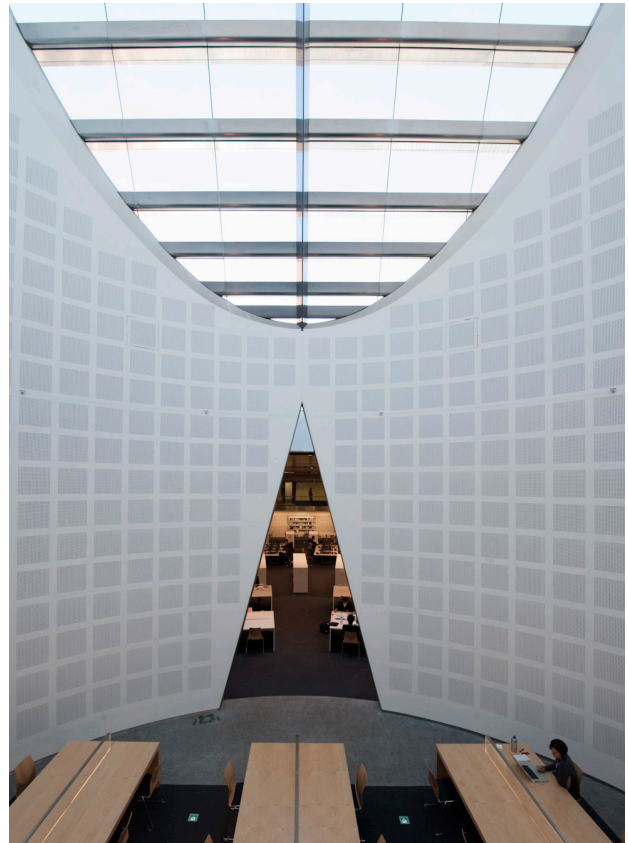
Death Law

Dispute Resolution in Australia

Drugs, Drug Policy & the Law

Expert Evidence

Forensic Psychiatry



Genetics & the Law

Global Health Law

Health Law & Globalisation

Human Rights, Ageing & Disability Law

Law & Healthy Lifestyles

Law Reform: Processes, Practices & Problems

Mediation – Skills & Theory

Mental Illness: Law & Policy

Policing Bodies: Crime, Sexuality & Reproduction

Problems in Medical Negligence Litigation

Reproduction & the Law





## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For coursework degrees, a relevant undergraduate degree at an appropriate level. Entry to Masters by coursework requires a credit average. For research degrees, the completion of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with First or Second Class Honours (Division I) or a Master of Laws (LLM) by Coursework or Research at a sufficient level.

## FEES

Fees for local or domestic students are \$34500 per six credit point unit of study in 2012. The estimated cost for the Graduate Diploma in Health Law (GradDipHL) and Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law (GradDipPubHL) is \$14,160. The estimated cost for the Master of Health Law (MHL) is \$28,320. Students can pay up-front or defer their tuition fee payment through the Commonwealth Government's FEE-HELP scheme – [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) Research students are eligible for a HECS exemption scholarship. Fees for international students are A\$4,350 per unit for coursework degree which is approximately \$A17,400 for the Graduate Diploma in Health Law (GradDipHL) and \$A34,800 for the Masters of Health Law (MHL). The cost for research degrees for international students is A\$32,640 per year.

## APPLICATION

Local applicants must complete the Sydney Law School Postgraduate Study Application Form - [http://sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/coursework/docs\\_pdfs/pgapplicform.pdf](http://sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/coursework/docs_pdfs/pgapplicform.pdf) - and include all necessary supporting documentation or apply online - <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dmahealaw1000-0.htm> (MHL) - <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dgnhealaw1000-0.htm> (GradDipHL) - <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dgnpuhela1000-0.htm> (GradDipPubHL)

International applicants must complete the University of Sydney Postgraduate Study International Application Form - [http://sydney.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/apply/pg\\_inter\\_application-coursework.pdf](http://sydney.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/apply/pg_inter_application-coursework.pdf) - and include all necessary supporting documentation - or apply online - <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dmahealaw1000-0.htm> (MHL) - <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dgnhealaw1000-0.htm> (GradDipHL) - <https://sydneystudent.sydney.edu.au/sitsvision/courses/dgnpuhela1000-0.htm> (GradDipPubHL)

For detailed academic advice, please contact the Program Co-ordinator, Dr Kristin Savell - <http://sydney.edu.au/law/about/staff/KristinSavell/index.shtml>

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