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Dean’s welcome

At Sydney Law School, we recognise that our graduates will enter a global market for legal services.

Our Juris Doctor (JD) program builds on our tradition of academic strength in the core areas of law and international law to give you a competitive advantage in the legal world, both in Australia and overseas.

The JD program includes study of all the required areas of knowledge for admission to practice in Australia. The curriculum focuses on international, comparative and transnational aspects of the law. You can also choose from a wide range of electives offering advanced learning and international perspectives.

Whether you are planning to undertake further postgraduate study or research or to pursue a career as a solicitor, at the bar or in government service, industry or the not-for-profit sector, your JD will equip you with the analytical, ethical and problem-solving skills you will need to excel.

The key difference between our undergraduate Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and the JD is that the JD is a postgraduate degree, taught over three years, while the LLB is studied in combination with another undergraduate degree over five or six years.

Our JD students arrive with diverse prior learning and working experiences, ready to embark on a rigorous program of study with a special focus on understanding the law in its international, comparative and transnational contexts.

I look forward to welcoming you to Sydney Law School. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Professor Joellen Riley
Dean, Sydney Law School
About the University of Sydney
Where will postgraduate study lead you?

Whether you want to gain an edge in your career, change your direction or pursue a passion, the University of Sydney will steer you to places you never imagined.

With hundreds of postgraduate courses on offer, we make it easy for you to tailor a degree to your personal needs and professional goals.

Our coursework and research degrees offer far more than knowledge. You’ll join leading thinkers to challenge the known and explore the unknown, in a stimulating environment that encourages both learning and networking.

We give you access to leading lecturers, research supervisors, industry networks, research and teaching centres, and a global network of respected alumni. This is one of the reasons why many of our graduates go on to change lives for the better, and why we are regularly ranked in the top 50 universities worldwide.*

“Sydney has become home for me in a way no other country has. This is partly due to the friends I made and the experiences I enjoyed in Sydney Law School. It has been an uphill journey full of challenges but one that has helped me realise my full potential. It’s tough but it taught me to persist and find a way to make my own path.”

Tuba Omer
Juris Doctor, Pakistan

*QS World University Rankings 2015-16
“Sydney Law School’s superb reputation, networks, first-rate facilities, outstanding teaching, diverse student body and variety of programs have given me an excellent launching pad for my legal career. I’m privileged to have the opportunity to embark on the pathway from the Sydney JD to the Master of Law and Finance at Oxford.”

Ray Aye
Juris Doctor, Singapore
Redefining tradition

The University of Sydney Law School is one of the world’s leading law schools, with a ranking of 11 in the latest QS World University Rankings for the discipline of law. With more than 150 years experience, Sydney Law School is committed to excellence in legal education.

**Research excellence**

Sydney Law School is an international leader in legal research, led by globally recognised legal educators and researchers, and highly respected professional practitioners.

In the most recent Excellence for Research in Australia outcomes report released by the Australian Research Council, Sydney Law School received the highest possible rating of five.

We place particular emphasis on international and comparative law while also maintaining a strong focus on taxation, commercial and criminal law.

We offer research expertise in specialist areas such as climate and environmental law, as well as health and medical law.

**Legal leadership**

We attract the brightest students, and a University of Sydney law degree is designed to challenge you. Our students are at the forefront of their fields and will be the leaders of tomorrow. You will graduate ready to take on leadership roles in many areas, both within and outside the legal profession.

Our Juris Doctor builds on our tradition of academic strength to give you a competitive advantage in the legal world, both in Australia and overseas.

**Industry relevance**

Sydney Law School offers one of Australia’s largest and highly specialised ranges of coursework and research programs in law, with 80 percent of units of study offered in intensive mode. Our coursework programs reflect the latest developments within the practice and profession of law. Domestic practitioners and international visitors teach more than half of the program.

**Alumni impact**

Our degrees can take you anywhere. Our alumni can be found in legal and non-legal roles around the world. We have a reputation for excellence – a reputation that opens doors. Sydney is an innovator in the legal world.

We have produced six prime ministers of Australia; we were the first Australian law school to admit women; three of the nation’s six female High Court judges graduated from Sydney Law School.
International engagement
Sydney Law School is part of a highly regarded group of international law schools that includes Oxford, Cambridge in the United Kingdom, and Tsinghua in Beijing, China. You will have an excellent opportunity to gain international experience and apply the skills and knowledge you learn at the University of Sydney into an international career.

Our JD and LLB are the only two Australian law degrees that require students to complete two units of study in international law. Our exchange program includes partnerships with law schools across North America, Europe and Asia, while our offshore program offers Australia’s most comprehensive collection of overseas intensive units of study in law.

Located three kilometres from the central business district and legal precinct of Australia’s most dynamic city, our flagship Sydney Law School building represents the next generation of teaching and research in law. Over seven levels, this building offers high-quality, purpose-built facilities and is internationally recognised for its sustainable, modern design.

Expanded scholarships
Sydney Law School offers various scholarships that recognise potential, assist those in need, reward high achievement, and support success. Scholarships available to JD students include:

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What sets our Juris Doctor apart

Since its inception, Sydney Law School has been at the forefront of teaching and research in law in Australia.

We were the first law school in Australia to recognise that the study of both public and private international law is essential for today’s lawyers. We combine our strong commitment to the fundamentals of the law with a commitment to innovation and exploring the issues at the cutting edge of legal practice.

Our programs and degrees are of outstanding quality in depth and breadth, and Sydney Law School graduates go on to excel at the highest levels of postgraduate study at the world’s leading education institutions, and in their chosen careers across many fields of human endeavour.

Our JD is a comprehensive, three-year degree with an international focus that is unique among Australian law programs.

The course draws on the expertise of the faculty’s leading academics and international adjunct faculty members, and continues our long tradition of engagement with international law and perspectives. We will equip you for the practice of law in a global, transnational and international marketplace for legal services.

The JD comprises the core legal subjects required for professional accreditation, coupled with a wide range of electives that allow advanced learning in both specialist and general areas.

Our teaching and learning methods include a variety of formats to allow individual choice, a deep understanding of the law, independent research and the development of the skills and ethics inherent in modern professional practice.

International perspective

Our JD offers unique advantages, including:

- the study of public and private international law as core units
- a wide range of electives, including master’s-level units
- social justice, mooting, publishing and clinical placement programs
- teaching by leading academics and scholars, including adjunct faculty members from the legal profession and the judiciary
- offshore study opportunities at locations including China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal and Europe
- pathway options to Oxford or Cambridge
- exciting exchange opportunities with universities throughout the US, Canada, Europe and Asia.

“Since its inception, Sydney Law School has been at the forefront of teaching and research in law in Australia. The Sydney JD is a tough program; however, the structure gives you the skills and discipline you need to succeed in the profession. The professors often draw on cases from other jurisdictions for comparison and to provide a global education.

“Then there is a diverse array of students in the JD, coming from all over the world, and the people you meet are like-minded and ambitious, and also extremely friendly. Of course, I must also mention that the great weather was very appealing as well!”

Kate Reagh
Juris Doctor, Canada
Exchange opportunities

The University of Sydney Law School offers an extensive range of exchange opportunities with universities throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

You can complete one semester of study overseas in your final year of study and receive credit towards your JD.

This provides an exciting and challenging way to broaden your academic horizons and enrich your life experience in different environments and cultures.

As a Sydney Law School student, two exchange programs are available to you: the Sydney Law School program and the University-wide program.

The Sydney Law School exchange program enables you to participate in one of our exclusive agreements with 21 prestigious law schools across Europe, North America and Asia.

The University-wide exchange program offers you an additional range of law schools to study with. The University administers exchanges through its International Services office.

If you are proficient in another language, exchange opportunities may also be available at other overseas universities.

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“An international reputation for both the breadth and quality of lecturers and the curriculum has cemented Sydney Law School’s place as one of Australia’s—and indeed the world’s—best law schools.

“This reputation was strengthened for me through the summer clerkship program. Firms and their representatives compete to recruit students from the University of Sydney. A national and global reputation for producing terrific students puts the University a step ahead of its peers for career opportunities.”

Jake Pfeffer
Juris Doctor

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**University-wide exchange program**

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Offshore opportunities

As a student of Sydney Law School you’ll also have the option of experiencing overseas study through one of our offshore programs.

Southeast Asia Field School
The Southeast Asia Field School is an elective unit of study that introduces you to the legal systems of Southeast Asia, with a focus on Indonesia and Malaysia. It emphasises legal pluralism – that is, the operation of different bodies of law for different groups within the same country – and compares how countries in Southeast Asia have handled this issue.

The unit is taught with the cooperation of Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and industry partners in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

– sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/southeastasia

Sydney Law School in Europe
The Sydney Law School in Europe offers you the opportunity to undertake a selected range of elective units of study in prestigious locations in Europe in the final year of your JD.

In previous years these locations have included Robinson College at the University of Cambridge, Humboldt University in Berlin, the Academy of Arts and Social Sciences in Amsterdam and Prato, near Florence. Specialist academics or adjunct faculty from Sydney Law School teach in the program, along with leading international specialist academics and lawyers.

– sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/europe

Shanghai Winter School
The Shanghai Winter School is an elective unit of study comprising an intensive three-week introduction to Chinese law. It offers you an opportunity to study the laws and legal system of China while experiencing life in that country.

The Winter School is jointly organised by Sydney Law School and the East China University of Political Science and Law, and is held on campus in Shanghai. Chinese professors deliver lectures in English, and academic staff and a resident representative from Sydney Law School supervise the program.

The Winter School is designed to stimulate your interest in, and analysis of, Chinese legal styles, attitudes and structures, including traditional Chinese legal values and processes, as significant factors in the understanding of modern Chinese law and the legal system.

– sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/shanghai
Kyoto and Tokyo seminars in Japanese Law

Each of these seminars is an elective unit of study provided in Japan in February of each year. The Kyoto seminar introduces you to Japanese law in a global context. It covers the law’s interaction with civil justice, criminal justice, business, politics, gender and the legal professions.

The Tokyo seminar introduces you to Japanese business law. It looks at Japan’s trade and investment environment, insolvency and corporate governance, consumer regulation and lawyering. Staff from leading Japanese universities (including Ritsumeikan University) and from Australia deliver the lectures, together with prominent practitioners. Each seminar includes a field trip to learn more about social, business and legal issues in Japanese society.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/kyoto_tokyo

Himalayan Field School

The Sydney Centre for International Law offers the innovative Himalayan Field School, an elective unit of study conducted over two-and-a-half weeks in Nepal. The unit exposes you to the role and limits of law in addressing acute problems of socioeconomic development and human rights in settings such as Nepal, one of the world’s poorest countries.

The school is conducted in Kathmandu, Pokhara and Melamchi in conjunction with Kathmandu School of Law, a leading university for legal education. It also provides opportunities to explore Nepal’s cultural and natural heritage through visits to major temples and palaces, world heritage-listed cities and hill stations.

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/himalayan_fieldschool

More information
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− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore

“The Sydney JD is an excellent basis for success within the legal profession — it demands a high level of critical thinking and competence. The depth of experience within the faculty in countless areas of the law inspires and enables students to immerse themselves in their studies.

The program boasts a strong international flavour, with possibilities for studying overseas or participating in a semester-long exchange. Importantly, the JD facilitates development of strong relationships with fellow students, providing a solid support network that endures far beyond completion of the degree.”

Anna-Lisa Doumani
Juris Doctor

− sydney.edu.au/law/offshore/
Pathways to Oxford and Cambridge

Sydney Law School has developed a unique collaboration with the faculties of law at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the UK’s leading law schools.

The program allows high-achieving Sydney JD students to complete their final semester of study in the UK and receive a JD from Sydney as well as a Bachelor of Civil Law or a Master of Law and Finance from Oxford, or a Master of Laws or a Master in Corporate Law from Cambridge.

The program is open to all final-year JD students at Sydney Law School. Admission is competitive and is assessed by the law school to which you apply.

Rather than completing the final semester of your JD in Sydney, successful applicants commence studies in the UK in late September after completing their second-last semester at Sydney. Upon completion of your UK studies, you will be awarded both a JD from Sydney and the relevant degree from either Oxford or Cambridge.

Please note that participants in this program are required to cover all tuition, travel and living expenses involved, but are not required to pay final-semester tuition fees at Sydney.

University of Oxford

Bachelor of Civil Law
This is one of the most highly esteemed master’s qualifications in the common-law world. You will be expected to analyse complex material critically and to consider it from different perspectives.

Attention to legal puzzles is combined with discussion of underlying policy problems, and you will be invited to contribute to debates. A diverse student cohort stimulates variety and depth in discussions.

Master of Law and Finance
This program consists of core units of study and electives. The core units include:
- Finance I
- Finance II
- First Principles of Financial Economics
- Law and Economics of Corporate Transactions.

You will then have the option of completing a further two law courses, or one dissertation and one law course.

University of Cambridge

Master of Laws
This is another internationally respected degree. The one-year coursework program offers intellectually outstanding students an opportunity to pursue their legal studies at an advanced level in a challenging and supportive environment. The program has rich historical traditions and attracts students of the highest calibre from both common law and civil law jurisdictions.

Masters Degree in Corporate Law
This program is widely recognised as one of the strongest degrees in the field of corporate law. It was launched in 2012 to combine practical skills with academic and theoretical rigour. It is an ideal graduate program if you wish to strengthen your credentials in business law or have an academic career in mind.

More information
- sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/jd/international_pathways.shtml

Above: King’s College Chapel, Cambridge
Make a difference

As a student of the JD program you will have an opportunity to gain practical legal experience while providing vital services to disadvantaged members of our community.

The Sydney Law School Social Justice Clinic allows you to apply your classroom knowledge to real-world cases and develop your skills in researching, case writing and client interviewing. You will also gain experience through partnerships with community legal centres and other organisations offering legal advice and representation to special interest groups.

Experience the community impact of a pro bono legal service (provided without charge to disadvantaged clients). Several community legal organisations and law firms have entered into partnerships with Sydney Law School, and they have an excellent track record in providing much-needed professional legal services to the community.

The Social Justice Clinic can arrange placements for you with the following organisations.

**Public Interest Advocacy Centre**

The centre promotes human rights and social justice through strategic litigation, law reform, policy development and education. Its focus areas include: homelessness; discrimination; policing and detention; justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; the rule of law in armed conflict; and consumer protection.

**Refugee Advice and Casework Service**

This is an independent community legal centre founded on the belief that asylum seekers and refugees are entitled to live with dignity, security and freedom. The service provides free, specialist legal aid for asylum seekers and refugees. More recently, it has extended its service to include family reunion assistance for holders of protection and humanitarian visas.

**Justice Connect**

Justice Connect is Australia’s largest provider of pro bono legal services to disadvantaged people. It partners with lawyers to match pro bono capacity with legal need.

**EDO NSW**

Formerly the Environmental Defender’s Office, EDO NSW is a not-for-profit community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law. It assists individuals and community groups to protect the natural and built environments. EDO NSW is part of a national network.

**Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)**

Established in 1970 in Redfern as the first Aboriginal Legal Service in Australia, this service offers legal work in criminal law, children’s care and protection and family law. It assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with representation in court, advice and information, and referral to other support services. It also deploys field officers who live in Aboriginal communities and work hand-in-hand with lawyers as cultural translators.

For more information, visit:

- sydney.edu.au/law/fsstudent/jd/social_justice_program.shtml
Share your experiences

Our Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program aims to ease your transition to study and life at Sydney Law School by helping you to build social and academic networks, meet other students and understand the University and the Law School.

The program offers a range of academic and social events, and you will have the support of a more senior student mentor from a similar program of study.

Mentors and mentees meet on the first day of lectures, when your mentor will pass on advice and tips about your degree, the Law School and university, and you will get to meet other students. Your mentor will remain available to help with any questions or issues that arise during your first semester of study.

− sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/jd/mentoring_program

Legal Reasoning

Legal Reasoning complements the compulsory units of study, Contracts and Torts. Its aim is to enhance your overall skills in studying law. The unit will guide you in how to read legal material, particularly cases, and will help you develop problem-solving skills.

This unit also offers you an opportunity to receive feedback about your written work before you are required to complete many formal assessments.

It also ensures you have someone in the Law School to speak to if you are experiencing any difficulties with your studies – or anything else – during the early stages.

− sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/jd/mentoring_program

Chinese Law Students Society

The Chinese Law Students Society (CLSS) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of student life of all Sydney Law School students and providing members with social, educational and career opportunities on a global scale. Its chief focus is to foster the ambitions and goals of students who are interested in working in the Asia-Pacific region.

− www.usydclss.com

South East Asian Law Society

The South East Asian Law Society (SEALS) is geared towards working with other law societies, both in Australia and overseas, to cater to members’ academic, career and social needs.

− www.facebook.com/groups/usydseals/

Student societies

Student societies can greatly enhance your experience of studying at university. Four student societies operate in association with Sydney Law School, and these are open to all law students.

Sydney University Law Society

The University’s largest and most active society, the Sydney University Law Society (SULS) creates an enjoyable social climate and sense of camaraderie among law students. Formed in 1902, it has developed a strong relationship with the legal profession, particularly in Sydney.

− www.suls.org.au

Photo: John Gollings
Prepare for practice

As a JD student you have access to the full range of careers and employment services offered by both Sydney Law School and the University of Sydney.

Our services offer a diverse range of opportunities. You could:
- secure a summer clerkship at a prominent Sydney law firm
- undertake a clerkship in the UK, Europe, Hong Kong or Singapore
- apply for a graduate position in a private legal practice or in another legal field
- pursue a career in another field where law graduates are increasingly in demand, such as management consultancy or investment banking
- remain at Sydney Law School and undertake a Master of Laws by coursework or a PhD
- consider a career in academia.

With the support of the services below, you’ll be able to make informed choices about your future career path during your JD studies.

**Careers and employment online**
Sydney Law School offers a dedicated careers and employment portal through its website. You can download information relating to:
- part-time, full-time and casual employment opportunities
- internships
- industry scholarships
- judicial associateships
- work experience opportunities
- on-site presentations by employers, including law firms, government departments and private industry.


**University of Sydney Careers Centre**
The University of Sydney Careers Centre helps you to enhance your employability, plan your career and look for work. We offer workshops and support with resume-writing, job-searching and interviewing skills, as well as a range of services to help employers connect with you, including careers fairs, information sessions and job advertisements.

- [sydney.edu.au/careers](sydney.edu.au/careers)
- [sydney.edu.au/sydneytalent](sydney.edu.au/sydneytalent)

**Summer Clerkship Scheme and Graduate Employment Program**
The Summer Clerkship Scheme and Graduate Employment Program is the largest paid internship and employment initiative for law students in Australia, involving law schools from NSW, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.

**SydneyTalent**
SydneyTalent is an initiative of the University of Sydney that connects outstanding students and graduates with a wide range of employers and industries for part-time and full-time work opportunities.

- [sydney.edu.au/sydneytalent](sydney.edu.au/sydneytalent)
Program structure

The Juris Doctor consists of 24 units of study.

**Full time**

Full-time study entails up to eight units per year (four units per semester). Most units of study consist of three contact hours per week, for 13 weeks. A normal full-time class load therefore involves 12 contact hours per week.

You will complete specific units of study in sequence, as detailed in the table below.

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**Part time**

Domestic students may study the Juris Doctor part time, including evening study. The part-time study pattern is shown in the table below.

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*Including one Jurisprudence unit and one International, Comparative and Transnational unit.

**Units of study**

You will need to complete two years of full-time compulsory units of study and one year of full-time electives, or the part-time equivalent:

How to apply

Domestic applicants

You are a domestic applicant if you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia.

Domestic postgraduate students in the Juris Doctor have the opportunity to compete for a limited number of Commonwealth-supported places.

We invite you to apply through the postgraduate portal of the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website:
− www.uac.edu.au


Direct entry
To apply for entry to the JD, you need to have a degree in another discipline.

Entry is competitive, and applicants are assessed on previous academic performance alone: 25 percent ATAR or equivalent; and 75 percent grade point average of a previous tertiary degree. (If you have more than one degree, your higher grade point average will be used.)

Your chances may be improved if you have completed a research degree, a master’s degree by coursework or an honours degree.

If you do not have an ATAR or equivalent, you will be assessed on your tertiary record alone.

Transfer from another Juris Doctor
If you have completed at least one year or equivalent of a Juris Doctor program at another institution, you will be assessed on the grade point average of your first year. We cannot consider you for entry if you have completed more than one year of a Juris Doctor at another institution.

To apply for one of the limited Commonwealth-supported places you need a distinction average. To apply for a domestic full-fee place you need a credit average.

Transfer from full-fee place to Commonwealth-supported place
If you accept a full-fee place in the Juris Doctor, you can reapply in subsequent years for one of the limited Commonwealth-supported places after you have completed at least one year or equivalent.

Assessment is based on your grade point average for your first and any subsequent years. You need a distinction average.

Special consideration
If you have a lower ATAR or equivalent, need to explain a poor secondary school record, or believe that your previous tertiary studies have been seriously affected by misadventure, illness or other compelling circumstances, you may be eligible for admission under special consideration.

Please submit your explanation and supporting documents online
− sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/jd/apply_special.shtml

Cadigal Alternative Entry Program
The Cadigal Alternative Entry Program is an entry and academic support scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

If you are interested in applying for consideration under this program, please visit:
− sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/pathways-to-study/alternative-entry.html

Credit for previous studies
You may be eligible for credit if your previous studies are assessed as being directly equivalent to our units of study. Credit arrangements vary by course.

You need to apply when completing your online course application. To find out more about course-specific requirements, visit your relevant faculty website.

For more information, visit
− sydney.edu.au/study/credit
International applicants

You are an international applicant if you are a citizen of any country other than Australia and New Zealand, and you are not a permanent resident of Australia. You can apply for entry to the Juris Doctor either online or through a University of Sydney representative (agent) in Australia or overseas.

You will need the course code and the CRICOS code for the Juris Doctor:
- Juris Doctor course code: MAJURDOC-01
- Juris Doctor CRICOS code: 071754C

Apply to the University of Sydney
- sydney.edu.au/law/fstudent/jd/apply_international.shtml

Apply through a University of Sydney representative
- sydney.edu.au/pg-int-agents

Direct entry

To apply for entry to the JD, you need to have a degree in another discipline. Applicants are assessed on academic performance alone: 25 percent recognised high school qualification, 75 percent grade point average of a previously completed degree.

Where high school results are not available, you will be assessed on the grade point average for a previously completed degree alone. As a guide, you will receive an offer if your grade point average is in the credit (65 percent) range.

Transfer from another Australian Juris Doctor

If you have completed one year or equivalent of a Juris Doctor from another Australian university, we will assess you on your grade point average for your first year.

You need a credit average. You will normally get credit for the year that you have studied, but we will determine this at enrolment.

We cannot consider you for entry if you have completed more than one year of study in a Juris Doctor at another institution.

Accelerated program for law graduates from other jurisdictions

If you have completed a law degree from a non common law jurisdiction, you may receive credit of up to 42 credit points. You will receive unspecified credit of 30 credit points; you may also receive a further 12 credit points when you enrol, if you can provide evidence that you have completed the equivalent of one unit of study in international, comparative or transnational law and a unit of study in jurisprudence.

If you receive the full credit of 42 credit points, you may be able to complete the JD within two years.

English language requirement

The English language requirement for the Juris Doctor is one of the following:
- an IELTS score of 7.5, with no band below 7.0
- a TOEFL score of 615, plus a TWE of 5
- IBT of 105, with a minimum of 25 in the writing section and 23 in all other sections
- an overall PTE score of 76, with no score section below 68.

For further information:
- sydney.edu.au/pg-int-english

Scholarships
- sydney.edu.au/law/scholarships

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
Fees and costs

**Domestic students**
Most domestic students undertaking postgraduate coursework degrees at the University of Sydney study in a fee-paying place. However, domestic postgraduate students in the Juris Doctor have the opportunity to compete for a limited number of Commonwealth-supported places (CSPs). Refer to your chosen course in sydney.edu.au/courses to determine if it offers CSPs.

The tuition fees and, where applicable, student contributions on sydney.edu.au/courses are an estimate only of the fees payable in the advertised calendar year of study. Fees are based on a full-time student enrolment load of 24 credit points per semester, or 48 credit points per year (1.0 EFTSL). If your study load for the year is more or less than 1.0 EFTSL your tuition fee or student contribution amount will differ. Exact student contribution amounts for your course will depend on the specific units of study in which you enrol.

The Australian Government administers the Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) to assist students with the cost of their fees. To find out if you are eligible to access HELP, visit
– www.studyassist.gov.au

**International students**
The tuition fees on sydney.edu.au/courses are an estimate only of the fees payable in the advertised calendar year of study. Fees are based on a full-time student enrolment load of 24 credit points per semester, or 48 credit points per year (1.0 EFTSL). If your study load for the year is more or less than 1.0 EFTSL your tuition fee will differ.

The following costs are specific to international students:
– health insurance through the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) scheme. This is an Australian Government requirement for student visa holders: sydney.edu.au/pg-int-health
– education expenses for students’ children: schools.nsw.edu.au/international
– living expenses such as food and rent: sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs/living-costs.html

**More information**
For more information about course-related and other incidental costs, financial assistance, loans, upfront tuition fee payments (international students) and the availability of scholarships, please visit:
– sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs.html

If you have other specific questions about fees or need more information, please get in touch with us:
– sydney.edu.au/contact-us

**Method of payment**
There are several ways you can pay the fees that apply to your study. Please note that a surcharge of 0.8 percent will apply for payments made by Visa or MasterCard. The surcharge is subject to review and may change. Information about payment methods and the surcharge is set out at
– sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs/fees-and-loans/paying-your-fees.html

**Other costs**
In addition to fees, you should budget for:
– additional course costs. Some costs are significant for faculty-specific materials and textbooks, tools, protective clothing, and equipment. For more information about additional costs, visit your faculty’s website at sydney.edu.au/faculties
– the Student Services and Amenities (SSA) fee.

The University’s tuition fees for domestic and international postgraduate students are subject to annual review, and will increase each year of your period of study, effective at the start of each calendar year. Student contribution amounts are also reviewed annually by the University, and will increase each year of your period of study (subject to a maximum student contribution amount determined by the Australian Government), effective at the start of each calendar year. For more information, visit
– www.studyassist.gov.au
Important dates

Here are some important dates to add to your calendar, to help you plan for the year ahead.

- **Semester 2, 2016 applications close**
  - 30 June 2016

- **Open Day**
  - 27 August 2016

- **JD Information Session**
  - 14 September 2016

- **Postgraduate Information Evening**
  - 12 October 2016

- **Semester 1, 2017 applications close**
  - 31 January 2017

*Some exceptions apply. Please search for your course online to check exact application closing dates.

- sydney.edu.au/courses

To find out about other important University dates, please visit
- sydney.edu.au/dates
This guide provides the key information you need to apply for the Juris Doctor, but the next step is up to you.

To learn more, come and see us on Open Day, attend one of our postgraduate information sessions, call our helpline or visit our website.

sydney.edu.au/postgraduate
sydney.edu.au/law