

# MASTER OF LAWS (2824)

**Effective from:** 2020

**Approved Abbreviation:** LLM

**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 2824

**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 0101782

**Program Status:**

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

## Handbook Summary 2020 - 2023

The Master of Laws (LLM) provides law and non-law graduates with a flexible postgraduate opportunity to develop advanced, integrated and contemporary knowledge in one or more areas of legal study. The LLM is a sophisticated degree with substantial consideration of relevant international, professional and transdisciplinary aspects of the law which will enhance student career expertise and prospects. The program develops advanced legal research and writing skills and enhances the ability of students to critically evaluate complex legal issues within a global context. All students will have the opportunity to apply their legal knowledge and skills by conducting independent research and by engaging in analytical studies on specialised topics in the student's areas of interest.

The program offers an invaluable opportunity for law graduates without experience in a legal environment to be supervised and mentored by experienced legal practitioners through a legal placement subject. There is no tuition fee associated with this subject and the subject may be undertaken at the same time as the academic subjects.

Students may select a major in International Governance. This major enables students to enhance their knowledge and skills of both private and public law issues related to corporate governance, with a strong theoretical core, and a series of subjects providing specialist information and skills.

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## Early Exit

From 2024 students may exit this program on completion of 80 credit points with a 2846 Graduate Diploma in Laws (exit only) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-laws-exit-only/>).

## Study Mode

Two years full-time or four years part-time.

## Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above

## Accreditation Note

This program does NOT satisfy the academic degree requirements for admission to practice as an Australian lawyer.

## Admission Admission 2020 - 2023

The Master of Laws (LLM) is open to graduates with or without a law degree. Different admission pathways, based on recognition of prior learning, apply to law and non-law graduates.

Program duration is typically one year for an 80 credit point pathway, one and a half years for a 120 credit point pathway and two years for a 160 credit point pathway.

## Applicants with a Law Degree

On enrolment in this program, based on previous study and work experience, students can follow either an 80 or 120 credit point entry pathway.

## Entry Pathway 1 (80 credit points)

Applicants must have successfully completed, in any jurisdiction, any one of the following:

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree or Juris Doctor degree, or equivalent

Or

Graduate Certificate, or higher, in Law

Or

Bachelor of Laws degree or Juris Doctor degree, or equivalent, without honours and two years' full time equivalent of documented relevant professional experience.

The applicant does not have to be admitted to practice as a lawyer in a jurisdiction.

## Entry Pathway 2 (120 credit points)

Applicants must have successfully completed, in any jurisdiction, a:

Bachelor of Laws degree or Juris Doctor degree, or equivalent, without honours and without at least two years documented relevant professional experience.

The applicant does not have to be admitted to practice as a lawyer in a jurisdiction.

## Applicants with a Non-law Degree

On enrolment in this program, based on previous study and work experience, students can follow an 80 or 120 credit point entry pathway.

### Entry Pathway 3 (80 credit points)

Applicants must have successfully completed any one of the following:

Bachelor (Honours) degree in any discipline or equivalent, **and** two years full-time equivalent relevant professional experience  
Or  
Graduate Certificate, or higher, in any discipline and two years full-time equivalent documented relevant professional experience  
Or  
Bachelor degree in any discipline, or equivalent, without honours, and five years full-time equivalent relevant professional experience

### Entry Pathway 4 (120 credit points)

Applicants must have successfully completed

Bachelor degree in any discipline, or equivalent, and two years full-time equivalent relevant professional experience  
Or  
Bachelor degree in any discipline, or equivalent, and five years full-time equivalent general work experience.

### Applicants With or Without a Law Degree

On enrolment in this program, based on previous study, students can follow a 160 credit point entry pathway.

### Entry Pathway 5 (160 credit points)

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor degree in any discipline, or equivalent.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Admission 2024

The Master of Laws (LLM) is open to graduates with or without a law degree.

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor degree in any discipline, or equivalent.

### Admission Information

Please note that applicants who have completed relevant prior study or have relevant professional experience, may be eligible for credit towards the Master of Laws which can reduce the program's duration. Applicants should consult the Convenor of the Master of Laws ([r.palliyaarachchi@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:r.palliyaarachchi@westernsydney.edu.au)) for further information.

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## Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students enrolling in work placement subjects may need to have a National Police Certificate and consent or prohibited employment declarations as they may be conducting their placement in circumstances where they work with minors. This would be managed on an as needs basis.

## Additional Information - School of Law guidelines for pathways to PhD

1. Currently the WSU Doctorate Policy (<https://policies.westernsydney.edu.au/document/view.current.php?id=17>) eligibility requirement is found under Clause 11:

Applicants for admission to candidature for any doctorate degree covered by this policy with the exception of a Doctor of Medicine (see Part R) shall hold:

- a research masters degree; or
- a bachelor degree with honours class 1 or bachelor degree with honours class 2 division 1; or
- qualifications from a university or other tertiary institution deemed by the Dean or Director, Research Institute to be equivalent to the requirements set out above.

This guideline is to provide clarity over what the school of law determines as a research masters degree or equivalent qualifications from a University.

2. Please note this guideline does not impact Clause 12 which states:

In exceptional circumstances a Dean or Director, Research Institute may approve the admission of an applicant who does not have the qualifications specified in clause 11. In such cases the Dean or Director, Research Institute will consider evidence to be supplied by the candidate and verified by the relevant HDR Director or equivalent, that shows that the applicant has equivalent qualifications based on academic and professional attainment and demonstration in an appropriate discipline of a capacity for the research. Evidence should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of and skill in the use of a suitable research methodology and ability to undertake academic writing. The Dean or Director, Research Institute may approve admission on the basis of equivalent capacity."

That clause allows the Dean or Director discretion where appropriate.

3. For the purposes of the school of law Doctorate program eligibility a 'research masters' or 'equivalent degree' requires the candidate to have their qualifications assessed by the research committee. Considerations relevant to admission will include whether the candidate:

- Has completed a 10,000-word minimum research project
- Has had the research project examined by external markers
- If given a grade be at least a Distinction/High Distinction.
- GPA in undergraduate law of the equivalent of an Honours 2:1 OR other study deemed suitable for equivalence

If these are not met the candidate should enrol in the Research Masters.

4. For JD and LLM students they should be advised to complete the dissertation subjects (LAWS7027 Legal Philosophy and Methodology and LAWS7062 Legal Research Dissertation) and have them externally marked along with meeting the other criteria.

## Program Structure Current

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2024 or later. If you commenced prior to 2024 please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points comprising:

- 80 credit points of core subjects.
- 40 credit points from one of the minors listed below.

Choose one of the following:

- 40 credit points from a second minor from the minors listed below.
- 40 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects listed in the 2024 sequence tab (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/master-laws/#sequence2024text>).
- 10 credit points of electives from any PG subject, and 30 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects listed in the 2024 sequence tab. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/master-laws/#sequence2024text>)
- 20 credit points of electives from any PG subjects, and 20 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects listed in the 2024 sequence tab. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/master-laws/#sequence2024text>)

## Core Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Core Subjects (80 credit points)</b>		
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7056	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
LAWS 7061	Legal Analysis and Critique	10

LAWS 7057	Government and Public Law	10
LAWS 7078	Principles of Private Law	10
Select one of the following:		10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	
LAWS 7048	Criminal Law	
Select one of the following:		20
LAWS 7062	Legal Research Dissertation (20 credit points)	
OR		
Select two of the following:		
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1 (10 credit points)	
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2 (10 credit points)	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>

## Minors

Students must select at least one 40 credit point minor from the following:

Australian Migration Law Studies, minor (0346) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/australian-migration-law-studies-minor/>)

Finance and Tax Law, minor (0344) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-tax-law-minor/>)

Human Rights Law, minor (0347) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/human-rights-law-minor/>)

Issues in Construction Law, minor (0345) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/issues-construction-law-minor/>)

## Recommended Sequence Current

This sequence applies to students who commenced in 2024 or later. If you commenced prior to 2024 please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
LAWS 7056	Fundamentals of Australian Law	10
LAWS 7078	Principles of Private Law	10
Select one of the following:		10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	
LAWS 7048	Criminal Law	
Select one Minor subject or Alternate subject or PG Elective subject		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
LAWS 7061	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
LAWS 7057	Government and Public Law	10
Select two Minor subjects or Alternate subjects or PG Elective subjects		20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

## Year 2

<b>Autumn session</b>		
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10

Select three Minor subjects or Alternate subjects or PG Elective subjects 30

**Credit Points 40**

### Spring session

Select one of the following: 20

LAWS 7062 Legal Research Dissertation (20 credit points)

OR

Select two of the following:

LAWS 7063 Legal Research Project 1 (10 credit points)

LAWS 7064 Legal Research Project 2 (10 credit points)

Select two Minor subjects or Alternate subjects or PG Elective subjects 20

**Credit Points 40**

**Total Credit Points 160**

## Alternate Subjects

Students select one of the following:

- 40 credit points from a second minor from the minors listed in the 2024 structure tab (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/master-laws/#structure2024text>).
- 40 credit points of study from the pool of alternate subjects listed below.
- 10 credit points of electives from any PG subject, and 30 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects listed below.
- 20 credit points of electives from any PG subjects, and 20 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects listed below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7041	Administrative Law	10
LAWS 7042	Advanced Legal Negotiation	10
LAWS 7044	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 5007	Children's Rights: Local and International	10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	10
LAWS 5005	Construction Law	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7048	Criminal Law	10
LAWS 7051	Elder Law	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
JUST 7007	Issues in the Criminal Justice System	10
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10

LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy	10
LAWS 7060	Law of Associations	10
LAWS 6001	Law of Construction Delay and Disruption	10
LAWS 5001	Law of Employment	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 6003	Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7068	Remedies	10
LAWS 6002	Remedies in the Construction Context	10
LAWS 7069	Revenue Law	10
LAWS 7077	Self-Managed Superannuation and Trusts	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20
LAWS 5004	Work Health and Safety Law	10

### Discontinued Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed the subject in 2024 or earlier.

LAWS 7013 Global Governance and Sustainability

## Program Structure 2023

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2023. If you commenced in 2020 to 2022 or 2024 or later, please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

The program length and structure varies based on the student's previous study background and work experience.

**All students should consult the Academic Program Advisor for advice on the sequence of study.**

### Master of Laws (Law Graduate) - 80cp pathway 1

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points comprising 20 credit points of core subjects plus 60 credit points of Major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

#### Core Subjects (20 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>

#### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>)

#### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 40 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)



Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 60 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Law Graduate) - 120cp pathway 2

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points comprising 20 credit points of core subjects plus 100 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below. Students may choose LAWS 7001 Advanced Clinical Legal Placement (40 credit points) which may be undertaken simultaneously with the academic subjects and may reduce the course duration.

### Core Subjects (20 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>)

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 80 credit points from the pool of alternate

subjects below. (Note: Two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 100 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7001	Advanced Clinical Legal Placement	40
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Non Law Graduate) - 80cp pathway 3

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points comprising 50 credit points of core subjects plus 30 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

80 credit point pathway students must enrol in either LAWS 7009 or LAWS 7056 in the first available term and may enrol in alternate subjects before completing all their core subjects.

### Core Subjects (50 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Select one of the following		10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	
LAWS 7056	Fundamentals of Australian Law	
And select		
LAWS 7061	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
Select one of the following		10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	
LAWS 7060	Law of Associations	
And select		
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
And select		

LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>50</b>

**Major (40 credit points) optional**

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>)

**Alternate Subjects**

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 10 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 30 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

**Master of Laws (Non Law Graduate) - 120cp pathway 4**

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points comprising 50 credit points of core subjects plus 70 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

120 credit point pathway students must enrol in either LAWS 7009 or LAWS 7056 in the first available term and may enrol in alternate subjects before completing all their core subjects.

**Core Subjects (50 credit points)**

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Select one of the following		10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	
LAWS 7056	Fundamentals of Australian Law	
And select		
LAWS 7061	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
Select one of the following		10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	
LAWS 7060	Law of Associations	
And select		
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
And select		
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>50</b>

**Major (40 credit points) optional**

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>)

**Alternate Subjects**

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 50 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 70 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10

LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Law & Non Law Graduates) - 160cp pathway 5

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points comprising 50 credit points of core subjects plus 110 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

160 credit point pathway students must enrol in either LAWS 7009 or LAWS 7056 in the first available term and may enrol in alternate subjects before completing all their core subjects.

### Core Subjects (50 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Select one of the following		10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	
LAWS 7056	Fundamentals of Australian Law	
And select		
LAWS 7061	Legal Analysis and Critique	10
Select one of the following		10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	
LAWS 7060	Law of Associations	
And select		
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
And select		
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>50</b>

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>)

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 90 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: Two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 110 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10

LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
LAWS 5008	Law and Public Policy	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Optional Major

Students may select an optional testamur major in International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) (refer to the pathways listed above for details)

## Discontinued Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed the subject in 2024 or earlier.

LAWS 7006 Australian Legal System and Common Law  
LAWS 7013 Global Governance and Sustainability  
LAWS 7017 International Climate Change Law

## Program Structure 2020 - 2022

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2020 - 2022. If you commenced in 2023 or later please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

The program length and structure varies based on the student's previous study background and work experience.

## Master of Laws (Law Graduate) - 80cp pathway 1

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points comprising 20 credit points of core subjects plus 60 credit points of Major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

### Core Subjects (20 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 40 credit points from the pool of alternate

subjects below. (Note: two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 60 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Law Graduate) - 120cp pathway 2

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points comprising 20 credit points of core subjects plus 100 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below. Students may choose LAWS 7001 Advanced Clinical Legal Placement (40 credit points) which may be undertaken simultaneously with the academic subjects and may reduce the course duration.

### Core Subjects (20 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 80 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: Two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 100 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7001	Advanced Clinical Legal Placement	40
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Non Law Graduate) - 80cp pathway 3

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points comprising 50 credit points of core subjects plus 30 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

### Core Subjects (50 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	10
LAWS 7006	Australian Legal System and Common Law	10

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 10 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)



Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 30 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Non Law Graduate) - 120cp pathway 4

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points comprising 50 credit points of core subjects plus 70 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

### Core Subjects (50 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	10
LAWS 7006	Australian Legal System and Common Law	10

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 50 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 70 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Master of Laws (Law & Non Law Graduates) - 160cp pathway 5

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points comprising 50 credit points of core subjects plus 110 credit points of major and/or alternate subjects as specified below.

### Core Subjects (50 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 7027	Legal Philosophy and Methodology	10
LAWS 7021	International Governance Dissertation	10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
LAWS 7010	Company Law	10
LAWS 7006	Australian Legal System and Common Law	10

### Major (40 credit points) optional

Completion of the major is optional.

International Governance, Testamur Major

### Alternate Subjects

Students who choose to undertake the International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) major are required to complete 90 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below. (Note: Two of the subjects in the major are also core subjects in 2824 Master of Laws)

Students who do not choose to undertake the International Governance major are required to complete 110 credit points from the pool of alternate subjects below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LAWS 5006	Law and Literature	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10
LAWS 7020	International Environmental Law and Policy	10
LAWS 6005	International Banking and Finance Law	10
LAWS 7025	International Law of Ocean Governance	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7022	International Human Rights Law	10
LAWS 7019	International Criminal Law and Justice	10
LAWS 7026	International Space Law - Commercial Aspects	10
LAWS 7030	Principles of International Law	10
LAWS 7033	Intellectual Property	10
LAWS 7063	Legal Research Project 1	10
LAWS 7064	Legal Research Project 2	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
LAWS 7011	Contemporary Issues in Taxation	10
LAWS 7040	Financial Advice (Regulatory and Legal Obligations)	10
No more than 20 credit points from		
LAWS 7007	Australian Migration Law	10
LAWS 7003	Australia's Visa System 1	10
LAWS 7004	Australia's Visa System 2	10
LAWS 7038	Visa Cancellation and Review	20

## Optional Major

Students may select an optional testamur major in International Governance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-governance-pg-testamur-major/>) (refer to the pathways listed above for details)

## Equivalent Subjects

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2022 or earlier.

LAWS 7016 - International Banking and Finance Law, replaced by LAWS 6005 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LAWS%206005>) International Banking and Finance Law

## Discontinued Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed the subject in 2024 or earlier.

LAWS 7006 Australian Legal System and Common Law  
 LAWS 7013 Global Governance and Sustainability  
 LAWS 7017 International Climate Change Law