

MC-JURISD Juris Doctor

Year and Campus:	2010 - Parkville
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	300 credit points taken over 36 months full time.
Coordinator:	Associate Professor Pip Nicholson, Associate Dean (Juris Doctor).
Contact:	<p>More information about the Melbourne JD is available on the website: http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au (http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au)</p> <p>You are welcome to contact the Student Centre at Melbourne Law School directly to find out more about the Melbourne JD. Information sessions are also held throughout the year, details of which are available on the website.</p> <p>The Melbourne JD Office (Student Centre) Melbourne Law School (located at 185 Pelham Street, Carlton) The University of Melbourne Victoria 3010 Australia</p> <p>Telephone : +61 3 8344 8912 Facsimile: +61 3 8344 0106 Email: jd-law@unimelb.edu.au (mailto:jd-law@unimelb.edu.au)</p>
Course Overview:	<p>The Melbourne JD is a fully graduate law degree. Applicants must have either an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than law or a degree in law from a different legal system. The JD leads to admission to the legal profession in all Australian jurisdictions and can be used as a basis for seeking admission in many overseas jurisdictions as well.</p> <p>Melbourne Law School aims to produce intellectually engaged graduates who are well equipped to use their legal training in a variety of professional settings, including legal practice, and to make a contribution to the community. Melbourne Law School will select students from a broad range of backgrounds who have a record of academic excellence, and are intellectually rigorous, motivated and engaged with the study of law. Melbourne Law School believes that a diverse student body enriches both the learning and practice of law, and for this reason we encourage applications from graduates with a range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, as well as from a variety of academic disciplines, geographical locations, careers and life experiences.</p> <p>Selection into the JD is based on academic results in all tertiary study undertaken; the score received in a legal aptitude test (LSAT); and a short personal statement. In addition, Melbourne has a Graduate Access program for students who have been disadvantaged, and a guaranteed pathway to the degree for some high achieving school leavers. As a result of these selection criteria, the Melbourne JD student body will be diverse, motivated and highly talented. JD students will bring to the study of law a wide range of knowledge and experience gained from their undergraduate degrees, and the Melbourne JD is designed to respond to the exciting challenge of teaching law to such a group. The curriculum has been developed specifically for graduates and the course is structured and taught in a way that is suitable for graduates. Usually the maximum class size is 60 and in many subjects it is smaller, to enhance the opportunities for interaction between students and teachers and amongst students themselves.</p> <p>The normal length of the course is three years, taught over six semesters. Acceleration is possible, by taking subjects in the summer and winter breaks, subject to the approval of the School. The teaching year begins in February. Applications for admission are assessed in the latter part of the preceding year.</p> <p>The Melbourne JD comprises 24 subjects. Seventeen are compulsory, enabling the School to provide its students with cumulative learning, by integrating both subject matter and skills across and between semesters. Students normally remain in the same cohort to complete the compulsory subjects. This enhances the collegial experience of students during their time in the School and establishes bonds that will continue long after graduation. The remaining subjects are chosen by students from a wide range of optional subjects offered by the School. These vary from year to year, enabling the School to respond to changes in the law and legal thinking</p>

	<p>and giving students access to the latest developments in research by some of the leading scholars in the School.</p> <p>The School has offered the Melbourne JD since 2000. It has been an outstanding success. It set a benchmark for legal education in Australia and was welcomed by students and teachers alike. The degree is highly commended by employers for the quality of the graduates that it produces. The degree that will be offered from 2008 builds on that experience, adapting it to the needs of a larger and more diverse student body. The School is confident that it will be equally successful.</p>
<p>Objectives:</p>	<p>The objectives of the degree are to ensure, as far as possible, that every graduate with a Melbourne JD has the following attributes and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, and for the ethics of scholarship and legal practice; # Highly developed cognitive, analytic and problem-solving skills; # Capacity for independent critical thought, rational inquiry and self-directed learning; # Intellectual curiosity and creativity including understanding of the philosophical and methodological bases of research activity; # Extensive knowledge of the discipline of law, including legal knowledge and skills, and informed respect for the principles, disciplines, values and ethics of the legal profession; # Ability and self-confidence to comprehend complex concepts, to express them lucidly, whether orally or in writing, and to confront unfamiliar problems; # Awareness of advanced communications technologies and modalities, sound working skills in the application of computer systems and software, and receptiveness to the expanding opportunities of the 'information revolution'; # International awareness and openness to the world, based on understanding and appreciation of social and cultural diversity and respect for human rights and dignity; # Leadership capacity, including a willingness to engage in constructive public discourse, to accept social and civic responsibilities and to speak out against prejudice, injustice and the abuse of power; # Ability and confidence to participate effectively in collaborative learning as a team-member, while respecting individual differences; and # Ability to plan work and to use time effectively.
<p>Course Structure & Available Subjects:</p>	<p>The Melbourne JD comprises 24 subjects. It is a full-time law degree taught on a semester basis, with a normal duration of three calendar years. The course may be accelerated by undertaking subjects in the summer and winter breaks, with the approval of the Faculty. A combined course, with the Melbourne Business School's MBA program, is also available.</p> <p>Compulsory subjects</p> <p>The compulsory subjects, in the order in which they are usually taken, are:</p> <p>Legal Method and Reasoning Principles of Public Law Torts Obligations Dispute Resolution Constitutional Law Contracts Property Legal Theory Administrative Law Trusts Criminal Law Corporations Law Remedies Evidence and Proof Legal Ethics Legal Research</p> <p>The subjects are organised so as to ensure a balanced range in each semester, between which linkages can be made. In addition, subjects in both private and public law build progressively over the semesters, contributing to the effectiveness of the learning experience.</p> <p>Elective subjects</p> <p>A vibrant and exciting optional program will be offered by the School each year. Many of the actual subjects will vary from year to year, in response to demand and emerging trends.</p>

To view current **electives** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) listings please visit the Melbourne JD website.

Standard course structure - three years

In its standard form, the degree is taken over three years. This format enables students to take advantage of other educational, professional and social opportunities during the summer and winter breaks, including seasonal clerkships, international exchanges, internships, mooting and Law Review editorial work.

Accelerated course structure

The degree can also be accelerated, at varying speeds, with the approval of the School.

JD/MBA - 3 year course

The Melbourne JD is also available as a combined course with the MBA program offered by the Melbourne Business School. Students must take 15 subjects from the MBA (10 compulsory subjects and 5 elective subjects) and 22 subjects from the JD (17 compulsory subjects and 5 optional subjects). Details, including course structure and selection criteria, are available online at: <http://jdmba.unimelb.edu.au/> (<http://jdmba.unimelb.edu.au/>)

Subject Options:

Melbourne JD - Course Structure

The Melbourne JD is a three-year course, taught over six semesters and delivered only on a full-time basis. Acceleration is possible by taking subjects in the summer and winter breaks, subject to approval, leading to completion of the course in just over two years. The teaching year begins in February.

The course comprises 24 subjects, of which 17 are compulsory. The remaining subjects are chosen by students from a wide range of options available for the Melbourne JD and the Melbourne Law Masters.

Standard Course Structure – Three Years

The standard three-year course format enables students to take advantage of other educational, professional and social opportunities during the summer and winter breaks, including seasonal clerkships, international exchanges, internships, mooting and Law Review editorial work.

Accelerated Course Structure

The Melbourne JD can also be accelerated, at varying speeds, with approval from the School.

Standard Course Structure: Year 1 - Foundation Subject

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50023 Legal Method and Reasoning	February	12.50

Standard Course Structure: Year 1 - Compulsory Subjects

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50024 Principles of Public Law	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50025 Torts	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50026 Obligations	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50027 Dispute Resolution	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50028 Constitutional Law	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50029 Contracts	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50030 Property	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50031 Legal Theory	Semester 2	12.50

Standard Course Structure: Year 2 - Compulsory Subjects

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50032 Administrative Law	Semester 1	12.50

LAWS50033 Trusts	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50034 Criminal Law and Procedure	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50035 Corporations Law	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50036 Remedies	Semester 2	12.50

Standard Course Structure: Year 2 - Elective Subjects

1 **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) subject is undertaken in Semester 1.

2 **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) subjects are undertaken in Semester 2.

Standard Course Structure: Year 3 - Compulsory Subjects

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50037 Evidence and Proof	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50038 Legal Ethics	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50039 Legal Research	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

Standard Course Structure: Year 3 - Elective Subjects

2 **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) subjects are undertaken in Semester 1.

2 **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) subjects are undertaken in Semester 2.

Accelerated Course Structure

Below is an example accelerated course structure. The JD offers flexibility in its structure with a wide variety of **electives** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) being available from both the JD and the Melbourne Law Masters programs both during standard semesters and as intensives during the summer semester and winter recess. Students wishing to vary their accelerated course structure should discuss proposed changes with a Course Director prior to applying to enrol in elective subjects.

Accelerated Course Structure: Year 1 - Foundation Subject

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50023 Legal Method and Reasoning	February	12.50

Accelerated Course Structure: Year 1

Please note Evidence and Proof is offered at the end of Semester 1 as a winter intensive. Students may take an **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) instead of Evidence and Proof in the winter recess.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50024 Principles of Public Law	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50025 Torts	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50026 Obligations	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50027 Dispute Resolution	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50061 Evidence and Proof	June	12.50
LAWS50028 Constitutional Law	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50029 Contracts	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50030 Property	Semester 2	12.50

LAWS50031 Legal Theory	Semester 2	12.50
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Accelerated Course Structure: Year 2

Students take:

- # 2 **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) subjects during the Summer Semester
- # 1 elective subject in Semester 1
- # Evidence and Proof and Legal Ethics are offered at the end of Semester 1 as winter intensives. Students may take an **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) instead of Evidence and Proof during the winter recess.
- # 1 elective subject in Semester 2.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS50032 Administrative Law	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50033 Trusts	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50034 Criminal Law and Procedure	Semester 1	12.50
LAWS50062 Legal Ethics	June	12.50
LAWS50061 Evidence and Proof	June	12.50
LAWS50035 Corporations Law	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50036 Remedies	Semester 2	12.50
LAWS50039 Legal Research	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

Accelerated Course Structure: Year 3

2 **elective** (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/subject-pages/>) subjects are undertaken in the Summer Semester.

Entry Requirements:

In selecting applicants for admission to the JD, the School seeks to determine whether applicants are suited to the graduate study of law and whether they are likely to succeed.

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Applicants must have either an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than law or a degree in law from a different legal system.

The three criteria for selection are:

- # The score in the LSAT test;
- # Academic results achieved in previous tertiary studies;
- # The applicant's personal statement.

No single one of these criteria is determinative. Additional considerations become relevant for students who fall within the Graduate Access Melbourne Scheme.

English requirements for the JD

Applicants who have not obtained a university degree from an institution in which English is the language of instruction and assessment must have obtained a score of 610 or more in the American TOEFL, including an Essay rating score of 5.0 in the TWE; or a score of 253 in the computer-based TOEFL; or an overall band score of 7.0 or more in the IELTS, with a minimum band score of 7.0 in the Academic Writing Module.

Detailed information about the application and selection process for the Melbourne JD is available on the website at <http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au> (<http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au>)

Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills, and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to providing support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ .
Graduate Attributes:	For information about graduate attributes, please refer to the Melbourne JD website at http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/the-course/skills-development
Generic Skills:	At the completion of the JD course all students are able to demonstrate competence in a range of core skills essential to many career paths in law. The cumulative nature of the course curriculum allows for the development of skills throughout the course. For more information about Generic Skills and Cognitive Legal Skills for the Melbourne JD please visit the website at http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au (http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au)
Links to further information:	http://jd.law.unimelb.edu.au/