

504AA Master of Commercial Law

Year and Campus:	2012 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	074997D
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	Melbourne Law School's extensive subject offerings in commercial law enable students to tailor a program to complement their professional expertise and career pathway. Lawyers and other professionals will gain an understanding of many aspects of commercial law from both a domestic and international perspective. Subjects are available in areas as diverse as finance, competition law, dispute resolution, tax and intellectual property as well as construction law, environment and resources law, communications and sports law, enabling you to launch or expand your career across diverse legal areas.
Objectives:	<p>The Master of Commercial Law focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Relevant aspects of commercial law # An analysis of commercial law problems and the advanced application of commercial law principles # Effective communication, both written and oral, in the commercial law context # The theoretical framework of commercial law and related contemporary theoretical issues.
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Students must complete eight subjects in total.</p> <p>Students who do not have a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete Fundamentals of the Common Law, as well as seven subjects from the prescribed list.</p> <p>Students with a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete at least seven subjects from the prescribed list and may choose an eighth subject from those available in the Melbourne Law Masters (excluding Fundamentals of the Common Law).</p>
Majors/Minors/ Specialisations	None.
Subject Options:	<p># Offered in 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Accounting for Commercial Lawyers # Advanced Civil Litigation (Formerly Advanced Litigation) # # Advanced Construction Law (Formerly Advanced Construction Claims) # # Advanced Evidence # Advanced International Tax: Offshore Entities (Formerly Taxation of Overseas Entities) # # Alternative Dispute Resolution # # Australian Consumer Law # # Avoiding and Managing Construction Disputes # Banking and Finance in Asia (Formerly Banking and Debt Recovery in Asia) #

- # Banking and Finance Law: Principles and Transactions (Formerly Law of Secured Finance) #
- # Bargaining at Work (Formerly Bargaining at Work and Industrial Action) #
- # Behavioural Law and Economics #
- # Capital Gains Tax: Problems in Practice #
- # Cartels and Competition Law
- # Chinese Tax and Investment Law
- # Class Actions #
- # Climate Change Law #
- # Commercial Law in Asia (Formerly Commercial Deals in Asia) #
- # Commercial Law: Principles and Policies #
- # Commercial Unconscionability #
- # Communications Law
- # Company Takeovers #
- # Comparative Companies Law in Asia #
- # Comparative Corporate Governance #
- # Comparative Corporate Tax (Formerly Comparative Business Tax) #
- # Comparative International Tax
- # Comparative Tort Law: The United States and Australia #
- # Competition and New Technologies
- # Competition Law and Intellectual Property #
- # Construction Contract Analysis and Drafting (Formerly Advanced Construction Contracts) #
- # Construction Dispute Resolution #
- # Construction Law (Formerly Construction Contracts) #
- # Construction: Principles into Practice #
- # Consumer Credit: Recent Developments and Emerging Issues (formerly Consumer Banking)
- # Contract Interpretation (Formerly Commercial Contracts) #
- # Copyright Law #
- # Corporate and White Collar Criminal Law #
- # Corporate Governance and Directors' Duties #
- # Corporate Insolvency and Reconstruction #
- # Corporate Social Responsibility and the Law
- # Corporate Tax A (Shareholders, Debt and Equity) #
- # Corporate Tax B (Consolidation and Losses) Formerly Corporate Tax B (Companies and #
- # Current Issues in Family Law (Formerly Family Law) #
- # Debt Capital Markets (Formerly Securitisation) #
- # Defamation Law #
- # Derivatives Law and Practice
- # Design and Construct: Specialised Construction Contracts
- # Designs Law and Practice #
- # Developing Countries and the WTO #
- # Dispute System Design
- # Economics for Competition Lawyers #
- # Employment Contract Law (Formerly Employment Law) #
- # Energy Regulation and the Law (Formerly Regulation and the Law) #
- # Enforcing Competition and Consumer Law (formerly Enforcing Competition Law)
- # Entertainment Law
- # Environmental Law (formerly Environmental Law: Science and Regulation)
- # Environmental Rights #
- # Equality and Discrimination at Work (Formerly Anti-Discrimination Law at Work) #

- # Equity and Commerce #
- # European Tax Law
- # Event Management Law #
- # Expert Evidence #
- # Film and Television Law: Production, Financing and Distribution #
- # Financial Services Law #
- # Fiscal Reform and Development #
- # Foundations of Tax Law (Formerly Australian Income Tax System) #
- # Fundamentals of Patent Drafting #
- # Fundamentals of the Common Law #
- # Gambling, Policy and the Law #
- # Global Commercial Contract Law #
- # Global Financial Order: IMF and World Bank #
- # Goods and Services Tax Principles #
- # Information Security Law
- # Information Technology Contracting Law #
- # Infrastructure Delivery Law (Formerly Infrastructure Delivery A: Principles and Practice) #
- # Insurance Law
- # Intangible Asset Valuation: Law and Practice #
- # Intellectual Property Litigation Practice
- # International and Comparative Competition Law #
- # International and Comparative Copyright Law
- # International and Comparative Trade Mark Law
- # International Arbitration Workshop
- # International Business Transactions #
- # International Commercial Arbitration #
- # International Construction Law #
- # International Corporate Insolvency #
- # International Economic Law #
- # International Employment Law (Formerly International and Comparative Labour Law) #
- # International Environmental Law #
- # International Financial System: Law and Practice #
- # International Financial Transactions: Law and Practice #
- # International Investment Law and Arbitration #
- # International Issues in Intellectual Property #
- # International Lending Transactions: Negotiation and Documentation
- # International Petroleum Transactions #
- # International Sale of Goods
- # International Sports Employment Law (Formerly International Sports Labour Law) #
- # International Tax: Principles and Structure #
- # International Trade Law #
- # International Trade, Intellectual Property and Public Health (Formerly Trade, Intellectual Property Rights and Public Health) #
- # Internet Law #
- # Interpretation and Validity of Patent Specifications #
- # Labour Standards under the *Fair Work Act* (Cth) (Formerly Regulating Working Conditions) #
- # Law and Economics of Access Regulation #
- # Licensing Law and Technology Transfer #
- # Managed Investments Law
- # Market Power and Competition Law #

- # Merger Regulation under Competition Law
- # Mineral and Petroleum Tax #
- # Mineral Law #
- # Not-for-Profit Organisations: Current Regulatory and Governance Issues #
- # OTC Derivatives: US and International Practice, Regulation and Policy Issues
- # Patent Law #
- # Patent Practice #
- # Payment Matters in Construction Projects #
- # Petroleum Law
- # Planning Law
- # Principles of Construction Law #
- # Principles of Corporate Law
- # Principles of Employment Law #
- # Privacy Law (Formerly Privacy and Data Protection) #
- # Professional Services Management
- # Project Finance #
- # Proof in Litigation #
- # Public Private Partnerships Law (Formerly Infrastructure Delivery B: Public Private Partnerships) #
- # Racing Industry Law and Regulation
- # Regulation of Securities Markets #
- # Remedies in Commercial Law #
- # Remedies in the Construction Context (Formerly Current Application of Legal Remedies) #
- # Residential Construction Law #
- # Resource and Environment Taxes
- # Resources Joint Ventures #
- # Schemes of Arrangement
- # Secured Transactions: *The Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) (Formerly Secured Transactions) #
- # Shareholders' Rights and Remedies (formerly Shareholders' Remedies)
- # Sport, Commerce and the Law #
- # Sports Law: Entities and Governance #
- # Sports Marketing Law
- # State Taxes and Duties
- # Superannuation Law #
- # Sustainability Law and Governance
- # Tax Avoidance and Planning (Formerly Current Issues in Tax Avoidance) #
- # Tax Effective Writing: Written Advocacy
- # Tax Litigation #
- # Tax Policy
- # Tax Treaties #
- # Taxation of Business and Investment Income (Formerly Taxation of Business and Investment Income A) #
- # Taxation of Financial Instruments
- # Taxation of Intellectual Property
- # Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions #
- # Taxation of Remuneration
- # Taxation of Small and Medium Enterprises #
- # Taxation of Sport
- # Taxation of Superannuation #
- # Taxation of Trusts #
- # The Law of Restitution (Formerly Restitution Law in Commercial Practice) #

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Trade Mark Practice # # Trade Marks and Unfair Competition # # Trade, Human Rights and Development # # Transfer Pricing: Practice and Problems # # Trusts in Commerce # UK Tax: Principles and New Developments # US Corporate and International Tax # # US Intellectual Property Law # # US Sports Law (formerly Introduction to United States Sports Law) # Water Law and Natural Resources Management (Formerly Water Law) # # Workplace Health and Safety # # WTO Law and Dispute Settlement #
Breadth Tracks:	<p>None.</p> <p>Available Breadth Tracks</p>
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A degree in a relevant discipline and the equivalent of at least two years of full-time, documented, relevant professional experience; or # A degree in law leading to admission to legal practice (LLB, JD or equivalent), at honours standard or equivalent; or # A degree in law leading to admission to legal practice (LLB, JD or equivalent) and the equivalent of at least two years of full-time, documented, relevant professional experience; or # A degree in a relevant discipline, successful completion of four subjects in a cognate graduate diploma and the equivalent of at least one year of full-time, documented, relevant work experience.
Core Participation Requirements:	<p>The Melbourne Law Masters welcomes applications from students with disabilities. The inherent academic requirements for study in the Melbourne Law Masters are: The ability to attend a minimum of 75% of classes and actively engage in the analysis of complex materials and debate; The ability to read, analyse and comprehend complex written legal materials and complex interdisciplinary materials; The ability to clearly and independently communicate in writing a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to clearly and independently communicate orally a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to work independently and as a part of a group; The ability to present orally and in writing legal analysis to a professional standard. Students who feel their disability will inhibit them from meeting these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</p>
Graduate Attributes:	<p>Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area of law The specialist focus of the Melbourne Law Masters, the constant review and renewal of subjects and courses, the range and expertise of instructors from Australia and around the world, and regular advice from our advisory boards combine to ensure that courses and subjects reflect emerging knowledge and ideas Ability to evaluate and synthesise existing knowledge in the area Small classes, a discussion-based environment and the emphasis on quality teaching and learning create an environment in which knowledge is exchanged, critically examined and adapted to current circumstances Well-developed problem solving abilities, characterised by flexibility of approach Most subjects approach knowledge by reference to various issues or problems. Students are encouraged to critically analyse problems and identify and develop a range of appropriate solutions through class discussion, individual study and assessment tasks. Advanced competencies in legal research and analysis Class preparation and class discussions are designed to enhance these skills, which are tested in all forms of assessment. Capacity to communicate, orally and in writing Classroom discussion and formal presentations provide an opportunity to hone oral communication skills, and written assessment tasks are graded in part on written communication skills. Appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research Research papers and other research tasks are expected to attain a degree of originality and discovery that befits a quality postgraduate program, and students are encouraged and assisted to publish work of a high standard in refereed journals. Capacity to manage competing demands on time The demanding nature of graduate study requires effective time-management skills from all students. The rigour of our programs, whether undertaken part-time or full-time,</p>

	<p>ensures that all successful graduates have enhanced time-management skills. Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, including the ethics of scholarshipSome subjects have a substantive ethical component. All instructors have a respect for intellectual integrity and are skilled scholars or practitioners in their own right. Appreciation of the way in which knowledge provides a foundation for leadershipInstructors in the Melbourne Law Masters are leaders in their fields, and many subjects involve visiting academics, exposing students to a wider array of leaders in a range of legal fields. The Law School is committed to the significance of knowledge, which informs all regular programs and a wide range of additional activities. Capacity to value and participate in teamworkSmall class sizes and an intensive teaching format are valuable in encouraging group dynamics and teamwork. Understanding of the significance and value of knowledge to the wider communityLaw and legal knowledge are a community resource. In some subjects, this perspective is covered explicitly by the syllabus and the manner in which issues are treated in class. In addition, our diverse student body ensures that a range of perspectives on the way law impacts on the community are identified and analysed. Capacity to engage with issues in contemporary societyOur programs focus on the most up-to-date legal knowledge, analysing current issues and problems through the curriculum design, classroom discussion and assessment tasks. International students are also invited to participate in extracurricular activities to aid understanding of Australian law and legal institutions. Advanced working skills in the use of new technologyThe most advanced IT infrastructure is available to Melbourne Law Masters students in the Law Library, the Moot Court Room, classroom settings and for private study.</p>
Links to further information:	http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/course/504/2012