

## Socio-Legal Studies

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<b>Overview:</b>	The Masters degree is designed for students to develop advanced skills in carrying out independent and sustained research. The thesis should demonstrate a critical application of specialist knowledge and make an independent contribution to existing scholarship in socio-legal studies. Candidates may advance to the Doctor of Philosophy degree after successful completion of the Masters or may apply to convert to the PhD at an earlier stage. An Honours grade of at least H3 (65%) must be attained to qualify for the award of the Masters degree.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p><b>Students who complete the Master of Arts (Thesis only) in this area of specialisation should:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># demonstrate advanced learning in research skills and appropriate techniques, such as the use of archival or primary evidence, analysis of data, judgement of conflicting evidence etc;</li> <li># demonstrate specialist knowledge in the area of their research;</li> <li># present the results of their research in publishable form or work towards incorporating their findings in further research;</li> <li># proceed to the PhD if the Masters thesis has demonstrated appropriate research potential;</li> <li># gain admission to certain types of employment through this specialist qualification;</li> <li># apply the research skills acquired to other projects;</li> <li># demonstrate an understanding of, and commitment to, research ethics or codes of practice.</li> </ul>
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p><b>Duration:</b> 1.5 years full-time / 3 years part-time</p> <p><b>The Master of Arts (Thesis only) in this area of specialisation requires:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># thesis 30,000 words</li> </ul>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://ssps.unimelb.edu.au/">http://ssps.unimelb.edu.au/</a>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Arts (Thesis only)