

635AA Master of Law and Development

Year and Campus:	2015 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	051271K
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:	Effective legal frameworks and institutions are pivotal in alleviating poverty and creating a sustainable environment. Melbourne Law School's specialisation in law and development offers a choice of subjects examining the legalisation of development and the role of international and regional actors in law reform projects. Also offered is an investigation and analysis of both international law and the 'rule of law' in a developmental context. Subjects take a range of practical, historical, critical, applied and theoretical perspectives. This program is ideal for those working in international development from a government, non-government or not-for-profit background.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Graduates of the Master of Law and Development will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have an advanced and integrated understanding of the complex body of knowledge in the field of law and development, including in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # the processes and actors involved in the legalisation of development # the history and range of rule of law or law reform projects initiated by international and regional institutions # the role of international economic institutions in proposing, designing and implementing law reform projects # development strategies enabled or foreclosed by attempts at law reform or legal institutional design # the success or failure of particular attempts at law reform or rule of law initiatives # theoretical approaches to understanding and critiquing law and development initiatives # Have expert, specialised cognitive and technical skills that equip them to independently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # analyse, critically reflect on and synthesise complex information, concepts and theories in the field of law and development # research and apply such information, concepts and theories to the relevant body of knowledge and practice; and # interpret and transmit their knowledge, skills and ideas to specialist and non-specialist audiences # Apply their knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, expert judgment, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner and learner in the field of law and development.
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 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11619), as well as at least six subjects from the prescribed list (including the compulsory subject International Law and Development (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11636)). Students may choose an eighth subject from those available in the Melbourne Law Masters.</p> <p>Students with a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete at least six subjects from the prescribed list (including the compulsory subject International Law and Development (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11636)). Students may choose their final two subjects from those available in the Melbourne Law</p>

Masters (excluding **Fundamentals of the Common Law** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11619>)).

Subject Options:

2015 Subjects

- # **Chinese Law and Commerce LAWS90009** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11741>)
- # **Comparative Law LAWS70016** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11707>)
- # **Development, Labour and Human Rights LAWS90018** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11726>)
- # **Fundamentals of the Common Law LAWS70217/LAWS70256** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11619>)
- # **Health Law and Human Rights LAWS70451** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11712>)
- # **Human Rights and Climate Change LAWS70452** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11714>)
- # **Human Rights and Culture LAWS70453** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11713>)
- # **Human Rights, Women and Development (Formerly Gender, Human Rights and Development) LAWS70171** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11691>)
- # **Human Rights: From Morality to Law LAWS70454** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11718>)
- # **Intercultural Dispute Resolution: Creative Tools for Effective Lawyering and Problem-Solving LAWS90021** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11731>)
- # **International Economic Law LAWS70308** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11626>)
- # **International Employment Law (Formerly International and Comparative Labour Law) LAWS70218** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11627>)
- # **International Environmental Law LAWS70219** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11628>)
- # **International Financial System: Law and Practice LAWS70110** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11629>)
- # **International Health Law (Formerly Global Health Law) LAWS70151** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11631>)
- # **International Human Rights Law LAWS70264** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11632>)
- # **International Investment Law and Arbitration LAWS70304** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11694>)
- # **International Law and Children's Rights LAWS70120** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11635>)
- # **International Law and Development LAWS70093** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11636>)
- # **International Law and Ethics: Current Global Problems LAWS70369** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11708>)
- # **International Law and International Relations LAWS70455** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11715>)
- # **International Legal Internship LAWS70067** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11637>)
- # **International Mineral Law LAWS70423** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11639>)
- # **International Petroleum Transactions LAWS70161** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11640>)
- # **International Resources Law LAWS70395** (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11697>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # International Trade Law LAWS70028 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11644) # Islamic Law and Politics in Asia LAWS70105 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11647) # Money, Law and Politics (Formerly Law of Political Money) LAWS70425 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11650) # Post-Conflict State-Building LAWS70313 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11709) # Poverty, Human Rights and Development (Formerly Poverty and Human Rights) LAWS70430 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11657) # Principles of International Law LAWS70173 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11660) # WTO Law and Dispute Settlement LAWS70322 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=11686)
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice, at honours standard, or equivalent; or # A degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice, or equivalent and two years of documented relevant professional experience; or # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline and two years of documented relevant professional experience; or # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline; and successful completion of four subjects in a cognate graduate diploma and one year of documented relevant professional 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 and critique 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 to 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>
Further Study:	<p>A student who completes a masters degree in the Melbourne Law Masters is eligible to apply for entry to the PhD program.</p>
Graduate Attributes:	<p>Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area(s) of law The specialist focus of the Melbourne Law Masters, the constant review and renewal of subjects and courses to ensure coverage of recent developments, the range and expertise of instructors from Australia and around the world, and regular advice from MLM advisory boards combine to ensure that courses and subjects reflect emerging knowledge and ideas. Ability to investigate, evaluate, synthesise and apply existing knowledge in the relevant area(s) with creativity and initiative 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 required 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. All graduates of an LLM will have demonstrated, through subject assessment, the ability to use their research skills to plan, develop and execute substantial research-based project(s) and/or piece(s) of scholarship. Capacity to effectively communicate complex legal ideas and theories, orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences 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</p>

	<p>original research Research papers and other research tasks are expected to attain a degree of creativity, originality and discovery that befits a postgraduate program of the highest quality, and students are encouraged and assisted to publish original work of a high standard in refereed journals. Capacity to manage competing demands on time and ability to work with a high level of autonomy and accountability The demanding nature of graduate study requires effective time-management skills from all students and an ability to work independently and be accountable for commitment to study and output, as demonstrated through class attendance, engagement and assessment. The rigour of our programs, whether undertaken part-time or full-time, ensures that all successful graduates have enhanced time-management skills and the ability to work with relative autonomy. Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, including the ethics of scholarship Some 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 leadership Instructors 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 teamwork Small 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 community Law 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 society Our 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 technology The 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>
<p>Links to further information:</p>	<p>www.law.unimelb.edu.au/course/635/2015</p>