498AB Graduate Diploma in Dispute Resolution

Year and Campus:	2016 - Parkville		
CRICOS Code:	075331E		
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Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees		
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate		
Duration & Credit Points:	50 credit points taken over 6 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.		
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Contact:	Melbourne Law School Currently enrolled students: # General information (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students) # law-masters@unimelb.edu.au (mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au) Future students: # Melbourne Law School (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/) # Course enquiry (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1155)		
Course Overview:	The specialisation in dispute resolution works from the principles that underpin dispute resolution and management. The subjects examine how these principles inform the theoretical and practical aspects of this rapidly changing area of law. This course is relevant to legal practitioners and will appeal to others working in the design, reform and practice of dispute resolution. Judges, legal practitioners and legal researchers teach a broad range of subjects spanning litigation and alternative dispute resolution.		
Learning Outcomes:	Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Dispute Resolution will: # Have advanced knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge relating to the field of dispute resolution, including the acquisition and application of knowledge and skills in relation to: # a range of techniques available for the resolution of disputes # the theories underpinning alternative forms of dispute resolution # the frameworks for selected forms of dispute resolution and how to work within them # how selected forms of dispute resolution work in practice, including the significance of practical considerations # the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches to dispute resolution # developments in the theory and practice of dispute resolution and a comparison between Australia and other countries # Have advanced cognitive, technical and communication skills that enable them to: # analyse critically, evaluate and convey information and # generate ideas and solutions to complex problems from both theoretical and practical perspectives in the subjects studied in the field of dispute resolution # Apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner or learner in the field of dispute resolution.		
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	Students must complete four subjects from the prescribed list. Students who do not have a law degree from a common law jurisdiction or any prior legal studies or experience are also expected to complete the two-day preliminary subject Australian Legal Process and Legal Institutions (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/11881)		
Subject Options:	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:

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LAWS70202 Advanced Civil Litigation	October	12.5
LAWS70071 Advanced Evidence	September	12.5
LAWS70467 Advanced Mediation	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70018 Alternative Dispute Resolution	November	12.5
LAWS70245 Avoid and Manage Construction Disputes	October	12.5
LAWS90062 Business Negotiations and Deal-Making	August	12.5
LAWS70019 Class Actions	July	12.5
LAWS70409 Commercial Conflict of Laws	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70222 Constitutional Law in Practice	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70133 Construction Dispute Resolution	August	12.5
LAWS70337 Criminal Procedure and Human Rights	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS90016 Criminal Procedure: Law and Practice	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70025 Equality and Discrimination at Work	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70073 Expert Evidence	July	12.5
LAWS70186 Human Rights Litigation and Advocacy	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS90021 Intercultural Dispute Resolution	May	12.5
LAWS70121 International Commercial Arbitration	December, Semester 1	12.5
LAWS90021 Intercultural Dispute Resolution	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70393 International Dispute Settlement	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70304 Internat Investment Law and Arbitration	September	12.5
LAWS70379 Judicial Reasoning	November	12.5
LAWS90048 Mediation in Commerce	April	12.5
LAWS70225 Medical Litigation	May	12.5
LAWS70468 Negotiation Skills	May	12.5
LAWS70178 Proof in Litigation	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70376 Sports Dispute Resolution	April	12.5
LAWS70266 Tax Litigation	Semester 2	12.5
LAWS90051 The Practice of Commercial Arbitration	November	12.5
LAWS70052 Written Advocacy	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70322 WTO Law and Dispute Settlement	February	12.5
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Entry Requirements:

A degree in Law (LLB, JD or equivalent) at honours standard or equivalent leading to admission to legal practice;

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A degree in Law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to legal practice and at least one year of documented, relevant professional experience;

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An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline and at least one year of documented, relevant professional work experience.

The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Academic Board <u>rules</u> (http://about.unimelb.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1413727/Use-of-Selection-Instruments-Rules-of-the-Acdemic-Board-23-March-2015.pdf) on the use of selection instruments.

Core Participation Requirements:

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/

Graduate Attributes:

Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area of lawThe 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 areaSmall 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 approachMost 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 analysisClass preparation and class discussions are designed to enhance these skills, which are tested in all forms of assessment. Capacity to communicate, orally and in writingClassroom 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 researchResearch 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 timeThe 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, 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.

Links to further information:

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