Graduate Certificate of Law

DURATION: 6 MONTHS FULL-TIME | UP TO 3 YEARS PART-TIME

The Graduate Certificate of Law at ANU is the ideal postgraduate qualification if you are changing direction or returning to employment and needing a competitive edge.

Program description
Whether you’re just starting your career, changing direction or returning to employment, the ANU Graduate Certificate of Law is the ideal postgraduate qualification. Developed for graduates of disciplines other than law, the six-month Graduate Certificate of Law introduces you to the fundamentals of Australian and international legal systems, providing insight into how law is created, interpreted and applied.

Exploring both domestic and global contexts, the Graduate Certificate of Law equips you with an understanding of the role and function of law across topical areas such as regulation, the environment, governance and development.

The program provides practical knowledge for a wide range of careers in public, private and not-for-profit sectors, and is especially valuable if you work in – or aspire to work in – a role that deals with law, regulation and policy.

Through the Graduate Certificate of Law, you’ll acquire the skills required for success in an increasingly competitive workplace, including the ability to analyse complex problems, conduct high-level research and develop considered legal arguments.

In addition, the program allows you to select elective subjects from over 80 different courses, enabling you to tailor your program of study to reflect your career goals.

The pathway to a Master of Laws
Once you’ve successfully completed the Graduate Certificate of Law, you can apply for the ANU Master of Laws (LLM) – our globally recognised advanced law degree – and take your understanding of law to an even higher level by focusing on specific areas such as government, international, environmental and migration law.

In addition, graduating from ANU Law will see you join a prestigious and highly recognised alumni network of over 19,132 professionals in Australia and around the globe.

Flexible options for busy professionals
The Graduate Certificate of Law can be completed in six months (full-time), with part-time options available if you need to balance study with work, family or other commitments.

As with most ANU Law postgraduate programs, the Graduate Certificate of Law takes advantage of ‘intensive’ teaching, which clusters lectures for each course over 3–5 days (with the remainder of course contact and support provided online), helping to significantly reduce the amount of time you need to spend on campus.

Admission requirements
The Graduate Certificate of Law does not qualify you to be admitted to practice law in Australia, but will allow you to apply to the ANU Master of Laws (see overleaf).

If you’re seeking a postgraduate qualification that meets the requirements for admission as a lawyer in Australia, you should instead consider the ANU Juris Doctor (offered on-campus or online). Further information is available on the ANU Law website.

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