

Juris Doctor (DJUR) - JD

CRICOS code (International applicants): 060145G

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, up to 6 years part-time	

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Program focus

The Juris Doctor is a graduate entry program (for non-law graduates) that provides students with the opportunity for a comprehensive study of law to prepare for practice as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland, or a legal practitioner in another Australian jurisdiction.

While this is a focused program preparing students for professional practice with particular legal workplace skills such as applied legal research, it also builds the special capabilities that a legal education can offer, such as complex problem-solving and policy analysis.

Please note this qualification does not entitle graduates to use the title 'Doctor'.

Professional accreditation

The Juris Doctor has been accredited by the [Legal Practitioners Admissions Board, Queensland](#), and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland as an approved academic qualification under the *Supreme Court (Legal Practitioner Admission) Rules 2004* (Qld). This will partially satisfy the requirements to practise as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland, or as a legal practitioner elsewhere in Australia. Intending solicitors and barristers must also complete an approved practical legal training course in order to become admitted to practice. USQ law graduates have the option of completing their practical legal training through a one-year traineeship in a law practice, or through an institution that offers a practical legal training qualification.

Program aims

The Juris Doctor is a graduate entry program (for non-law graduates) that provides students with the opportunity for a comprehensive study of law, not only to prepare for practice as a solicitor or barrister in Queensland but also to examine the legal process and its social, political and economic context.

The program aims to equip students with an academic qualification for professional practice.

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Program objectives

Upon completion of the Juris Doctor students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical framework of subject areas of study
- apply theoretical knowledge, concepts and principles to areas of practical significance
- research legal issues at an advanced level
- critically appraise law reform trends and recent developments and assess their impact upon legal practice and public policy
- demonstrate adv

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

Core courses

All students are required to complete a core of 20 single-unit courses. The purpose of the core courses is to expose law students to fundamental le

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to Section 2 of the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Policy](#).

Exemptions

Maximum credit

Exemptions from USQ courses credited to the Juris Doctor may be granted for a maximum of 50% of the program, that is, 12 courses.

Maximum credit for completed undergraduate courses

Exemptions from USQ courses creditable to the Juris Doctor may be granted for successful completion of undergraduate courses on condition that:

- (1) any other requirements for the granting of exemptions in these guidelines are met
- (2) if the student had been previously enrolled in a combined program with law at USQ or another university, and law courses were credited to the other award, exemptions are only granted so that, on completion of the Juris Doctor at USQ, the student will have successfully completed the equivalent of at least 6 years of full-time study
- (3) subject to paragraph 2, the maximum proportion of undergraduate courses that are taken or credited towards the Juris Doctor is 50% of the program, that is, the equivalent of 12 courses.

Admission courses

Exemptions may be granted from a core course that deals with an area of knowledge that is set out in Attachment 1 of the Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004 (Qld) if:

- (1) the course that was successfully completed at another university deals in substance with the topics that are set out in that area of knowledge
- (2) if the other university is an Australian university, the 274 Tmr

