

Master of Laws (Research) (LLMR) - LLR New

CRICOS code (International applicants): 078845K

Admission requirements

Candidates for the Master of Laws by Research are required to have a minimum of a three or four year, Australian Qualifications Framework level 7 Bachelor degree in Law or equivalent from a recognised university.

On application, candidates must be able to provide an outline of the dissertation topic they intend to pursue.

International candidates for admission into this program must meet the University's English language proficiency requirements for postgraduate students. Please refer to Section 2.2.3 of the [Admissions Policy](#).

Note: Admission to the Master of Laws by Research is dependent upon the Faculty's capacity to supervise the proposed projects. Prospective candidates should consult with the Associate Dean Research before preparing their project proposals. Research concentrations within the Faculty of Business and Law are updated periodically. The current list is available at the [Faculty of Business and Law](#).

How to apply

Applications for [Research Master and Doctorate programs](#) should be made directly to USQ.

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course\(F\)Tj1 0 0 1 2](#)

Course	Semester/mode of offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/mode of offer Springfield Campus
LAW8001 Legal Research Methodology (one unit)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)
LAW8002 Law Masters Dissertation A (one unit)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)
LAW8003 Law Masters Dissertation B (two units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)
LAW8004 Law Masters Dissertation C (four units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC), S2 (ONC)

The Associate Dean Research may direct students to undertake other research courses or modules as required by their supervisory team as part of the 12 units.

The dissertation allows students to undertake in-depth, independent investigation in a chosen area of law, legal theory, comparative law or legal history or that involves interdisciplinary studies in law. To successfully complete six Masters Dissertation courses, students will be required to select a topic, develop a proposal, carry out supervised research, and submit a dissertation.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

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

The Associate Dean Research may direct students to undertake another research course in place of [LAW8002 Law Masters Dissertation A](#) or modules as part of [LAW8002 Law Masters Dissertation A](#). Students must have candidature for the Master of Laws by Research confirmed after the end of the equivalent of six months fulltime enrolment (4 units) and therefore after successful completion of:

- The courses (1) [LAW8001 Legal Research Methodology](#); (2) [LAW8002 Law Masters Dissertation A](#) (or another research course if required by the supervisory team) and (3) [LAW8003 Law Masters Dissertation B](#).
- A dissertation proposal presented in accordance with Higher Degree by Research procedures with a minimum of a nominal grade of C from the Confirmation of Candidature panel.

Exit points

A student enrolled in the Master of Laws by Research who wishes to exit without completing the program, may on the basis of outstanding performance seek to transfer to the [Doctor of Philosophy](#) (PhD) program. To be considered for acceptance into the PhD program, students will have:

- completed at least 8 units within the Master of Laws by Research
- a nominal GPA of 6 achieved from:
 - a minimum grade of A for the course [LAW8001 Legal Research Methodology](#) and where applicable a minimum grade of A for another research course if required by the supervisory team
 - a minimum grade of A for their research proposal from the Confirmation of Candidature panel
- achieved subsequent confirmation of Master's candidature by the Office of Research and Higher Degrees.

