Doctor of Juridical Science (LW50)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 012652J
Course duration (full-time): 2 Years (minimum)
Course duration (part-time): 4 Years (minimum)

Domestic fees (indicative): Aust citizens or PRs will be awarded an RTS/RTA place or a QUT sponsorship for tuition fees. If you exceed the max time, you will be charged - 2010: $11,750 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $12,250 (indicative) per semester

Domestic Entry: At any time
International Entry: At any time
Total credit points: 192
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24

Course coordinator: Assistant Dean, Research
Campus: Gardens Point

1. Entry Requirements

1.1 The Faculty of Law Research Committee may admit to candidature an applicant who:
(i) holds or has completed the requirements of the degree of (a) Master of Laws by Coursework or (b) Master of Justice by Coursework with a grade point average of at least 5.5 on a 7 point scale at the Queensland University of Technology or its equivalent from another institution which, in the opinion of the Assistant Dean, Research maintains standards comparable with those required for the award of the degree of Master of Laws and Master of Justice by Coursework respectively at the Queensland University of Technology;

and, an applicant must also satisfy the following:

(ii) have a minimum of two years professional experience appropriate to the proposed course of study;
(iii) demonstrate a level of research experience and potential which is deemed acceptable to the Assistant Dean, Research, for example, by the publication of articles in refereed research journals; and
(iv) demonstrate a sufficient command of the English language to complete the proposed course of study in that language.

2. Period of Time for Completion of Program

2.1 The normal period of candidature is:
* Full-time candidates: two years from date of commencement;
* Part-time candidates: four years from date of commencement;

In exceptional cases the Law Faculty Research Committee may approve submission of the thesis within a shorter period.

2.2 The maximum period of candidature is:
* Full-time candidates: four years from date of commencement;
* Part-time candidates: eight years from date of commencement;

2.3 The candidate may change from full-time to part-time candidature or vice versa by making application on a prescribed form to the Faculty Research Committee through the office of the Assistant Dean, Research. International students studying on student visas are unable to alter their mode of study from full-time to part-time unless they are in their final semester of study.

2.4 A candidate who does not expect to submit his/her thesis by the maximum candidature date must apply for an extension of time on the prescribed form through the Assistant Dean, Research for consideration by the Faculty Research Committee. The application must include the reasons for the delay, written endorsement of the request for extension by the Principal Supervisor and a revised timeline for completion. Applications for extensions will not normally be considered by the Faculty Research Committee unless the reasons for the delays have been documented in previous progress/supervisor reports. Extensions will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Minor breakdown of computer equipment or absence of a Principal Supervisor are not usually considered exceptional.

3. Supervision

3.1 Supervision shall be conducted according to the QUT Code of Good Practice for Postgraduate Research Studies and Supervision (MOPP Appendix 9).

3.2 A Principal Supervisor from QUT and one Associate Supervisor shall be appointed.

3.3 The Principal Supervisor has responsibility for supervising a candidate on a frequent basis and must be a current member of the QUT staff or an emeritus professor of QUT still active in research. The Principal Supervisor shall normally have undertaken successful supervision of research degree candidates, and shall have an established research record in the area of the proposed project.

3.4 The Associate Supervisor may be a member of the QUT staff and must possess appropriate expertise in the research field and would normally be a person who has undertaken successful supervision of research degree candidates.

4. Course Structure

The value of the course is set at 192 credit points, a dissertation of 60,000-70,000 words. Students must complete or have completed LWN048 Advanced Legal Research (or equivalent) as a requirement of this course.
Further Information
Senior Administration Officer (Research) Phone: +61 7 3138 5203; e-mail: law.research@qut.edu.au

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Potential Careers:
Academic, Barrister, Solicitor.