Graduate Certificate in Legal Studies (LW65)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 040307E
Course duration (full-time): 1 semester
Course duration (part-time): 2 semesters
Domestic fees (indicative): 2010: Full fee tuition $8,500 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $10,750 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February and July
International Entry: February and July
Total credit points: 48
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Director, Graduate Programs
Campus: Gardens Point and External

Overview
For non-law graduates or professionals working in the legal sector, the Graduate Certificate in Legal Studies will help develop professional competencies, skills and knowledge. The course provides short, focused programs to upgrade qualifications, and may lead into the Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies. On completion of this course you should be able to contribute to your employer’s practical services, organisation and policy making.

Entry Requirements
An appropriate undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution or Professional experience that the Course Coordinator deems to be appropriate

Advanced Standing
Students who have previously undertaken undergraduate law units (equivalent to core units in LW65) at QUT may apply for a maximum of 24 credit points for these units towards the LW65 Graduate Certificate in Legal Studies

Course Structure
Students are required to undertake 4 units (48 credit points). These units are core units taken from the Bachelor of Laws (LW33) program.

External Students
Entry to the distance education (external) mode of the course is restricted to applicants who reside in Australia outside a 30 kilometre radius of the Gardens Point campus.

It is a requirement that distance education students participate in two three-day attendance schools per year in addition to the commencing students orientation school. The attendance schools are an integral component of the distance education course and are compulsory. When undertaking the course via distance education, it is the students’ responsibility to ensure they have access to a suitable law library.

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UNIT SYNOPSES

LWB136 CONTRACTS A
This unit includes the following: formation of contracts; equitable estoppel; privity of contract; formalities; express and implied terms; an examination of promises which are legally binding; how contractual promises may be characterised and the significance of that characterisation.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

### LWB145 LEGAL FOUNDATIONS A

The unit aims to provide foundational knowledge about law and legal concepts, the Australian legal system and constitution, sources of law (including their purpose and use) and the ethical underpinnings of the law and legal profession. The unit also aims to introduce, within real world contexts, the essential legal skills of case analysis, problem solving, legal writing, legal reasoning, legal research and statutory interpretation to enable students to progress in their study of law.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

### LWB147 TORTS A

The aims of this unit are for you to develop an understanding of the law of torts relating to trespass, negligence and workers' compensation and the underlying principles and policies that influence the development of torts law. Further, this unit aims to demonstrate how the law of torts works in a real world context, with particular focus on legal problem solving and the teaching of legal interviewing skills. The unit will practise and develop the foundational legal skills introduced in LWB145 Legal Foundations A.

**Corequisites:** LWB145  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

### LWP142 LAW SOCIETY AND JUSTICE

The practice of law requires an understanding and appreciation of the historical origins of the concepts of ‘rights’ and ‘justice’ and how such concepts continue to be influenced by changing values within our society. In order to become effective legal practitioners, law graduates need to understand that society is rapidly changing and the law is also evolving, although often at a much slower pace. As a consequence, some groups within our society may be disadvantaged in the legal system. These notions guide the development of the policies underlying the law, and inform changes to law through legislative and judicial action. The unit is placed at the outset of the course to commence your training in legal thought processes such as the ability to think critically about the law and to introduce you to various skills important to legal practice such as oral communication.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 hours per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

### LWP144 LAWS AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Modern Australian lawyers need to have an understanding of the legal rules which apply in jurisdictions outside of their own and how these rules influence Australian law and legal practice. Following on from Law, Society and Justice, which gave you an appreciation of the societal context in which the Australian legal system operates, this unit takes the next step, situating the law and legal practice in Australia within the broader global context and explaining how international and overseas legal systems impact on our own. The unit will introduce and explain the fundamental structures and principles of three areas of law which are essential to an appreciation of the global context in which the Australian legal system operates – public international law, comparative law, and private international law – and examine their relevance to contemporary legal practice in Australia.

**Prerequisite(s):** Nil  
**Corequisite(s):** Nil  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 hours per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External  
**Teaching period:** 2009 SEM-2