Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (LW70)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 040318B
Course duration (full-time): 2 semesters
Course duration (part-time): 4 semesters
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: Full fee tuition $8,750 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,125 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February
International Entry: February
Total credit points: 96
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

Course Structure
Students must undertake 8 units (96 credit points). Of these, four elective units that carry a postgraduate unit code, are taken from the Bachelor of Laws course.

Limits on grades of 3
A new policy concerning grades of 3 came into effect from 1 January 2009 (QUT MOPP C/5.2). With effect from this date grades of 3 are no longer considered a conceded or low pass but are classified as a fail grade. Any grades of 3 awarded prior to 1 January 2009 retain the conceded pass status and will be counted for graduation purposes up to the maximum number of grades of 3 permitted for your course. Grades of 3 incurred in units that commence after 1 January 2009 will not count towards your degree. Further information is available on the Student Services website.

Full-time course structure

Year 1, Semester 1
LWB136 Contracts A
LWP142 Law Society and Justice
LWB145 Legal Foundations A
LWB147 Torts A

Year 1, Semester 2
LWP137 Contracts B
LWP144 Laws and Global Perspectives
LWB146 Legal Foundations B
LWP148 Torts B

Part-time course structure

Year 1, Semester 1
LWB145 Legal Foundations A
LWB147 Torts A

Year 1, Semester 2
LWP148 Torts B
LWB146 Legal Foundations B

Year 2, Semester 1
LWB136 Contracts A
LWP142 Law Society and Justice

Year 2, Semester 2
LWP137 Contracts B
LWP144 Laws and Global Perspectives

Part-time course structure - commenced semester 2, 2009

Year 1, Semester 2 2009
LWB145 Legal Foundations A
LWB147 Torts A

Year 2, Semester 1 2010
LWB146 Legal Foundations B
LWP148 Torts B

Year 2, Semester 2 2010
LWB136 Contracts A
LWP144 Laws and Global Perspectives

Year 3, Semester 1 2011
LWP137 Contracts B
LWP142 Law Society and Justice

Course Structure
This course structure is based on Semester 1 entry to the course in 2009.
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.

Prerequisites: LWB145 (can be enrolled in the same teaching period)  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

LWP137 CONRACTS B
Legally binding promises pervade society, from uncomplicated bargains like riding on a bus to complex multi-million dollar transactions. The law of contract provides an understanding of promises which are legally binding, how contractual promises may be characterised and the significance of that characterisation, and how contractual promises may be discharged or invalidated. This is the second of two associated units which examine the law of contract, the focus of this unit being on the discharge of contracts, remedies for breach and the invalidation of contracts. The two units together provide the foundation for several units encountered later in the course.

Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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 per hour  
Campus: Gardens Point and External  
Teaching period: 2011 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

Potential Careers:
Banking and Finance Professional, Community Education Officer, Contract Administrator, Educator, Facilities Manager, Family Services Officer, Information Officer, Marketing Officer/Manager.

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 premises 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: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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.

Corequisites: LWB147  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

LWB146 LEGAL FOUNDATIONS B
The aim of this unit is for you to further develop, within real world contexts, the skills in legal research, analysis, problem solving and writing that were introduced in LWB145 Legal Foundations A. This aim is directed towards ensuring that by the end of the first year of your law degree you are able to perform tasks required to progress your study of law and that you can reflect on the continued development of your legal research and writing skills to equip you with the skills required in legal practice.

Prerequisites: LWB141 or LWB145  
Credit points: 12  
Contact hours: 3 per week  
Campus: Gardens Point and External  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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
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

**LWP148 TORTS B**

This unit aims to build upon the knowledge, understanding and skills developed in Torts A through a more in-depth examination of a wider range of torts and related issues. It also aims to equip you with a more detailed and sophisticated knowledge and understanding of how this area of the law is likely to develop in the 21st Century. Integral to this is the development of your skills, necessary for the practice of law and your further studies of law, in legal problem solving, research and written communication and an understanding of ethical issues related to the practice of law.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 3 hours  
**Campus:** Gardens Point and External