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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

## **Master of Laws (Coursework)**

### **LLM**

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these regulations will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	12 December 2019	Approval of Program Regulations	PCAC
2	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO
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### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Master of Laws (Coursework).

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Laws (Coursework) has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

#### 4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Laws (Coursework) is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Laws (Coursework) is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

#### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Laws (Coursework) is one (1) years of equivalent full-time study. An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

##### Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Laws (Coursework) Award is four (4) years.

#### 4.5 Study Mode

The Master of Laws (Coursework) is offered in Internal Study mode.

#### 4.6 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

### 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### 5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

#### 5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Laws (Coursework) applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

- 5.2.1 Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with a minimum credit average; or
- 5.2.2 LLB with professional experience; or
- 5.2.3 LLB with a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (or equivalent)
- 5.2.4 Juris Doctorate; or
- 5.2.5 International equivalents

### 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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6.1 Students are not required to complete a practicum.

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Description

The Master of Laws (coursework) is a Master of Laws degree with a focus on emerging commercial and legal realities in an international context. The degree will enable students to develop in-depth legal knowledge and skills in the areas of international law that they choose. The course aims to develop advanced independent research and writing skills, critical analysis, complex problem-solving and advanced reasoning skills in the law. The course includes a research component with a strong focus on applied legal research.

### 7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Laws (Coursework) graduates will be able to:

1. synthesise knowledge into written professional documents adapted to suit the purpose and audience.
2. apply knowledge of complex legal concepts, principles, theories, documents and academic writing in one or more disciplines or areas of practice, and transfer that knowledge to diverse national, regional and international legal contexts.
3. undertake self-directed learning demonstrating autonomy, expert judgement and adaptability by engaging in continuing professional development.
4. use ethical and socially responsible decision-making skills and evaluate the impact of global ethical and social issues on legal decision making outcomes.
5. conduct independent legal research and employ expert legal research methods and sources to locate, evaluate, synthesise and present accurate, up-to-date and reliable expert legal advice.
6. work responsibly in teams to analyse competing resource claims and recommend agreed shared outcomes.

### 7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Laws (Coursework) students must complete a minimum of 75 Units of Credit of compulsory courses comprising PHIL 6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life, BUSN5103 Research Methods and LAWS6002 Directed Legal Research Project.

### 7.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Master of Laws (Coursework) are required to complete a minimum of 125 Units of Credit of elective courses which equates to 5 elective courses. Elective courses may be selected from an approved list of course offerings published by the School of Law on an annual basis. They will include:

LAWS 6005 International Environmental Law,  
LAWS 6013 *The Legal Environment of the Asia-Pacific Region*,  
LAWS 6014 The Philosophy of International Law,  
LAWS 6006 International Human Rights Law,  
LAWS 6008 International Perspectives on Bioethics and the Law,  
LAWS 6012 *Law & Religion*, and  
LAWS 6001 Canon Law.

Not all electives are available in each semester. The School of Law will advise students from time to time as to the availability of law electives being offered in any particular semester.

### 7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean.

## 8 DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

## 9 LIST OF APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A: Master of Laws (Coursework)

FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING IN SEMESTER ONE, IN ANY YEAR					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
BUSN5103	Research Methods	25	LAWS6002	Directed Legal Research Project	25
LAWS6XXX	Elective	25	PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
LAWS6XXX	Elective	25	LAWS6XXX	Elective	25
LAWS6XXX	Elective	25	LAWS6XXX	Elective	25
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2</b>		100
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT</b>					200

FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING IN SEMESTER TWO, IN ANY YEAR					
Semester Two			Semester One		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25	LAWS6002	Directed Legal Research Project	25
BUSN5103	Research Methods	25	LAWS6XXX	Elective	25
LAWS6XXX	Elective	25	LAWS6XXX	Elective	25
LAWS6XXX	Elective	25	LAWS6XXX	Elective	25
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2</b>		100
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT</b>					200