

Juris Doctor Course updates and transition rules

For students who commenced prior to Session 2 2014

The RMIT Juris Doctor Course is regularly reviewed to ensure that we are running a current and relevant Law degree that will provide a superior experience and outcome for the students. As a result, over the years, there have been updates to the Course, which has led to changes to the compulsory core units and elective offerings. Transition rules have been put in place. These have been summarised in this document.

For 2018, we will be adding some new units. However, for those of you who commenced prior to Session 2, 2014, your core course structure will remain unchanged. You will have the opportunity to take these new units as electives if you have availability and wish to do so.

This document relates to the course structure for students who commenced the Juris Doctor course prior to Session 2, 2014.

Any questions, please contact RMIT Connect for advice: <https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/contact-and-help/connect>

Juris Doctor Course Structure

If you started the Juris Doctor prior to Session 2, 2014, you will follow the course structure that was in place when you started, with the exception of any applicable transition rules that are listed on the following pages.

This course consists of 288 credit points, comprising of:

- 16 core units (192 credit points)
- 8 electives (96 credit points)

The Course structure below is based on a full-time study load of 4 units per session. Students should progress through the structure according to their study load, and should try to complete Year 1 units before moving onto Year 2 units etc.

Please apply relevant transition rules as listed in this document.

YEAR 1:

Complete the following one (1) commencement unit:

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1019	LAW2396 / OJD110	Introduction to the Australian Legal System and Legal Methods	12

And

Complete the following three (3) units:

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1021	LAW2398 / OJD130	Contract Law ¹	12
LAW1020	LAW2397 / OJD120	Law of Torts	12
LAW2394	LAW2399 / OJD140	Criminal Law	12

THEN

Complete the following three (3) units:

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1023	LAW2400 / OJD150	Administrative Law	12
LAW1024	LAW2404 / OJD160	Australian Property Law	12
LAW1031	LAW2409 / OJD180	Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	12

And

Select and complete one (1) unit from:

The Approved Law Elective list or

Any Approved Postgraduate Elective

YEAR 2:

Complete the following three (3) units:

On campus code	OJA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1026	LAW2406 / OJD210	Australian Company Law	12
LAW1029	LAW2407 / OJD220	International Law	12
LAW1027	LAW2408 / OJD230	Federal & State Constitutional Law	12

And

Select and complete one (1) unit from:

The Approved Law Elective list or

Any Approved Postgraduate Elective

THEN

Complete the following three (3) units:

On campus code	OJA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1028	LAW2414 / OJD240	Australian Taxation Law	12
LAW1022	LAW2415 / OJD250	Intellectual Property Law	12
LAW1030	LAW2416 / OJD260	Civil Procedure	12

And

Select and complete one (1) unit from:

The Approved Law Elective list or

Any Approved Postgraduate Elective

YEAR 3:

Complete the following three (3) units:

On campus code	OJA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1025	LAW2405 / OJD370	Equity & Trusts	12
LAW2395	LAW2418 / OJD330	Evidence	12
LAW1040	LAW2424 / OJD417	Legal Research Project ²	12

And

Select and complete one (1) unit from:

The Approved Law Elective list or

Any Approved Postgraduate Elective

THEN

Select and complete four (4) units from:

The Approved Law Elective list or

Any Approved Postgraduate Elective

LAW ELECTIVE LIST:

Students are required to complete a total of eight (8) electives. Students are encouraged to complete electives from the list below, however they can be any approved postgraduate unit.

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1037	LAW2413 / OJD416	Legal Practice Management & Professional Conduct	12
LAW1046	LAW2411 / OJD100	Jurisprudence	12
LAW1032	LAW2417 / OJD403	Transnational Law	12
LAW2434	n/a	Clinical Legal Education	12
LAW2436	n/a	Advocacy Skills & Training	12
LAW1043	LAW2425 / OJD420	Wills & Succession	12
LAW1034	LAW2420 / OJD350	International Business Law	12
LAW2432	LAW2433 / OJD423	Human Rights Law in Australia	12
LAW1045	LAW2426 / OJD408	Insolvency	12
LAW1050	LAW2430 / OJD418	Acquisitions, Takeovers & Mergers	12
LAW1039	LAW2410 / OJD412	Labour Law	12
LAW2531	LAW2532 / OJD270	Introduction to Family Law in Australia	12
LAW2529	LAW2530 / OJD280	Environment & Planning Law Practice	12
LAW1033	LAW2419 / OJD340	Competition & Consumer Law	12
LAW2549	LAW2550 / OJD426	Health Law ³	12
LAW2551	LAW2552 / OJD290	Innovative Justice ³	12
BUSM4684	n/a	External Competition ³	12
BUSM4483	n/a	Postgrad Business Internship	12

Please Note: Not all units listed will be available in each session

¹ If LAW1021 / LAW2398 has not been completed, refer to Transition Rules.

² If LAW1033/LAW2419 Comp & Cons Law has been completed, refer to Transition Rules.

³ New unit that will run in 2018.

Juris Doctor Transition Rules

2018 Course update:

If you started prior to Session 2, 2014, the changes implemented in 2018 will not apply to you and you will follow your normal structure (as summarised in this document). You may take one of the new units as an elective if you wish.

2014 Course update:

If you started prior to Session 2, 2014, you will follow the course structure that was in place when you started with a few exceptions that are summarised below.

Contract Law

If you have not completed LAW1021 / LAW2398 Contract Law:

In order to satisfy the 'Priestly 11' requirements for admission to legal practice in Victoria (and all other Australian jurisdictions), you will need to complete both:

LAW2524 / LAW2525 Fundamentals of Contract Law;
AND
LAW2527 / LAW2528 Advanced Contract Law.

If you are in this situation, you may take LAW2527 / LAW2528 Advanced Contract Law instead of either:

LAW1028 / LAW2414 Australian Taxation Law
OR
LAW1022 / LAW2415 Intellectual Property Law

This will ensure that you still complete the required 16 core and 8 elective units that are necessary to graduate in the Juris Doctor.

(Note: a Non-Standard Enrolment form must be completed)

Legal Research Project / Competition & Consumer Law

In 2014 the core course structure was altered to include Legal Research Project as a core unit and make Competition & Consumer Law an elective.

The transition rules below ensure that no student is required to complete more than the 288 credit points. Please refer to the relevant table that reflects your stage in the course to determine how this course structure change affects you.

<p>If you <u>HAVE NOT</u> completed <i>LAW1033/LAW2419 Competition & Consumer Law</i> (by end of S2 2014)</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>HAVE NOT</u> completed <i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i></p>	<p>You MUST complete <i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i> as a core unit. <i>(You may take Competition & Consumer Law as an elective if you wish)</i></p>
<p>If you <u>HAVE NOT</u> completed <i>LAW1033/LAW2419 Competition & Consumer Law</i> (by end of S2 2014)</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>HAVE</u> completed <i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i></p>	<p><i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i> will be counted as a core unit. <i>(You may take Competition & Consumer Law as an elective if you wish)</i></p>
<p>If you <u>HAVE</u> completed <i>LAW1033/LAW2419 Competition & Consumer Law</i> (by end of S2 2014)</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>HAVE NOT</u> completed <i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i></p>	<p><i>LAW1033/LAW2419 Competition & Consumer Law</i> will be counted as a core unit <i>(You may take Legal Research Project as an elective if you wish)</i></p>
<p>If you <u>HAVE</u> completed <i>LAW1033/LAW2419 Competition & Consumer Law</i> (by end of S2 2014)</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>HAVE</u> completed <i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i></p>	<p><i>LAW1033/LAW2419 Competition & Consumer Law</i> will be counted as a core unit <i>LAW1040/LAW2424 Legal Research Project</i> will be counted as an elective</p>