

# Juris Doctor Course updates and transition rules

## For students who commenced Session 2 2014 and after

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, which have been summarised in this document.

For 2018 we have updated the Course to include an additional two core units and have added a further 2 elective options. The Course will change from having 16 core and 8 electives, to having 18 core and 6 electives.

The new Course structure will be applied to all students who commenced the Juris Doctor on or after S2 2014 and will take effect from **Session 1 2018**. These students will automatically transfer to the new structure, with full credit for units already completed.

How the transition rules impact you will depend on how far progressed you are through your Juris Doctor degree. Please ensure that you refer to the transition rules that apply to you. If you are unsure, please contact RMIT Connect for advice; <https://www.rmit.edu.au/students/contact-and-help/connect>

# Juris Doctor Course Structure

Students who commenced the Juris Doctor Course on or after S2 2014 must complete the following Course Structure.

This course consists of 288 credit points, comprising of:

- 18 core units (216 credit points)
- 3 Law Electives (36 credit points)
- 3 Approved Postgraduate Electives (36 credit points)

The Course structure below is based on a full-time study load of 4 units per session. Students should progress through this 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
LAW2524	LAW2525 / OJD105	Fundamentals of Contract Law	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
LAW1046	LAW2411 / OJD100	Jurisprudence	12
LAW2527	LAW2528 / OJD115	Advanced Contract 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 four (4) units:

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1023	LAW2400 / OJD150	Administrative Law	12
LAW1024	LAW2404 / OJD160	Australian Property Law	12
LAW1026	LAW2406 / OJD210	Australian Company Law	12
LAW1029	LAW2407 / OJD220	International Law	12

### **THEN**

Complete the following three (3) units:

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1027	LAW2408 / OJD230	Federal & State Constitutional Law	12
LAW1030	LAW2416 / OJD260	Civil Procedure	12
LAW2551	LAW2552 / OJD290	Innovative Justice	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	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1025	LAW2405 / OJD370	Equity & Trusts	12
LAW2395	LAW2418 / OJD330	Evidence	12
LAW1040	LAW2424 / OJD417	Legal Research Project	12

And

Select and complete one (1) unit from:

*The Approved Law Elective list or*

*Any Approved Postgraduate Elective*

### **THEN**

Select and complete three (3) units from:

*The Approved Law Elective list or*

*Any Approved Postgraduate Elective*

And

Complete the following one (1) capstone unit:

On campus code	OUA code	Unit title	Credit points
LAW1037	LAW2413 / OJD416	Legal Practice Management & Professional Conduct	12

## **APPROVED LAW ELECTIVE LIST:**

Students are required to complete a total of six (6) electives. **Three (3) of these must be law related electives from the following list.** The remaining three (3) electives may be any approved postgraduate unit (which may include those on the Approved Law Elective list below)

<b>On campus code</b>	<b>OJA code</b>	<b>Unit title</b>	<b>Credit points</b>
LAW1028	LAW2414 / OJD240	Australian Taxation Law	12
LAW1022	LAW2415 / OJD250	Intellectual Property Law	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	12
BUSM4684	n/a	External Competition	12
BUSM4483	n/a	Postgrad Business Internship	12

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

# Juris Doctor Transition Rules

## 2018 Course update:

If you started on, or after, Session 2, 2014 these changes will apply to you. The transition rules listed below should be observed.

The updated course structure table has been provided at the start of this document for your reference.

### Transition Rules

All students will be transitioned to the new course and new structure, and all unit credits that have already been obtained will be recognised in the new structure.

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 will affect you.

<b>Completed 6 or fewer electives <i>prior</i> to S1 2018</b>	
<p>If you <b>HAVE</b> completed</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>Prior to S1 2018</p>	<p>You will be required to complete 18 core and 6 elective units.</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i> will be considered a core unit.</p> <p>You will be required to complete <i>LAW2551 / LAW2552 Innovative Justice</i> as one of your core units as per the new Course Structure.</p>
<p>If you <b>HAVE NOT</b> completed</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>Prior to S1 2018</p>	<p>You will be required to complete 18 core and 6 elective units.</p> <p>You will be required to complete <i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i> as one of your core units as per the new Course Structure.</p> <p>You will be required to complete <i>LAW2551 / LAW2552 Innovative Justice</i> as one of your core units as per the new Course Structure.</p>

Completed 7 electives <i>prior to S1 2018</i>	
<p>If you <b>HAVE</b> completed</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>Prior to S1 2018</p>	<p>You will be required to complete 18 core and 6 elective units.</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i> will be considered a core unit.</p> <p>You will be required to complete <i>LAW2551 / LAW2552 Innovative Justice</i> as one of your core units as per the new Course Structure.</p>
<p>If you <b>HAVE NOT</b> completed</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>Prior to S1 2018</p>	<p>You will be required to complete 17 core and 7 elective units.</p> <p>You can choose to do either <i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>or</p> <p><i>LAW2551 / LAW2552 Innovative Justice</i> as one of your core units.</p> <p><b>(Please note that Legal Practice Mgmt is required if you wish to be admitted to practice.)</b></p>

Completed 8 electives <i>prior to S1 2018</i>	
<p>If you <b>HAVE</b> completed</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>Prior to S1 2018</p>	<p>You will be required to complete 16 core and 8 electives, as per your original course structure.</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i> will be considered as one of your 8 elective units.</p> <p>Do not complete <i>LAW2551 / LAW2552 Innovative Justice</i>.</p>
<p>If you <b>HAVE NOT</b> completed</p> <p><i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>Prior to S1 2018</p>	<p>You will be required to complete 16 core and 8 electives, as per your original course structure.</p> <p>Do not complete <i>LAW1037 / LAW2413 Legal Practice Management &amp; Professional Conduct</i></p> <p>or</p> <p><i>LAW2551 / LAW2552 Innovative Justice</i> as one of your core units.</p> <p><b>(Please note that Legal Practice Mgmt is required if you wish to be admitted to practice.)</b></p>