Overview

The Graduate Diploma in Legal Professional Practice (GDLPP) is an accredited practical legal training program for law graduates to meet the practical training requirements for admission to the New South Wales legal profession under the Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015.

Students must complete 42 units of credit for the GDLPP. The program consists of core and optional components. Each component is equivalent to 6 units of credit. The core components are Skills in Practice; Values in Practice; Litigation Practice; Transactional Practice; and Workplace Experience 1. The prescribed elective courses are Administrative Law Practice; Banking and Finance; Criminal Law Practice; Family Law Practice; Employment and Industrial Relations Practice; and Wills and Estates Practice. Students must choose and complete two of these six electives (each elective course is worth 3 units of credit).

To complete the program, students must choose one of the optional components: Workplace Experience 2 OR the Practicum.

Workplace Experience 1 and 2 each require a minimum 20 days work experience placement as supervised employment in a legal office or supervised paid or unpaid placement in a law or law-related work environment.

The Practicum expands on workplace learning and involves a combination of placements, simulated workplaces, technical learning spaces, law-related projects, continuing legal education, and structured reflective practice. Students undertaking the practicum are responsible for planning this component in consultation with UNSW Law’s GDLPP staff.

The full-time GDLPP 20-week coursework component commences with a compulsory 5-day onsite intensive that is followed by online courses. Students complete the Workplace Experience and Practicum components in their own time – however, the
entire program must be completed within 2 years of commencement of the coursework component.
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Learning Outcomes

1. PLO3: Communication, collaboration, and interpersonal skills UNSW PLT graduates will have advanced communication, collaboration, and interpersonal skills to effectively collaborate and interact; share solutions to complex problems; and share knowledge, skills and ideas with diverse audiences using a variety of suitable media as appropriate for an entry-level lawyer intending to engage in professional legal practice.

Global Citizens  Scholars

2. PLO5: Application of knowledge, skills and values UNSW PLT graduates will apply their advanced knowledge, skills and values to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability and responsibility; and personal and professional integrity, ethical and respectful conduct appropriate for an entry-level lawyer intending to engage in professional legal practice.

Global Citizens  Professionals  Scholars  Leaders

3. PLO1: Knowledge UNSW PLT graduates will have advanced theoretical and technical knowledge in core and elective legal practices areas, legal ethics and values, and the rules of professional responsibility together with an advanced understanding of recent and emergent developments in law and legal practice methods; social justice principles; and research principles and methods appropriate for an entry-level lawyer intending to engage in professional legal practice.

Scholars  Professionals

4. PLO2: Thinking and problem-solving skills UNSW PLT graduates will have advanced cognitive and technical skills to select and apply methods and technologies to independently analyse critically, evaluate, and transform information to complete a range of activities; and analyse and generate solutions to complex problems, including ethical problems appropriate for an entry-level lawyer intending to engage in professional legal practice.

Professionals  Scholars

5. PLO4: Self-management skills UNSW PLT graduates will have advanced meta-cognitive and practical self-management skills to effectively demonstrate a high level of personal and professional accountability; time and task management skills; self-assessment and reflective practice skills, including appropriate use of feedback; and ability to implement personal wellbeing strategies appropriate for an entry-level lawyer intending to engage in professional legal practice.

Scholars  Professionals
Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 42 UOC as a standalone program.

Core Courses

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

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Prescribed Electives

Students must take two (6 UOC) of the following courses.

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Family Law Practice

PLTX1240  |  3 UOC
Employment and Industrial Relations Practice

PLTX1270  |  3 UOC
Wills and Estates Practice

**Elective**

Students must take at least 6 UOC of the following courses.

PLTX2020  |  6 UOC
Workplace Experience 2

PLTX2040  |  6 UOC
Practicum

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
**Admission Requirements**

**Entry Requirements**

**Specified academic qualifications prerequisite:**

Candidates for the GDLPP are required to have completed an accredited academic qualification in law – either a Bachelor of Laws degree; a Juris Doctor degree or a qualification considered equivalent from an Australian university or tertiary institution.

**Early start rule:**

Candidates for the GDLPP may commence the program prior to completing a Bachelor of Laws degree; a Juris Doctor degree or a qualification considered equivalent from an Australian university or tertiary institution subject to the following:

Under the Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015 (Admission Rules), applicants for admission to legal practice must have completed a course of study under Schedule 2, Part 2, Clause 4(1)(b) of the Admission Rules prior to commencing their practical legal training. However, this requirement may be waived by the Legal Profession Admission Board provided an application for concurrent enrolment is made and approved by the LPAB.

To apply for approval from the LPAB under the early start/concurrent enrolment rule, a candidate must include evidence of completion of the *Priestley 11* core subjects and have no more than two electives remaining to complete in their LLB/JD or equivalent from an Australian university or tertiary institution.

**Recognition of Prior Learning/Advanced Standing**

In accordance with the current advanced standing guidelines of UNSW Law, advanced standing for previous learning may be granted for up to 12 UoC for practical legal training courses completed at a recognised equivalent higher education provider.

**International Students**

International students based in Australia on a visa other than a student visa are eligible to apply to the GDLPP. International students are advised to seek independent immigration advice about their visa options. Students based overseas also need to be aware that the five-day face to face component of Skills in Practice is held on campus at UNSW and the *mandatory* workplace experience component (Workplace Experience 1) must be undertaken in Australia.
For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Pathways

Articulation Arrangements

Other program(s) within articulated suite:

Juris Doctor - JD
9150 Juris Doctor

Faculty: Faculty of Law
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

Read More

Master of Laws - LLM
9201 Law

Faculty: Faculty of Law
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

Read More
Professional Outcomes

Accreditations

Professional institutes that offer accreditation on completion of this program:

- Legal Profession Admission Board

LPAB approved accreditation of the GDLPP at their Board meeting 19 February 2019.

Professional Recognition
Legal Profession Admission Board

Career Opportunities

Legal Professionals, Solicitors
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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