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Doctor of Juridical Science
Master of Laws by Research
Master of Taxation by Research

Faculty of Law

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'UNSW has a beautiful campus and a wonderful atmosphere.'

Catherine Bond
PhD in Law
'Mapping Australia's Copyright Commons'



Research Degrees

The Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales is home to leading scholars in a variety of fields in law and taxation. The Faculty's scholarly output continues to place it among the leading faculties in the country.

The Faculty has two schools, the School of Law and the Australian School of Taxation (Atax), and twelve affiliated legal research, education and advocacy centres.

The quality of the Faculty's research is recognised by a consistently high level of prestigious funding from the Australian Research Council and other bodies. Our research is disseminated not only through the conventional academic publication of books and articles, but also through contributions to policy formulation via law reform commissions, government departments, and other agencies.

The Faculty has a strong commitment to research and, in addition to the work of its Faculty members, has a strong cohort of outstanding higher degree research students enrolled in research programs which include the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), the Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD), the Master of Taxation (MTax) by Research and the Master of Laws (LLM) by Research.

Research areas include:

- Criminology, Criminal Procedure and Criminal Justice Law
- Intellectual Property
- Law: Comparative, Constitutional and Administrative, Corporate and Commercial, European, Human Rights, Indigenous, Information Technology, International, Japanese, Media and Communications, Private Law (Tort, Unjust Enrichment, Equity, Contract), Public Law and Social Theory
- Procedure and Evidence
- Superannuation
- Taxation: Reform, Policy, Capital Gains, Environmental, Fringe Benefits, Goods and Services, Superannuation, International, Tax Administration
- Tax Compliance Costs
- Taxpayer Compliance
- Federalism



'Atax is one of the world's leading schools of taxation which is why I chose to study here.'

Evgeny Guglyuvatyy
PhD in Taxation

*'Environmental taxes and emission trading schemes:
What is the appropriate policy for dealing with climate change?'*

Research students in the Faculty of Law

One of the Faculty's distinctive characteristics is its close engagement with and active support of its research students. While research students' primary contact is with their supervisors, they benefit from the collegiate nature of the Faculty which encourages staff and research students to discuss ideas and projects widely, drawing on the expertise of the Faculty as a whole. We have a vibrant and inclusive faculty culture and research students are encouraged to attend staff seminars, faculty events, a weekly morning tea and other social events.

For new research students undertaking a research degree in Law we offer a three day intensive research course which is held at the commencement of each academic year. This course is also an opportunity for students to get to know one another and members of the Faculty.

Our research students enjoy the very best learning environment in a purpose-built Law Faculty building which was opened in July 2006. Full time research students are provided with partitioned work areas equipped with the latest computer equipment and Internet access. Some financial support is available to full time research students for conference attendance and other research expenses.

The Faculty of Law also encourages applications for entry to research degrees from external students who reside in country and interstate areas. Arrangements for external candidates are made on a case by case basis. Candidates need to ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for supervision of research by means of electronic communication, and provide proof of access to an adequate law library.



It's never too late to learn or study – experience combined with intensive research can produce compelling and satisfying outcomes.

Gill North
PhD in Law
'Information asymmetry between ASX investors'

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The Doctor of Philosophy gives students the opportunity to conduct a research project that will make a significant contribution to an area of knowledge and intellectual capital. Students acquire advanced specialist research training in order to produce a thesis that summarises their research and provides evidence for independent thought and critical analysis, effective communication and expert knowledge of the discipline in the national and international context.

A PhD will typically provide students with a number of career opportunities. Students are able to forge strong career paths as leaders in their profession or as members of the academy. It will provide them with an opportunity to research cutting edge and unexplored areas of a discipline, and to demonstrate their thought leadership.

The Faculty of Law offers PhDs in Law and in Taxation.

Unless the candidate already has a masters degree or equivalent research experience, their work is closely supervised in the early stages of the development of their project and the supervisor ensures that the candidate has the necessary research skills to undertake the program. In the later stages, however, the student is allowed increasing scope to exercise initiative and demonstrate originality. In the last year of the program the student should be able to work alone and be guided rather than directed by the supervisor.

Dissertation

All research degrees require the submission of a thesis. The length of the thesis for the PhD is normally 100,000 words of text. The award of the degree is based on the examiners' reports.

Entry requirements

PhD Law – Candidates are normally required to have achieved a Bachelor of Laws (Hons 1); or a Master of Laws with a minimum of distinction average or better. In exceptional circumstances candidates with qualifications in disciplines other than law will be considered for entry to the PhD program.

PhD Taxation – Candidates should have a Masters degree in law, commerce or tax. Candidates would normally be expected to have achieved an average of 70% or more in their postgraduate studies.

Students can enrol in the PhD on a full time or part time basis. Minimum duration of study is 3 years full time.



'My supervisor, Professor Martin Krygier, has really encouraged me. His understanding and expansive knowledge has given me the energy and enthusiasm to continue my research.'

Minh Nguyen
SJD

'Legal and professional challenges confronting practising lawyers in contemporary Vietnam'

Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

The Doctor of Juridical Science degree provides an opportunity to combine a doctoral thesis with the coursework component of a Master of Laws degree and allows significant research into an area of interest often developed within the coursework program.

The SJD is considered to be equivalent to a PhD and therefore among the highest forms of degree that a university can award. Graduates may become experts in their profession, progress to an academic career or become high level research and policy advisers.

Dissertation

All research degrees require the submission of a thesis.

The length of the thesis for the SJD is normally 70,000 words of text.

The award of the degree is based on the examiners' reports.

Entry requirements

Local candidates must have completed a Master of Laws degree with a distinction average or better at UNSW or a university of equivalent standing, plus proof of successful research, before they are eligible to apply to articulate (transfer) to the SJD program. Candidates will then complete the thesis component of the degree.

Students currently enrolled or planning to enrol in a Master of Laws degree with the intention to articulate to the SJD program are encouraged to complete an 8 unit of credit research paper as part of their Master of Laws degree.

Please refer to the Master of Laws brochure or website for program information: www.law.unsw.edu.au/llm



'After talking to Professor Jill Hunter, I realised how my day to day work in the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions actually could be of academic interest.'

Steve Thomson

Master of Laws by Research (transferred to PhD in Law)
'Crown appeals against inadequacy of sentence in NSW'

Master of Laws by Research (LLM)

The Master of Laws by Research requires completion of an original piece of research, more limited in scope and nature to that required for a PhD.

Students undertaking the Master of Laws by Research learn the fundamentals of research and acquire competence in legal writing, research skills and analysis. Students are assigned research supervisors who guide and support the research project.

For some candidates, satisfactory performance in coursework subjects is also required.

The Master of Laws by Research may be taken full time in 3-4 semesters (1.5 to 2 years) or part time in a minimum of 3-4 years.

In some cases it is possible to transfer from the Master of Laws by Research to the PhD.

Dissertation

All research degrees require the submission of a thesis.

The length of the thesis for the Master of Laws by Research is normally 60,000 words of text. The award of the degree is based on the examiners' reports.

Entry requirements

Candidates must have an undergraduate law degree at a level acceptable to the Faculty Research Committee.



'My research with Atax has truly complemented my work as a tax professional.'

Victoria Roberts

Master of Taxation by Research

'Achieving global food security and environmentally sustainable agriculture in Australia: to what extent can reform of the federal R&D tax concessions contribute?'

Master of Taxation by Research (MTax)

The Master of Taxation by Research gives students the opportunity to make a significant contribution to taxation research. They develop advanced research skills in taxation, significantly broaden their taxation knowledge and competitively position themselves to pursue an academic or professional career.

The Master of Taxation by Research may be taken full time in 3 semesters (1.5 years) or part time in 6 semesters (3 years). Students undertake coursework and a major research project.

Coursework

In the coursework component, students are trained in advanced legal research and writing skills. Their qualitative and quantitative research skills are also refined in this program. Students must complete 4 courses – 3 compulsory and 1 elective.

Compulsory courses

- Research Methods in Taxation
- Tax Policy
- Dissertation Proposal

Courses are offered primarily in flexible distance mode. Some elective courses may be available in other modes.

Students must achieve an overall credit average in the coursework component of the program to be able to progress to the major research project.

Dissertation

All research degrees require the submission of a thesis. The length of the thesis for the Master of Taxation by Research is normally 50,000 words of text. The award of the degree is based on the examiners' reports.

Entry requirements

Candidates are expected to have an undergraduate degree in taxation, law or commerce at credit average or better and to have studied taxation.

Articulation to the PhD program in Taxation

Students who have successfully completed the coursework component of the program at a credit level overall and who have achieved at least 70% in the Dissertation Proposal may apply to articulate to the PhD program.

How to Apply

We welcome enquiries from prospective students at law@unsw.edu.au prior to application. For further information about our programs please visit the Law School website at www.law.unsw.edu.au or the Atax website at www.atax.unsw.edu.au

Candidates for all research degrees should apply online at www.grs.unsw.edu.au

Applications are due by:

Semester 1: 20 December

Semester 2: 30 May

Late applications may be accepted.

All candidates will be required to provide the following supporting documentation:

- Certified copies of all academic transcripts
- Curriculum vitae
- List of publications
- Details of previous research experience
- A detailed research proposal of approximately 5 to 6 pages.

Supporting documents should be posted to:

The Graduate Research School
The University of New South Wales
UNSW SYDNEY NSW 2052

Fees

Australian citizens and permanent residents

Local students undertaking PhDs or Masters by Research at UNSW **are not** liable for course tuition fees.

It is expected that all new local postgraduate research students enrolling in a Doctorate or Masters by Research at UNSW will be granted an exemption scholarship under the Commonwealth Government's Research Training Scheme. Please visit the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) website for the most current information on funding for postgraduate research degrees.

International applicants

should visit the UNSW Graduate Research School for tuition fee information at www.grs.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/fees.html

Research Scholarships

The UNSW Graduate Research School is responsible for the administration of research scholarships at UNSW.

For scholarship information and application forms, please visit www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/scholarshipshome.html

Enquiries regarding postgraduate research scholarships should be directed to the Graduate Research School at: (02) 9385 5500 or scholarships.grs@unsw.edu.au

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