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# WHY STUDY LAW AT LA TROBE?

La Trobe University accommodates more than 34,000 students including over 7,600 from more than 80 countries. La Trobe has a network of seven campuses in Victoria and one in the heart of Sydney's CBD. We are now the biggest provider of higher education, community and user-driven research to Victoria's regions.

## Law School culture

The La Trobe Law School offers an innovative, high-quality legal education with a strong commitment to social justice, interdisciplinary enquiry and an emphasis on hands-on experience.

Our Law School is known for the achievements, quality and practical skills of our graduates. We take pride in having established and maintained a friendly environment that makes studying law a rewarding experience.

It is important that law graduates have an understanding of legal issues from a global perspective. We believe that skills in critical thinking, established solidly upon sound legal knowledge and understanding, are what our law graduates will need most in their future career development.

The Secretariat for Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) National Office is located at La Trobe Law School, allowing students to benefit from this unique industry relationship. The ALHR is an association of legal professionals active in practising and promoting awareness of international human rights standards in Australia.

## International standing

La Trobe Law School has received world-class recognition in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015 with a placing in the top 200.

## Teaching

Our teaching is informed by high quality scholarly research, and the fostering of interpersonal skills. Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of experiential learning opportunities such as mooting, simulated role plays and work placements within a legal environment.



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You will meet and work with lawyers and scholars here who will broaden your perspectives and stretch the frontiers of your knowledge.

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Patrick Keyzer

Head of Law School, Chair of Law and Public Policy

## Research

The La Trobe Law School produces expert research that influences academic debate, government policy and public interest advocacy across a broad range of areas.

## Career opportunities

Our law graduates are in senior positions in the legal profession – including law firm partners, in-house counsel, barristers, solicitors, judges, as well as occupying senior positions in government, corporations and non-profit organisations.

# Juris Doctor (JD)

- An internationally recognised degree accredited by the Victorian Legal Admissions Board
- Be awarded academic credit for work experience at a law firm during your studies
- Complete this three year degree sooner by enrolling in the accelerated program
- Learn in contemporary interactive learning facilities at our City Campus



## Campus

City Campus (Melbourne, Victoria)

## Course Coordinator

Emma Henderson



## Duration

Three years. Eligible students have the option to complete this degree in two years by enrolling in the accelerated program and completing electives in the Summer and Winter Semesters.

## Credit points

360

## Semester start

Semester 1 and 2 (March and July)

## Annual tuition fee

AUD\$32,990 per 120 credit points (2016 indicative)

## Admission requirements

An Australian bachelor degree or approved international equivalent with an average grade of 70 or above. Students with an average grade of 65 or above may submit a personal statement for consideration.

## Course description

La Trobe Law School's Juris Doctor offers an innovative, high-quality legal education with a global perspective on the law. This internationally recognised degree fulfils the academic requirements of the Victorian Legal Admissions Board for admission to practise law in Australia.

You'll learn from leading researchers and experienced practitioners in a friendly and supportive environment. Teaching is conducted in small classes and assessment tasks emphasise practical skills and hands-on experience.

Our unique work-integrated learning partnership with the Law Institute of Victoria allows us to match your interests with a Victorian law firm and award academic credit for your work experience. This real-world experience allows you to build valuable networks during work placements.

## Delivery

Juris Doctor core subjects are taught in Semester 1 and 2, with some electives offered in the Summer and Winter Semesters. We offer flexible teaching hours with the option of afternoon or evening classes. You will study at La Trobe's City Campus with access to contemporary interactive learning facilities in the heart of Melbourne's legal precinct.

## Program structure

### Core subjects and electives

The Juris Doctor is comprised of 16 core subjects, as well as eight electives. Students must complete the compulsory core legal subjects in the sequence designated by the Law School.

Elective subjects are drawn from the Master of Laws (see page 5), and are taught by local experts and international faculty from select overseas law schools.

### Sample core subjects

- Administrative Law
- Civil Procedure
- Company Law
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law A
- Contract Law B
- Criminal Law
- Evidence and Criminal Procedure
- Equity
- Legal Practice and Professional Conduct
- Legal Process, Methods and Institutions
- Property Law
- Real Property Law
- Remedies
- Statutory Interpretation
- Torts

### Expected learning outcomes

- Ability to identify and respond to ethical issues likely to arise in professional contexts.
- Advanced understanding of the Australian legal system, and international and comparative contexts.
- A high level of autonomy, accountability and professionalism and the ability to reflect on personal capabilities and performance.
- Proficiency in applying legal reasoning and research to generate appropriate jurisprudential and practical responses.
- The skills to recognise the professional responsibilities of lawyers in promoting justice and providing appropriate dispute resolution.

# Master of Laws in Global Business Law (MGBL)

- Learn from distinguished academics and practitioners from around the world
- Study commercial law in a global context
- Take advantage of flexible block mode delivery
- The only course of its kind in Australia



## Campus

Melbourne Campus (Bundoora, Victoria)

## Course Coordinator

Keith Kendall



## Duration

1.5 years full time

## Credit points

180

## Semester start

Summer and Winter Semesters

## Annual tuition fee

AUD\$30,980 per 120 credit points (2016 indicative)

## Admission requirements

An Australian bachelor degree or approved international equivalent.

## Course description

The only program of its kind in Australia, the Global Business Law program allows law graduates to study commercial law in areas of global interest. Students are taught by distinguished jurists and practitioners from all around the world, including Asia, Europe and the USA.

At La Trobe we are committed to producing law graduates with an international perspective. The era of globalisation increasingly requires people with a legal background to understand business, including the links between major business functions and the legal framework.

The Global Business Law program offers access to the latest developments in international commercial law and practice. Our broad range of offerings enable you to build on your knowledge and skills in an existing area of interest or specialisation, or move into an international business environment for the first time.

## Delivery

Global Business Law subjects are usually taught intensively over a five-day period in the Summer and Winter Semesters. Some subjects may be offered during Semester 1 and 2. Classes take place at La Trobe's scenic Melbourne Campus in the suburb of Bundoora.



## Program structure

### Core subjects and electives

Students will usually complete 12 subjects comprising three or four core subjects (depending on background) and eight or nine electives. Both core subjects and electives are drawn from the Masters of Laws program (see page 5).

### Expected learning outcomes

- An increased capacity to think critically and analytically about research questions.
- Enhanced confidence to present legal concepts in a compelling way.
- Knowledge and skills to build on an existing specialisation, or move into the international business environment for the first time.
- Skills to examine and interpret commercial law in a global context.
- The ability to apply legal principles to international trade, commercial arbitration and business transactions.



# Master of Laws (LLM)

- Construct a course of study with a strong global and international focus
- Learn to resolve legal problems and issues from theoretical and practical perspectives
- Take advantage of flexible block mode delivery
- Taught by distinguished academics and practitioners from around the world



## Campus

Melbourne Campus (Bundoora, Victoria)

## Course Coordinator

Keith Kendall



## Duration

1.5 years full time

## Credit points

180

## Semester start

Summer and Winter Semesters

## Annual tuition fee

AUD\$30,980 per 120 credit points (2016 indicative)

## Admission requirements

An Australian bachelor degree or approved international equivalent.

## Course description

Taught by distinguished academics and practitioners from around the world, La Trobe's Master of Laws is an internationally relevant and contemporary qualification.

This degree allows you to construct a course of study with a strong global and international focus, taught by distinguished academics and practitioners from Australia, Europe and the USA.

The degree will be of interest to those wishing to expand their knowledge and skills in order to be able to practise in a global legal market but not necessarily exclusively in a commercial environment.

## Delivery

Subjects are usually delivered in block mode over five days during the Summer and Winter Semesters. Some subjects may be offered during Semester 1 and 2. Classes take place at La Trobe's scenic Melbourne Campus in the suburb of Bundoora.

## Program structure

### Core subjects and electives

Students will usually complete 12 subjects comprising three or four core subjects (depending on background) and eight or nine electives. In any semester, a minor thesis of 12,000 words equivalent to two electives may be undertaken subject to approval.

Subjects will focus on areas of global interest, including international business and arbitration law, USA business and corporations law, intellectual property law and Asian and European business law; but may also include subjects in alternative dispute resolution, comparative legal traditions, international criminal law and public interest law.

Subjects offered may be capable of being credited to other Master of Laws programs in Australia, for further information please contact the course coordinator.

### Sample core subjects

- Academic Integrity Module (online)
- International Trade Law
- USA Legal Research and Writing
- and either*
- Current Issues in Transnational Practice *or* USA Corporations Law
- Students from a non-common law background will be required to complete*
- Common Law and the Australian Legal System

### Sample electives

- Commercial Dispute Resolution in China
- Common Law and the Australian Legal System
- Comparative Legal Traditions
- Conciliation: Theory and Practice
- European Intellectual Property Law and Practice
- Human Rights and Comparative Disability Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Trade Law
- Minor Thesis
- Social Media Practice, Business and Law
- Taxation Law
- Telecommunications Law

### Expected learning outcomes

- Advanced skills and techniques in finding and using the law in relation to new situations in professional practice.
- An appreciation of the impact of globalisation and the rise of Asia on the substance, theory and practice of law.
- An understanding of the challenges and developments in global business law and comparative law.
- The ability to identify and resolve legal problems and issues from theoretical and practical perspectives.
- The capacity to articulate knowledge and understanding in oral and written presentations.

## Further information

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### Advanced standing

For information about advanced standing, contact the course coordinator. Advanced standing will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

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### English language requirements

#### IELTS Academic

Minimum score of 6.5 with no individual band score less than 6.0.

#### TOEFL\* Paper-based

Minimum score of 575 with a minimum score of 5 in the Test of Written English.

#### TOEFL\* Internet-based

Minimum score of 80 with minimum overall for SLR 18; W 22.

#### La Trobe Melbourne (ELICOS)

ELICOS Level 6B - 60% overall including 60% in the final exam.

#### Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE)

Minimum score of 64 with no communicative skill score less than 59.

#### Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)

A grade of B or higher.

#### Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)

A grade of C or higher.

\* If you are having your TOEFL results sent directly to La Trobe University, please note that our TOEFL institution code is 9785.

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### Practising overseas

Qualifying requirements to practise in overseas jurisdictions vary. If you want to practise overseas, you'll usually have to do further study in the country that you want to work in. To discuss requirements for individual jurisdictions, contact the course coordinator.

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### Student visas

It is your responsibility to obtain a valid passport and student visa before you enter Australia for study purposes. Visa assessment levels are determined by country of citizenship and course type. For details on visas and assessment levels, visit: [border.gov.au/Trav/Stud](https://border.gov.au/Trav/Stud). Further information on visas can be found on the La Trobe website [latrobe.edu.au/students/new-students/international/visa](https://latrobe.edu.au/students/new-students/international/visa).

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### Scholarships

La Trobe offers a range of scholarships to eligible international students. Information on the various scholarships available, eligibility criteria and the application process can be found at [latrobe.edu.au/study/costs/international/scholarships](https://latrobe.edu.au/study/costs/international/scholarships).

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# LIVING IN MELBOURNE

Melbourne is Australia's best city for international students and second best in the world ahead of Tokyo, Sydney and London. Melbourne received a perfect score (100/100) for student mix, which looks at the city's student population, levels of social inclusion, and tolerance.\*\* A diverse student population and a high level of social inclusion and employer activity add to Melbourne already having:

- a high quality of living
- a busy calendar of cultural events, from fashion and food to comedy and live music
- a range of high quality museums
- an excellent range of music venues, cafes, restaurants and bars, sporting events, and natural beauty.

## Entertainment and recreation

Melbourne is often referred to as Australia's cultural and sport capital. It has a thriving live music scene, art galleries, museums and a multitude of major festivals and events such as the Comedy Festival, the International Film Festival and the Fringe Festival, to name a few. There is also an abundance of multicultural food in Melbourne and you can experience some of the world's best cuisine, from fine-dining restaurants to food trucks.

## Weather

Victoria is located in the south-east corner of Australia and enjoys a temperate climate with four distinct seasons. The hottest months are January and February, and the coolest months are usually July and August. In summer, temperatures can reach over 40°C, while in winter, around Victoria, temperatures can range from around 2°C to 15°C.

## Public Transport

The Melbourne public transport system incorporates train, tram and bus services. Information on fares and timetables, including fares and timetables, is available at [ptv.vic.gov.au/](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/).



## Most Liveable City

Melbourne was once again rated as the world's most liveable city\* in 2015 after a string of top rankings since 2002, and the second best Student City in the World\*\*.

\* 2015 Global Liveability Ranking, Economist Intelligence Unit

\*\* QS Best Student Cities Ranking

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