Monash Faculty of Law / Washington College of Law
Dual Juris Doctor Degree Program

In an Australian-first agreement with a US law school, the Faculty of Law has established a dual-degree program with Washington College of Law (WCL), at American University, Washington, D.C. Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded a Juris Doctor from both law schools.

The international Juris Doctor program provides an excellent opportunity to acquire valuable on-site education and skills to work as a “local” lawyer in both Australia and the US.

The dual degree will involve two years of study in Washington, D.C. in order to meet the requirements of the American Bar Association. It will be up to the student whether they wish to complete their degree in the USA or return to Australia for a final semester. Upon completion of the dual-degree, students will be able to sit the U.S. bar examination and/or undertake Practical Legal Training in order to gain admission to practice in Victoria.

About the Washington College of Law
The Washington College of Law (WCL), founded in 1896, has been part of American University since 1949. WCL is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is approved by the American Bar Association. The law school also meets the requirements for preparation for the bar in all 50 US states and carries the certification for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the New York State Department of Education.

Located in the northwest edge of Washington, D.C., near the Maryland state line, the law school is 20 minutes from the White House and is set within the green boundaries of a residential neighbourhood.

To learn more about the campus and history of WCL, please access the webpage: http://www.wcl.american.edu/history/facts.cfm

Eligibility
To be eligible to apply for the dual degree program students must have:

- an active enrolment in a Master of Laws (Juris Doctor) program
- completed at least 48 credit points of your Master of Laws (Juris Doctor) course at Monash by the time you lodge your application
- a minimum credit average (60%)

If you have studied as a part-time student you may apply for the dual JD program but must study a full-time load at WCL.
Application Process

Completed application forms, including all relevant documents, should be submitted to the postgraduate office at Monash University Law Chambers by the closing date (students should keep a copy for their own records). Detailed information is available at the web address: http://www.law.monash.edu.au/jd/students/dualjd.html

Late applications may not be accepted.

For further information on the program, please contact the JD course coordinator at:

Monash University Law Chambers
555 Lonsdale street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Australia
Tel: +61 3 9903 8500
Fax: +61 3 9903 8503
Email: law-pgstudents@law.monash.edu.au
How to apply

Step 1
Fill out your personal details

Complete all other sections of the form in black ink and BLOCK LETTERS. Provide all of your personal details.

Step 2
Select units to study

Use the links on the faculty website [https://www.monash.edu/law/current-students/jd/dualjd] to go to the Washington College of Law website and select the units you want to study. Make sure you understand the terminology used at the Washington College of Law (e.g. units are referred as ‘courses’), what is considered a full-time load and how to read their unit outlines.

Step 3
Prepare your study plan

Enter details of the WCL units you have chosen in section 2 of the application form. You must do a full-time study load at the Washington College of Law (no off-campus learning units). A full-time load is the equivalent of 48 Monash credit points per academic year. You should select more electives than required in case some of your chosen units are not available when you get to Washington College of Law (e.g. because of timetable clashes). It is much easier to get additional units approved before you leave rather than by email after you are in the United States.

Step 4
Submit your application

Once you have completed your proposed study plan, take the entire application to the course coordinator. Remember to keep a copy for yourself.

Step 5
Obtain two academic references

You will need to get two references from Monash lecturers or tutors in any area of your study at Monash so far. Your referees should send reference letters to the faculty office directly or return them to you in a sealed envelope.

Step 6
Prepare financial information

Complete your financial plan carefully. The figures only need to be an estimate but it is important to be realistic as this will help you to understand the costs involved in studying overseas. You do not have to have any minimum amount available for your application to be approved by Monash. As a guide, previous exchange students have advised they budgeted approximately $2,000 for living expenses (excluding airfares and visas) per month for each month they were away, although this varies between countries. Evidence of your financial resources may be required for visas or other purposes. In addition, students may be required to take out their health insurance policy, please check the WCL website for further information.

Selection

Selection for the Monash and Washington College of Law Dual JD degree is made on the basis of academic merit and an evaluation of your suitability to participate in the program and to represent Monash overseas. Your academic record, and references will all be taken into account.

Once the faculty has assessed your eligibility you will be notified of the outcome and, if successful, your application will be forwarded to the Washington College of Law for final approval. It is important to be aware that your acceptance is not final until you have received an official letter of offer from the host university. This typically takes 2-3 months after the faculty
closing date for applications.

**Enrolment/credit transfer**

Before going overseas you must be enrolled at Monash in the appropriate study abroad units. This is done by your faculty and cannot be completed on WES. Monash enrolment must be maintained while on the overseas program (in addition to being enrolled at the host university) and Monash census dates adhered to.

**Travel insurance**

It is a condition of your participation in the program that you have comprehensive travel insurance for the whole of your overseas study period. You will be asked to provide a copy of your insurance certificate before you leave Australia.

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**Checklist**

- Monash Dual JD application form
- Washington College of Law Dual JD application form
- Academic references
- Certified copy of passport
Monash Faculty of Law/WCL Dual JD Masters Program
Application Form

1. Personal information

Title: ________  Surname: ________________  Given names: ____________________________
Monash ID number: ______________  Sex: Male □  Female □  Date of birth: _________________
Are you registered with the Disability Liaison Unit?  Yes □  No □

Postal address for correspondence

Number and street: __________________________________________  Suburb: ___________________
State: ________________  Country: ________________  Postcode: __________________
Telephone: ________________  Mobile: ________________  Fax: ________________
Monash email: ________________________  Personal email: _______________________________
Nationality: ________________  Country where Passport was issued: ________________
Passport number: ________________  Are you an international student?  Yes □  No □

Emergency contact details

Name: ___________________________  Relationship to student: _______________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Telephone: ________________  Mobile: __________________

Referees contact details

Name: ___________________________  Title: ____________  Occupation: ___________________
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## 2. Proposed study plan

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^Compulsory units to be studied at WCL. Equivalent to LAW7264 and LAW7272 and will be credited if not already completed in the Monash JD

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Student Signature: ________________________________   Date: ____________________

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Faculty does not approve this application due to:

______________________________________________________________________________

Faculty approve this application and the above study plan which will be credited to the students degree upon successful completion.

Approved by [print name]: ________________   Signature: ________________   Date: __________