

## **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 the (Juris Doctor) program
- completed at least 48 credit points of your (Juris Doctor) course at Monash by the time you lodge your application
- Have successfully completed 54 credit points of your (Juris Doctor) course at Monash as of the date of departure for WCL
- 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 Student Services team at:**

Monash University Law Chambers  
555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Australia  
Tel: 1800 MONASH (1800 666 274)  
Fax: +61 3 9903 8503  
Email: [ask.monash](mailto:ask.monash)

---

# 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 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 \$2,500 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.

## 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Proposed study plan

WCL course/unit code	WCL course/unit title	Credit points	WCL year/ semester	FACULTY USE ONLY
				Faculty approval
LAW-501-002	Civil Procedure	4		
LAW-516-027	Legal Rhetoric: Writing & Research I	2		
LAW-503-002	Constitutional Law	4		
LAW-507-027	^Criminal Law	3		
LAW-517-027	Legal Rhetoric: Writing & Research II	2		
LAW-508-005	^Criminal Procedure I	3		
LAW-550-003	Legal Ethics	2		
	Elective + Upper Level Writing	0		
	Experiential Learning requirement	6		
	Commercial Law elective (select one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAW-611 Business Associations</li> <li>• LAW-670 Intellectual Property Policy and Law</li> <li>• LAW-639 Federal Corporate Income Tax</li> <li>• LAW-647 Federal Personal Income Tax</li> </ul>			
	Elective			
	Elective			
	Elective			
	Elective			
	Elective			
	Elective			
	Elective			
	Alternative choice of electives:			

^Compulsory units to be studied at WCL. Equivalent to LAW5001 and will be credited if not already completed in the Monash JD. However, it is a Monash expectation that all students have completed LAW5001 prior to enrolment at WCL. Students must have completed 54 hours of the Monash JD before their departure from Australia.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Office Use Only:

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: \_\_\_\_\_