

Course structure

The Monash JD is taught in trimesters and has three intakes per year, late January, May and late August. The first trimester is taught at Monash University's Clayton campus. Subsequent trimesters are taught at the Monash University Law Chambers at 472 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

The initial units provide an introduction to the study of law. After completing most of the compulsory units, students then undertake elective units from the Monash Law School masters program. Elective units are taught in a variety of formats; in the evenings, in intensive blocks or over the standard university semester. When undertaking these units, Monash JD students are able to study alongside qualified lawyers and other professionals.

The course is structured to facilitate steady progression through the degree. There is a well-planned, predetermined order to ensure students develop the required skills and knowledge to progress through the course successfully while balancing other demands.

2010 Monash LLM(JD) course structure plan

All students commence with two units per trimester. After two trimesters, students may:

- undertake our 'full time course progression' taking three units per trimester over three years; or
 - undertake our 'standard course progression' over four years or more; or
 - apply to the Course Convenor to accelerate their progress to complete the Monash JD in two and a half years where work or other commitments permit.
- Students may increase or decrease the number of units taken concurrently in order to shorten or lengthen the duration of their course.

3 year – Full-time course progression (domestic and international applicants)

Year 1			Year 2			Year 3		
Trimester 1 (Clayton)	Trimester 2 (City)	Trimester 3 (City)	Trimester 4 (City)	Trimester 5 (City)	Trimester 6 (City)	Trimester 7 (City)	Trimester 8 (City)	Trimester 9 (City)
LAW 7212 Australian legal system	LAW 7264 Principles of criminal law and procedure	LAW 7267 Principles of property law	LAW 7269 Principles of equity	LAW 7275 Principles of corporations law	Elective unit or LAW7268 Principles of constitutional law	LAW 7274 Principles of administrative law	Elective unit	Elective unit
LAW 7079 Legal research and problem solving	LAW7428 Contract A	LAW 7429 Contract B	LAW 7271 Principles of trusts	LAW 7270 Advanced property law	Elective unit	Elective unit	Elective unit or LAW 7331* Lawyer's responsibilities	Elective unit
		LAW 7266 Principles of torts	LAW 7273 Principles of evidence	LAW 7268 Principles of constitutional law or LAW 7272 Principles of civil procedure	LAW 7277 Advanced corporations law	LAW 7272 Principles of civil procedure or Elective unit	Elective unit	

Colour key:

- Units are taught in pairs on one nominated day
- Units taught on another nominated day
- Electives taken from our Monash masters program

4 year – Standard course progression (domestic applicants)

Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			Year 4		
Trimester 1 (Clayton)	Trimester 2 (City)	Trimester 3 (City)	Trimester 4 (City)	Trimester 5 (City)	Trimester 6 (City)	Trimester 7 (City)	Trimester 8 (City)	Trimester 9 (City)	Trimester 10 (City)	Trimester 11 (City)	Trimester 12 (City)
LAW 7212 Australian legal system	LAW 7264 Principles of criminal law and procedure	LAW 7267 Principles of property law	LAW 7269 Principles of equity	LAW 7275 Principles of corporations law	LAW 7268 Principles of constitutional law	LAW 7272 Principles of civil procedure	LAW 7274 Principles of administration law	LAW 7277 Advanced corporations law	Elective unit	Elective unit	Elective unit
LAW 7079 Legal research and problem solving	LAW 7428 Contract A	LAW 7429 Contract B	LAW 7271 Principles of trusts	LAW 7270 Advanced property law	LAW 7266 Principles of torts	LAW 7273 Principles of evidence	Elective unit or LAW 7331* Lawyer's responsibilities	Elective unit	Elective unit	Elective unit	Elective unit

2.5 year – Accelerated course progression (domestic and international applicants)

After two trimesters high performing students may choose to apply to the Course Convenor to accelerate their progress to complete the Monash JD in two and a half years where work or other commitments permit.

*Note: Students must choose the elective LAW7331 – Lawyers' responsibilities to fulfill all the academic requirements for admission as a legal practitioner.

For a summary of our JD unit descriptions, please see page 10.