



Law at Deakin 2007



welcome to Deakin School of Law

The practice of law is a noble profession. Lawyers are protectors of rights and enforcers of duties and it is doubtful whether any profession deals with interests that more centrally affect the capacity of people to flourish. In light of this, it is critical that lawyers practice in a fair and ethical manner.



Sam Cusumano
Acting Head, School of Law

At Deakin University we aim to provide students with the conceptual knowledge and practical skills which will enable them to be better equipped than any other law graduates in the country to meet the challenges of legal practice. Deakin graduates are trained to practice in a highly ethical, professional and expert manner. They are trained not only to meet the rigorous demands of the profession, but to elevate the competencies and proficiencies expected of lawyers.

The Deakin Law programs provide innovative and distinctive legal education, rather than replicating the courses and approaches of other law schools across the country. The programs at Deakin have a distinctive orientation towards commercial law with practical and theoretical training through small group lectures and tutorials. We make legal education broadly accessible through on and off-campus modes of teaching.

Our excellent undergraduate and postgraduate programs offer both a broad and specialist commercial focus ensuring that our students enjoy a competitive advantage over other law schools and faculties.

The Deakin School of Law has a first-class reputation for research output which continues to grow with innovative research ideas being generated from

our highly qualified staff. The School is well advanced to achieving its objective of being the leading research school (prorata) in the country.

The School is progressively expanding its local and international reputation as a 'Centre for Academic Excellence'; and one that provides an exceptionally pleasant study and work environment for all its students and staff.

For those who might be contemplating studying by distance education, we have devoted much time, money and energy to ensuring you have the best possible legal education; excellent materials delivered by the best technology available and as much personal contact with lecturers as possible.

Our commitment to the use of the computer conferencing program, *Deakin Studies Online* (DSO), a virtual on-campus learning environment, will continue to create an enriching learning experience for both off-campus and on-campus students.

To facilitate the acquisition of practical skills, all students, from their first semester, are put into fictional legal firms and participate in various dispute resolution activities. They formulate arguments, advise clients, develop advocacy skills in moots, mediations and mock trials, write judgements and so on. We have made regular professional experience placements mandatory.

Attendance at a legal clinic is a popular course of study. We encourage students to participate in various activities designed to hone these skills – for instance, by participating in domestic and international moots and the like.

These factors make our program a rich and satisfying one for students who are seeking a challenging and rewarding education. If you decide to study law I look forward to seeing you at Deakin.

undergraduate courses

Deakin's LLB program allows students to combine their study of law units in the areas of arts, international studies, commerce or science, or to study law alone.

Each of the courses within the LLB program has an orientation towards practise as a lawyer and, as a result, has been designed to cover all the areas of law needed to satisfy the university component of the requirements for admission as a barrister and solicitor. The program as a whole reflects the school's commitment to maximising the employment prospects of its graduates.

> Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

Applicants may apply for advanced standing on the basis of prior study or work experience.

Study mode: On campus at Melbourne campus at Burwood or Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds. First two years offered at the Warrnambool campus.
4yrs full-time
Deakin course code: M312

> Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws (BA/LLB)

Study mode: On campus at Melbourne campus at Burwood or Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds
5yrs full-time
Deakin course code: D312

> Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Laws (BCom/LLB)

Study mode: On campus at Melbourne campus at Burwood or Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds
5yrs full-time
Deakin course code: D322

> Bachelor of Management/ Bachelor of Laws (BMgt/LLB)

Study mode: On campus at Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds
5yrs full-time
Deakin course code: D327

> Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Laws (BSci/LLB)

Study mode: On campus at Melbourne campus at Burwood or Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds
5yrs full-time
Deakin course code: D331

> Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) LLB/BA(IS)

Study mode: On campus at Melbourne campus at Burwood or Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds
5yrs full-time
Deakin course code: D323

Further information and how to apply

Detailed information about the features of the Bachelor of Laws and course rules are available from Deakin University's online Handbook. Go to www.deakin.edu.au/handbook/

For further information regarding making application for undergraduate law courses turn to page 12 of this brochure.

ENTER scores

The Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank (ENTER) is the primary selection mechanism for year 12 students. The ENTER is automatically calculated and distributed by VTAC to all current VCE students who have completed the appropriate VCE studies (as outlined in the VTAC Guide).

The ENTER score required for entry into a particular course is determined each year, based on the following factors:

- >the number of places available in a particular course on a particular campus;
- >the demand for places in a particular course on a particular campus;
- >the ENTER scores achieved by all applicants for a particular course on a particular campus.

It is not possible to predict the ENTER scores required for entry into a particular course. As a guide, the ENTER scores required for 2006 entry (clearly in) were as follows:

>D312 Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws

Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds 88.15
Melbourne campus at Burwood 93.75

>D322 Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws

Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds 88.35
Melbourne campus at Burwood 93.8

>D331 Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws

Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds 92.05
Melbourne campus at Burwood 93.3

>M312 Bachelor of Laws

Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds 80.20
Melbourne campus at Burwood 90.8

>D323 Bachelor of Arts (International Studies)/Bachelor of Laws

Geelong campus at Warrnambool Ponds 86.65
Melbourne campus at Burwood 92.2

features of the Deakin LLB program

Practical orientation

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and combined Law programs are designed principally as qualifications for entry to the legal profession.

While the School of Law recognises that not all law graduates practise law, the LLB course was developed with the belief that its primary role is to equip graduates with the knowledge, skills and attributes which are necessary for the professional practise of law.

The degree covers all areas of knowledge required by the Council of Legal Education (COLE) of Victoria for admission to practice in this state. This does not preclude students from other states from practice, however, interstate or overseas students may be required to complete some additional requirements in order to satisfy the requirements of the state in which they intend to practice.

The development of professional skills

Law students will emerge from Deakin with a broad technical competency, a specialisation in commercial law and an appreciation of how the law operates in practice. They will also have acquired highly developed research and analytical capabilities, a facility to quickly master a situation and the ability to present a case in a persuasive and convincing manner. All of these elements are important components of our legal training.

Practical Legal Skills training

A team from the School of Law received a Commonwealth grant from the Committee for the Advancement of



University Teaching to develop materials for the School's 'Practical Legal Skills Training' course.

Practical Legal Skills training is conducted each year through the medium of fictional law firms. The firms are assigned tasks designed to train students to apply their theoretical learning to the practical work performed by lawyers.

The tasks involved include:

- advising clients;
- preparing briefs to counsel;
- drafting pleadings;
- forming companies;
- conducting a conveyance; and
- dealing with taxation problems.

Professional experience

As part of its orientation towards practising law, the Deakin LLB requires students to acquire some experience of legal practice during their course by working for a period each year in a law related environment. This requirement is designed to enrich each student's formal legal education and to ensure that our graduates have practical experience in the operation of the law and those who work in the legal system.

Professional experience placements may occur in any environment in which a student can gain experience on how the law, or the legal system, operates in practice.

Placements with a solicitor or barrister, in a public law or regulatory office such as the ACCC, ASIC or Crown Law Department, in a court, or with a police prosecutor are examples.

It is not expected that there be any formal instruction for the student. Rather, they are expected only to be able to experience the work undertaken by those working at the placement. In particular, it is hoped that they will be able to experience some or all of the following:

- the types of routines and procedures commonly found in the office;
- the dynamics which are commonly associated with the provision of legal services by the office; and
- the process of becoming a professional.

Deakin Law students are not permitted to graduate without having undertaken the required duration of professional work experience by the end of their course.

LLB (4 year) and combined degree students must complete 30 days professional work experience.

Dispute resolution

Dispute resolution is an important part of the practical legal skills component of the LLB program. Students are required to satisfactorily pass four dispute resolution units by undertaking exercises in the various dispute resolution methods set out below.

These exercises assist students to acquire skills in advocacy, research and the preparation of a brief. Within the structure and procedures of a court setting, students are required to develop and argue a case as part of a team.

This requirement means that all students are required to attend the Warrnambool campus to undertake the assessment for these units. This

includes off-campus students who reside interstate or overseas. There are no exemptions from this requirement or from attendance to undertake this requirement.

MLL101 Moot

MLL020 Mediation

MLL030 Arbitration

MLL040 Witness Examination

Commercial Law focus

Deakin's undergraduate and postgraduate programs focus on commercial law. This is the School's special area of interest and expertise and it is in this area that our graduates will have something distinctive to offer. Commercial law is a most important and challenging area of practice and one that is changing rapidly.

As well as conducting litigation and facilitating property transactions, commercial lawyers are increasingly using their legal expertise to directly contribute to their clients' business ventures at the formative stages.

Our programs seek to provide Deakin students with a comprehensive

understanding of all the main areas of commercial law. Our programs offer several commercial law elective units and we add commercial law segments to the other compulsory non-commercial law units. The School is establishing a reputation as a centre of excellence within this field.

International Experience

Study in China

Since 1996, during the mid-year break, the School of Law has conducted its Chinese Commercial Law study tour at the Chinese University of Political Science & Law (CUPL) in Beijing. The tour is designed to provide an opportunity for students to undertake an intensive study program on various aspects of Chinese Commercial Law. During the two-week program, students divide their time between classes conducted at the University, field trips and sightseeing around the city of Beijing.

The study tour is very popular, with over 30 students travelling to Beijing for this cultural and educational experience. On completion of the set assessment, students gain a full credit point toward

their LLB degree. The unit covers topics such as the Chinese legal system, contract law, foreign investment and trade laws, intellectual property law, labour law relating to joint ventures and dispute resolution.

Study in Europe

The School of Law offers a European study program in International Commercial Law. Students participating in the three week program study International Commercial Law, combining an intensive series of lectures in France with on site visits and seminars at law firms, corporations, and institutions in Paris, Luxembourg and London.

The two week intensive lectures are based at ESSCA (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers) in the Loire Valley.

The program combines an academic component within an international context, with formal visits to trade and legal organisations and institutions and an exciting cultural experience.

Education Abroad Program

As a Deakin law student the University's Education Abroad program can take you all over the world. Our choice of destinations continues to grow with



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partner universities in over 20 countries such as Mexico, USA, Sweden, Italy, Japan, UK, China, Canada, Costa Rica and Norway.

Prepare for the global employment market - gain a competitive edge in the employment market through international experience.

Develop personally - learn and grow, embrace new cultures and challenge beliefs.

Gain academically – access a full and diverse set of subject choices.

Learn or improve another language. Learn as much outside the classroom as within.

International Mooting Competitions

Deakin Law students have various opportunities to participate in international mooting competitions such as the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition conducted in Vienna and The Philip C Jessup International Law Moot, held each year in Washington DC. These opportunities enable Deakin law students to meet law students from around the world, work within the framework of different legal systems, and to enjoy the challenge of competing internationally. With the export of legal services now an important area of opportunity for Australian law firms, exposure to these international moot competition is a wonderful experience and practical introduction to the globalisation of legal work.

Attributes of a Deakin Graduate

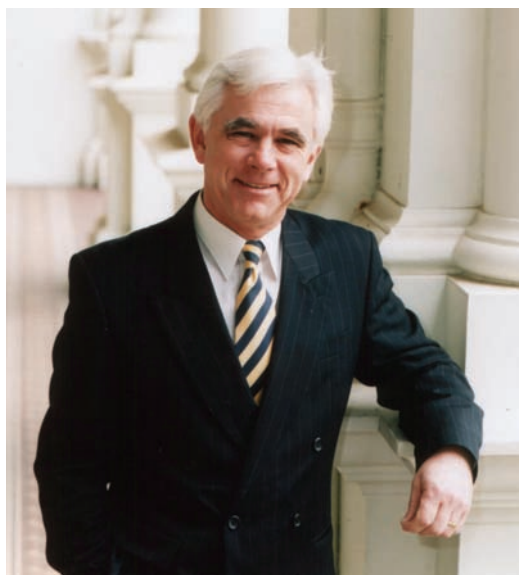
The LLB degree program will provide opportunities for students to develop the 'Attributes of a Deakin graduate' in the following areas of knowledge and understanding, skills and attitudes:

- knowledge and understanding;
- acquisition of, and ability to work with, a systematic body of knowledge, based on the highest standards of scholarship and research;
- understanding of the professional, social, economic and cultural contexts of the discipline areas;
- understanding of the principles and applications of sustainable development skills;
- identifying, gathering, retrieving and working with textual, graphic and numerical information;
- communication, orally and in written form, across a range of contexts;
- personal organisation and management;
- collaborative and team working;
- harnessing information and communication technology;
- critical analysis, problem solving, and creative thinking attitudes;

commitment to independent and lifelong learning;

awareness of ethics, social responsibility and cultural diversity;

appreciation of international perspectives in a global environment.



From the Dean of the Faculty

'The School of Law at Deakin University seeks to provide innovative and distinctive legal education.

The law programs at Deakin have a distinctive and deliberate orientation towards commercial law with practical and theoretical training through small group lectures and tutorials. We seek to make legal education broadly accessible through on and off-campus modes of teaching.

These elements underly the character of Law at Deakin, attract students to our courses and give our graduates something quite special to offer.'

Professor Philip Clarke
Dean, Faculty of Business and Law

on-campus study

Students are important

The success of our students is important to the School of Law. Every effort is made to ensure their time with us is as rewarding and enjoyable as possible. We recognise that the transition from secondary school to university can be difficult and that postgraduate study can be challenging when trying to balance the competing demands of family and employment.

The teaching and administrative components of our programs seek to take account of these factors by offering courses in a variety of modes, by being as flexible as possible in teaching and by responding speedily to requests for assistance.

Teaching is a priority

Within the School, teaching is our first priority. School of Law staff are committed to ensuring that our students are taught in the best possible manner and provided with all the facilities they need to further their education. The methods used within the School of Law, or the University generally, to cater for the needs of its students include:

- instructionally designed materials;
- library services;
- examination centre network;
- study groups; and
- online learning (Deakin Studies Online).

Study groups

Undergraduate students are encouraged to study and learn cooperatively by using their fictional practical legal skills 'firms' to form working relationships amongst themselves. This creates a school environment that is personal and cooperative whilst retaining its demanding and challenging character.

Supportive administration

The School of Law seeks to provide responsive administrative support for its students. Because of its size there is a flexible and friendly interaction between students, academic and administrative staff which provides students with easy access to course advice and general guidance.

The School's commitment to teaching excellence

The School takes teaching very seriously and has entrenched a commitment to innovative and rigorous teaching in its Guidelines for Academic Performance. As part of this commitment, all members of staff are expected to:

— Ensure that their classes are presented in the best possible manner. This requires classes to be intellectually rigorous and stimulating, thoroughly prepared, current, relevant and conducted in accordance with the timetable.

— Ensure that their students are provided, where possible, with first class teaching materials. This involves the development and preparation of study guides and readers, and utilisation of computer mediated learning facilities.

— Be available for consultation. This requires members of staff to ensure that they are available to discuss all aspects of the units they teach at times suitable to the students taking those units (both on and off campus) and the other teachers involved.

— Show courtesy and consideration towards students. While being free to conduct their classes in the manner they consider provides the best education, members of staff are expected to behave in a courteous and non-discriminatory manner and show consideration towards the students in those classes.

Law students' commitment

A reciprocal commitment is expected from Law students. In particular, they are expected to:

— Prepare for class by completing assigned reading. Most classes will require students to have read and be able to discuss prescribed material. This form of teaching is designed to assist students to develop analytical, reasoning and communication skills. It is interactive and requires contributions from members of the class as well as the teacher. If students do not prepare for class their education will be jeopardised.

— Participate in joint exercises. The Practical Legal Skills program requires on and off-campus students to work on joint 'practical' tasks with the other members of the firm to which they are assigned. It is incumbent upon each student to contribute properly and equally to these joint exercises.

— Show courtesy and consideration towards staff and other students.

— Be on time for classes. Classes commence on the hour and finish at ten minutes to the hour. Punctuality is expected of all students.

Time commitment

Variations between individuals make it impossible to prescribe the exact amount of time students should expect to devote to LLB studies each week. However, as a guide, bear in mind the following:

— Although in most cases attendance at



LLB classes and tutorials is optional, students are likely to maximise their performance by attending them (total for a student taking two units: between six and eight hours per week). In addition to attending classes, for each LLB unit, students should spend approximately twelve hours per week in private study throughout the whole semester (total for a student taking two units: approximately twenty-four hours per week).

— There are compulsory Dispute Resolution, Professional Experience and Practical Legal Skills requirements. Students will not be deemed eligible to graduate without fulfilling these requirements.

— In most 'non skills' units there is an optional research assignment worth 30% of the final mark.

Classes

Classes are conducted over a thirteen week semester, with the exception of summer semester which is ten weeks. As far as possible, the material to be covered in a unit will be taught evenly over that period and it is expected that new material will be covered throughout the duration of the semester.

When structuring the classes for each unit, the School of Law has taken into account the prescriptions for accreditation specified by the Council of Legal Education (COLE). This has determined the rate at which most of the compulsory units in the LLB degree are taught.

online and off-campus learning

All the courses offered in law at Deakin have units that can be undertaken off campus. Should you undertake a unit off campus you will be taught using a combination of printed materials and electronic communication via Deakin Studies Online (DSO).

Deakin prepares its graduates to be confident and competent using online technologies and in online environments.

Deakin uses online technologies to enrich learning experiences and add flexibility and value for all students.

Deakin's online campus provides distance education students with additional access to online resources and services and opportunities for interaction.

Deakin Studies Online

Using Deakin Studies Online (DSO), law students can access course materials, receive lecture notes and interact with tutorial groups.

It is a very important method of communication between lecturers, unit chairs and their students. It also provides a unique opportunity for all students to express their views on the subject matter of the unit. Furthermore, some lecturers will only accept assignments submitted via Deakin Studies Online. More information on the specific use of Deakin Studies Online for individual units is provided to students by lecturers and can be found in the Unit Outline of study materials provided.

Deakin Studies Online is available both remotely (ie. from outside the University) and from all on-campus computer laboratories. Remote access is gained via the Internet and a web browser such as Internet Explorer.

For further information visit www.deakin.edu.au/online-offcampus/index.php

Instructionally designed materials

Deakin's expertise in the online area has been used to develop and produce off-campus legal materials for all units. The preparation of these materials involves

combining the skills of academic staff, instructional designers, editors and graphic designers with a view to producing the materials which will enable students to progress through the units they study largely on their own. These materials are made available to off-campus and postgraduate students without charge via DSO as well as by mail. On-campus students may acquire them through the campus bookshop.

Revision weekends

Optional revision weekends are conducted for off-campus students. These weekends enable students to maintain a physical contact with the School of Law and participate in lectures and tutorials. They also provide a valuable opportunity to discuss issues with other students and their teachers. Two revision weekends are conducted per semester for each core LLB unit and one revision weekend is conducted for each elective LLB unit. Revision weekends are conducted at the Melbourne campus at Burwood and the Geelong campus at Waurin Ponds on a rotational basis. Attendance is highly recommended.

Off-campus Library service

Deakin University Library supports the course and research programs of the University. The off-campus library service provides support to eligible off-campus students by delivering library materials at no direct cost, and by providing phone and online assistance.

For further information visit www.deakin.edu.au/library

Examination centre network

The University's Student Administration has an established network of examination centres in Australia and overseas. However, if a student lives far from an existing examination centre, special arrangements can be made.

For further information visit www.deakin.edu.au/aasd/students/assessments/exam_locations_off-campus.php

Interactive study

Deakin University has changed the nature of off-campus study by encouraging interactive, group-based learning, through the use of study groups, Revision Weekends and Deakin Studies Online.

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StudentConnect

StudentConnect allows students to inquire in real-time on their student administrative record. Specific enrolment information such as personal details, course or unit details, fees, results, advanced standing, examination timeables and variation to enrolment can be accessed within this portal.



careers in law

The legal profession is a special and influential community with an intriguing style, language and approach, combined with a professional aura and mystique which flows from its rich traditions and historical development. It is a profession which is generally well rewarded. It is also one which offers practitioners the opportunity of providing a real service to the community.

Many lawyers never appear in court. However, for others it is the theatre and combative arena which are the key to their enjoyment of legal practice.

Influence and impact

The legal profession has influence and impact because it is central to the way our society works.

While the extent to which lawyers play a role in the political arena is legendary, lawyers also play an instrumental role in the personal, corporate and social events of the day. This ranges from everyday conveyancing, criminal cases of every conceivable variety, to involvement in the structure, profits and taxation of the corporate world, civil liberties, the control of corporate power and the promotion of international trade and investment. It is this reach and influence of the profession, coupled with its rich traditions, which gives it its very particular appeal.

Breadth

The Deakin LLB degree requires students to study all the principal areas of law at some stage in their course. In addition, there are several stimulating elective units to round off the rich experience of studying Law at Deakin. It is an approach that has been adopted to ensure that students receive a broad legal education and are well equipped to recognise all the issues raised by their clients' problems.



Career opportunities

The commercial law focus of Deakin's undergraduate and postgraduate programs opens up career opportunities for our graduates in a great variety of areas. These include law firms with international, city, country or suburban practices; corporate legal departments, administrative departments in businesses and the public service, accountancy firms; research and policy sections within the public and private sectors; regulatory authorities such as the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and, of course, the Bar.

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Professional recognition

The LLB and combined undergraduate law program is designed principally as qualifications for entry to the legal profession. The degree covers all areas of knowledge required by the Council of Legal Education (COLE) of Victoria for admission to practice in this state. This does not preclude students from other states from practice, however, interstate students may be required to complete some additional requirements in order to satisfy the requirements of the state in which they intend to practice.

Admission to Practice in Victoria, means admission to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria. In addition to completing an approved LLB degree, this requires a person seeking admission to work for one year as an articled clerk, or to undertake the practical legal training courses. Similar requirements exist in the other Australian jurisdictions involving articles of clerkship or the completion of practical training at institutions such as the College of Law in New South Wales and the Legal Workshop in the ACT.

how to apply

School Leavers

Year 12 students must apply through VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre).

Entry is based on the ENTER (Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank) score achieved. For further information contact VTAC on 1300 364 133 or visit www.vtac.edu.au

Non-School Leavers

Within the non-school leaver category, there are 4 sub categories. All applicants in the non-school leaver categories must also apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC). Applicants may purchase a copy of *VTAC Guide 2007* (available from newsagencies). The Guide contains the application form and other relevant information. Alternatively, applications can be made online at www.vtac.edu.au.

Applications for 2007 entry close at 5pm on 29 September 2006. Late applications will not be accepted for those applicants required to sit the DULSAT.

> Sub category 1

Applicants who have undertaken any study (complete or incomplete) at a degree level at an Australian University within the last 10 years.

Applicants in this sub category are required to undertake the Deakin University Law School Admission Test (DULSAT). Selection is based on a combination of the DULSAT result and results achieved in tertiary studies (at a degree level or above) undertaken within the last 10 years.

Tertiary results are converted to a Grade Point Average (GPA) and carry 60% weighting. The DULSAT result carries 40% weighting. Please note, tertiary results must be from an Australian university. Results obtained from overseas universities will not be converted into a GPA, but will be considered. Applicants in this sub category are assessed separately from School leavers.

>Sub category 2

Applicants who have not attempted any tertiary study and are not school leavers.

Applicants in this sub category are required to undertake the Deakin University Law School Admission Test (DULSAT). Selection is based entirely on the DULSAT result. No other criteria is considered. Applicants in this sub category are assessed separately from School leavers.

>Sub category 3

Applicants who are currently enrolled, or have been enrolled in 2004, 2005 or 2006, in a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree and have completed the equivalent of one full-time year at an Australian university.

Applicants in this sub category are exempt from undertaking DULSAT. Selection is based on results achieved as part of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree, at an Australian university. Results will be converted to a Grade Point Average (GPA). Applicants who achieve the top ranking GPA's will be offered a place.

>Sub category 4

An applicant who has successfully completed a postgraduate qualification in Law in 2004, 2005 or 2006.

Applicants in this sub category are exempt from undertaking DULSAT. Selection is based on results achieved in tertiary studies (at a degree level or above) undertaken within the last 10 years. Results will be converted to a Grade Point Average (GPA). Applicants who achieve the top ranking GPA's will be offered a place.

Alternate Entry

Deakin University students may apply for an internal course transfer into the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree.

To be eligible to make an application for an internal course transfer, applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree course at Deakin University and have completed at least eight credit points in that degree course.

Applicants must also have attained a minimum of a distinction average (70% and above) in order to be eligible to transfer into a law course.

Students who have completed more than two-thirds of their current course are not eligible to make an application for an internal transfer.

Applicants must apply directly to the School of Law using a *Course Transfer Application Form* (available from the Law School Office at the Melbourne campus at Burwood or the Faculty campus office at the Geelong campus at Waurin Ponds or the Warrnambool campus).

Applications for 2007 entry close in late November 2006 (date TBA).

Selection is competitive and based on academic results achieved at Deakin University in the current course of enrolment. A limited number of places are offered each year therefore an average of 70% (and above), does not guarantee every applicant a place.

Deakin University Law School Admission Test (DULSAT)

The DULSAT is equivalent to the Australian Law Schools Entrance Test (ALSET) which is used by a number of Law Schools at Australian tertiary institutions as part of their admissions process. It is devised by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) for Deakin University.

The DULSAT is designed to assess a range of competencies commonly considered important for successful tertiary study in the area of law. The purpose of the DULSAT is to appraise a candidate's ability to think critically about issues and understand the material given rather than to assess areas of knowledge of curriculum.

DULSAT questions typically require candidates to read and think about a passage of writing, to interpret graphical displays of information, to use mathematical relationships and to reason about tables of data. The questions are based on a wide range of law-related stimulus materials. All the information required to answer questions is contained in the stimulus material.

The DULSAT is two hours in duration and contains 70 multiple choice questions.

Support materials available

ACER provides all the testing materials needed for administration of the DULSAT, accompanied by detailed instructions.

Candidates answer the test on special 'Answer Sheets' which are optically scanned and scored by machine. There is evidence that specific coaching for tests such as DULSAT is not particularly effective in improving a candidate's score.

This is partly because the tests are designed to assess reasoning and comprehension skills which develop over extended periods of time through a variety of experiences. A candidate's best preparation is to read widely and to

think critically about what is read. There is also value in becoming familiar with the kinds of questions encountered on DULSAT and with general test taking strategies.

A good starting point in preparing for the DULSAT is to work through the practice questions available in the Sample Collection of Questions booklet which will be available on registration. This booklet provides the only source of practice questions available. Past papers are not released.

Do you need to sit the DULSAT?

The DULSAT is compulsory for most applicants applying for entry into any of Deakin University's undergraduate law degree programs.

You do not have to sit the DULSAT if you are:

— a Current Year 12 student;

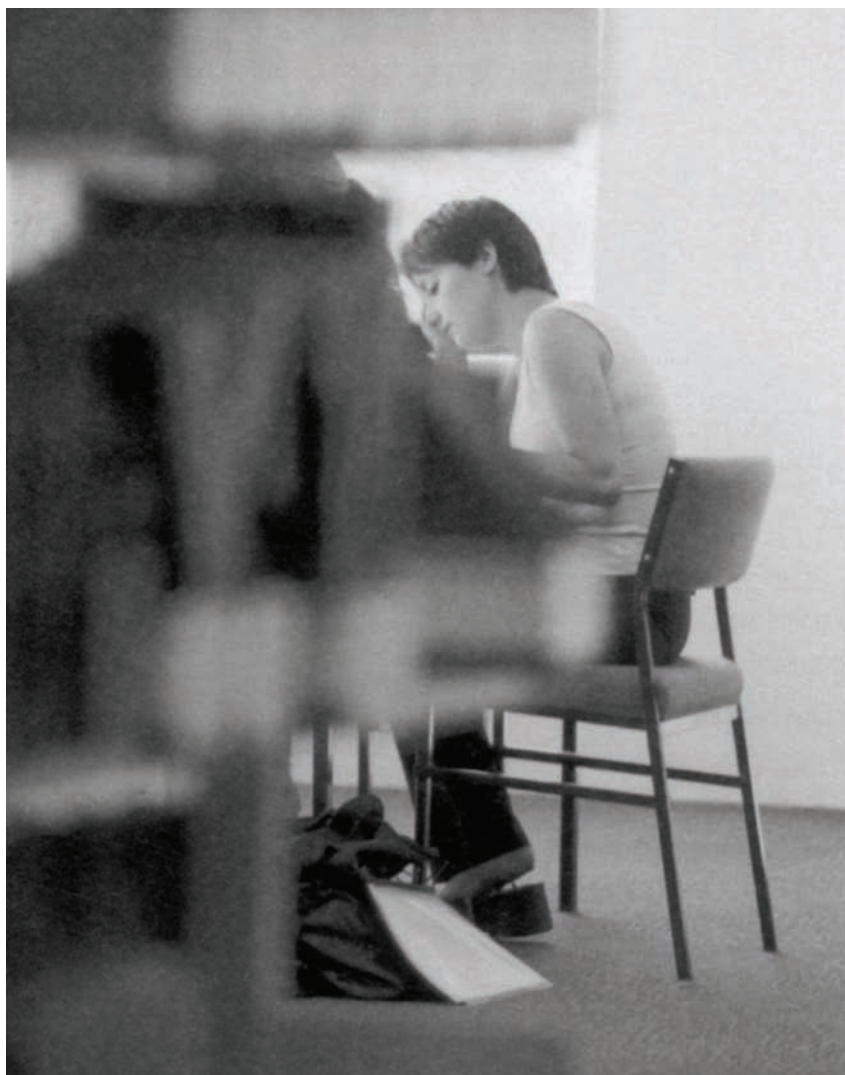
— an applicant who completed Year 12 in 2003, 2004 or 2005 and who has not undertaken any tertiary studies (including TAFE studies) in the interim;

— an applicant who is currently enrolled, or has been enrolled in 2004, 2005 or 2006, in a Bachelor of Laws degree and has completed the equivalent of one full-time year at an Australian university;

— an applicant who sat the test in 2003, 2004 or 2005 and intends to use the result from that year;

— an applicant who has successfully completed a postgraduate qualification in Law in 2004, 2005 or 2006.

If you are unsure whether or not you need to sit the DULSAT you should contact Deakin University directly telephonically 03 5227 1091. VTAC does not have the authority to advise applicants whether they are required to sit the test.





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