



Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (International students)

Program code	Admission requirements	CRICOS code
4177	Related Bachelor degree or higher (5.0 GPA)	086337G
Available at	(more)	Offered in
Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus	6.5	Trimester 1
Duration	IELTS (Academic) (more)	Apply Now
1 year full-time		
Credit points		
80		
Indicative fee		
\$31,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2020 indicative annual fee		

Why choose this program?

The Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies is an 80 credit point program designed to provide graduates in the Law discipline with the opportunity to undertake advanced study in research methodology and to undertake supervised research work, in the discipline area appropriate to their research trajectory.

The program provides the necessary preparation for entry into a higher degree research program (Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil), or equivalent program) for applicants who do not possess the required qualifications for direct admission into these programs. The program will also be available to students who wish to undertake advanced studies in the identified disciplinary fields, but who may not wish to progress to MPhil or PhD study.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to apply for admission to MPhil or PhD candidature, subject to fulfilment of the requirements for candidature as specified in the [Higher Degree Research Policy](#) and successful completion of the confirmation procedure. The grade achieved will determine eligibility for admission to either a PhD or MPhil candidature.

The Program Director will be responsible for the overall supervision of students in the program and for monitoring their progress throughout the program.

Students may choose to exit the Graduate Diploma program (after successfully completing the specified courses) with the Graduate Certificate in Law Research Studies.

Related programs			
Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
4177	Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (this program)	Gold Coast, Nathan	Trimester 1 only
3316	Graduate Certificate in Law Research Studies	Gold Coast, Nathan	Exit point only

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies will be offered full-time and part-time on-campus at the Gold Coast and Nathan.

Students enrolling in the Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies will be required to complete coursework and a dissertation.

Coursework: Courses are all on-campus.

Dissertation: During enrolment in the dissertation component of this program, it will be expected that students will be able to

work independently for most of the time. Students will be required to confer regularly with their supervisors and it is recommended that students discuss on-campus attendance requirements with their supervisors prior to the start of the dissertation.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

My career opportunities

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The research capabilities developed through the program will be appropriate for students seeking employment in research fields.

Pathways to further study

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Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (and have achieved a grade point average of 5.0 or higher with a grade of 5 or higher in the dissertation component) will be eligible for admission into the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program subject to fulfilment of requirements for candidature as specified in the Higher Degree Research Policy and successful completion of the confirmation procedure.

Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (and have achieved a grade point average of 5.5 or higher with a grade of 6 or higher in the dissertation component) will be eligible for admission into the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program subject to fulfilment of requirements for candidature as specified in the Higher Degree Research Policy and successful completion of the confirmation procedure.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (4177)

Year of study	Fee category/Band	Fee per CP	Tuition fee 80cp
2020	Fee Band 31.5	\$393.75	\$31,500.00
2019	Fee Band 30.0	\$375.00	\$30,000.00

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the

Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy.

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place subject to availability.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- **Fees and Charges Policy:**
 - Schedule B - Fees for International Students
 - Schedule G - Fees for Non-award and Continuing Education Students
- **Cost of studying in Australia**