

# UNSW Law & Justice

## Credit Transfer Rules and Regulations

### Juris Doctor (JD)

#### What is credit transfer?

- Credit Transfer recognises prior learning at another tertiary institution or in another UNSW degree. Credit Transfer can be granted as **advanced standing**, or as an **exemption** from a requirement to complete a compulsory course.
- Advanced Standing expedites your progression through your program by reducing the Units of Credit (UOC) you need to complete. Advanced standing will be recorded on your UNSW transcript:
  - as specified credit in relation to Law compulsory courses; or
  - as unspecified credit in relation to electives.
- An exemption is where a student is not required to take a specified course and instead is required to complete another course to the same unit of credit value. Exemptions do not expedite a student's progression through a program. Exemptions will be recorded on a student's transcript with a UOC value of 0 UOC.
- If you have been granted credit transfer in relation to a specific course (either as advanced standing or as an exemption), and that course is listed on your transcript, then you are excluded from repeating that course.

#### What courses are recognised for credit transfer?

- Credit Transfer for **Law compulsory courses that form part of the Academic Areas of Knowledge<sup>1</sup> (also known as the Priestley 11)** can only be granted for courses completed as part of an approved Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or a Juris Doctor (JD) program at a recognised Australian tertiary institution.
- Credit Transfer for UNSW Law elective courses can only be granted for courses that were completed as part of an approved Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or Juris Doctor (JD) at a recognised tertiary institution, or Master-level courses undertaken at an approved law school.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015*

### **What is the maximum number of Units of Credit that can be awarded as credit transfer?**

- The maximum number of units that will be granted for credit transfer, both advanced standing and exemptions, is 72 UOC.
- The maximum number of units that will be granted in credit transfer as advanced standing is 48 UOC.
- The maximum credit that can be awarded for courses that have been counted towards a partially completed Masters' program is 24 UOC. The maximum credit that can be awarded for courses that have already been counted towards a completed Masters' program is 12 UOC.

### **Academic Areas of Knowledge requirements across multiple compulsory courses.**

- In some cases, the *Academic Areas of Knowledge* requirements in a particular subject area are taught across more than one core course at UNSW. For example, criminal law and procedure is taught across *Crime and the Criminal Process* and *Criminal Laws*. Transfer students coming from an institution that covers the same requirements in a single course may receive advanced standing for one part and exemption for the other. Students who receive exemption from JURD7121 *Crime and the Criminal Process* or JURD7122 *Criminal Laws* based on a criminal law course of one semester duration at other institutions must complete an additional 6 UOC in law electives.

### **Overseas Qualifications**

- Students who hold a recognised LLB or JD degree from an overseas institution may be granted up to 36 UOC advanced standing in unspecified electives.
- Students with an overseas JD or LLB who have completed units of study in public international law, private international law and comparative law at a postgraduate level may, on application, be granted an exemption from *Law in the Global Context*.
- Students with an overseas LLB or JD who have completed an equivalent legal theory course may, on application, be granted an exemption from the legal theory core course.

### **Time Limits**

- Prior learning will not be considered for credit or exemption from a course when more than 10 years have elapsed from the successful completion of the course (or other learning) and the student's commencement in the program at UNSW.

### **Appeals against Credit Transfer Decisions**

- Appeals will be assessed by the relevant Program Director, or, if the application has already been considered by the Program Director, then by the Deputy Head of School.

### **Further Information**

<https://student.unsw.edu.au/credit-transfer>