

Faculty of Law & Justice

# 9201 Master of Laws Study Plan - Term 1 2025 Commencing

This document is designed to assist you, as a first-year student, in planning your studies within the Master of Laws (9201) program. This document supplements information available in the UNSW Handbook (<https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate/programs/2025/9201>)

If you have any questions or need assistance with your program and/or enrolment, please contact The Nucleus: Student Hub (<https://nucleus.unsw.edu.au/>).

## Do you have a clear understanding of the program rules and program sequence?

The UNSW Master of Laws program is designed to support your learning to attain the program learning outcomes. This is achieved by specific 'Program Rules' and course specific 'Conditions of Enrolment' that determine what courses you need to undertake, and in what order. To complete the UNSW Master of Laws program, you must complete 48UOC, including:

- **Core Courses:** Students who have NOT completed an Australian law degree must complete two core courses in their first term, LAWS8213 and LAWS8214.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Electives (optional):** Students can take a maximum of 12 UOC of Cross-Disciplinary Electives from the 9201 program Cross-Disciplinary Elective list.
- **Specialisation (optional):** Students may complete a specialisation by taking 24 UOC of LAWS courses listed in the relevant Specialisation List. In exceptional cases, two specialisations may be possible. Students should discuss this with the Program Director.
- **Law Electives:** All remaining courses must be taken from the program approved LAWS Elective List, up to the total 48 UOC required for the degree.
- **Foundations courses (Law Electives):** Some of the Law Electives are designated as foundation courses and are designed to give you a broad and systematic introduction to important areas of law, and to ensure that you have foundational knowledge for more advanced electives.
- **Exemption to Core Courses:** Students with substantial work experience or prior learning in a common law jurisdiction may apply to the Program Convenor for an exemption to the core courses. Students who are exempt from these courses must complete additional electives to satisfy the number of credit points required for the completion of this program

More information about the program rules, specialisations, and course specific 'Conditions of Enrolment' (e.g. pre-requisites, co-requisites, and/or other specific conditions) are available in the [UNSW Handbook](#). Use the selection of 'Suggested Progression Plans' provided in this document to assist you select the appropriate courses.

## Are you an international student, or new to studying law?

UNSW delivers courses in three trimesters across a calendar year. This offers you flexibility with your annual 'full-time' enrolment (48UOC) as one term can have fewer number of courses/Units of Credit (UOC).

If you are an international student, or new to studying law, we recommend you take just the core courses (12 UOC) in your first term of study.

If you decide to study 18UOC in you first term, then we strongly recommend that you take a cross-disciplinary elective as your additional course.

## Suggested progression plans if you have completed an Australian Law Degree:

### No Specialisation

Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
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		Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
	<b>12UOC</b>	<b>18 UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>

### One Specialisation

Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
	Specialisation course (6UOC)	Specialisation course (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
		Specialisation course (6UOC)	Specialisation course (6UOC)
	<b>12UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>

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## Suggested progression plans if you have NOT completed an Australian Law degree:

### No Specialisation

Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	Core Course (6UOC) e.g. LAWS8213 Legal Concepts, Research and Writing	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
	Core Course (6UOC) e.g. LAWS8214 Global Common Law Systems	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
	-	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
	<b>12UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>

### One Specialisation

Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	Core Course (6UOC) e.g. LAWS8213 Legal Concepts, Research and Writing	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)	Law OR Cross-Disciplinary Elective (6UOC)
	Core Course (6UOC) e.g. LAWS8214 Global Common Law Systems	Specialisation course (6UOC)	Specialisation course (6UOC)
	-	Specialisation course (6UOC)	Specialisation course (6UOC)
	<b>12UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>	<b>18UOC</b>

Note: Students without a background from a law program may choose a maximum of one specialisation

## Your chosen study plan:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 1			
	___ UOC	___ UOC	___ UOC

## Foundation Courses (Law Electives)

The below courses are recommendations only and can be taken as apart of your Law Electives requirement (up to a maximum of 48 uoc). These Law Electives courses are designated as foundation courses and are designed to give you a broad and systematic introduction to important areas of law, and to ensure that you have foundational knowledge for more advanced electives.

Our foundation courses on offer for 2025 include:

- LAWS8017 Intellectual Property Law
- LAWS8028 Corporate Governance
- LAWS8038 Chinese Corporate and Securities Law
- LAWS8068 Sustainable Development Law
- LAWS8076 Current Issues in Criminal Justice
- LAWS8175 Foundations of Contract Law
- LAWS8175 Foundations of Contract Law
- LAWS8180 Principles of International Law
- LAWS8224 Company and Business Structures
- LAWS8852 Contemporary Issues in Public Law

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