



## Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (Domestic students)

Program code	Admission requirements	Commencing in
4177	Related Bachelor degree or higher (5.0 GPA)	Trimester 1
<b>Available at</b>	<a href="#">(more)</a>	<a href="#">Apply Now</a>
Gold Coast Campus, Nathan Campus		
<b>Duration</b>		
1 year full-time		
2 years part-time		
<b>Credit points</b>		
80		
<b>Indicative fee</b>		
\$25,500.00* per year <a href="#">(more)</a>		
* 2024 indicative annual fee		

### About 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.

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](#). The grade achieved will determine eligibility for admission to either a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (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.

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4177	Graduate Diploma of Law Research Studies (this program)	Gold Coast, Nathan	Trimester 1 only
3316	<a href="#">Graduate Certificate in Law Research Studies</a>	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.

### **Student Income Support**

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

## **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.

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.

## **What are the fees?**

### **Fee-paying postgraduate (domestic) students**

#### **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.

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**

- A fee-paying postgraduate 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)**

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

#### **Tuition fees for your degree program**

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)

#### **Changing programs**

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

#### **Further information**

- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)

- Fees and Charges Schedules
- Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)
- Financial help and support