Practical Legal Training

Gain admission as a lawyer

Completed your law degree and ready to start your career as a lawyer? Practical Legal Training (PLT) is a mandatory requirement for admission to practise law in NSW, and the Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice will see you set for success.

You’ll experience university-standard teaching combined with interactive content and practice-oriented exercises that bridge the gap between knowledge and professional practice. You’ll develop the advanced knowledge and skills required for a legal career, including judgement, adaptability and an ethical mindset. Best of all, you’ll be studying at a trailblazing institution: UTS was the first university in Sydney to offer practical legal training.

**Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice**

**Course Code**  
C11232

**Duration**  
1 session full-time  
2 sessions part-time

**Teaching Mode**  
- On-campus (day or evening workshops)  
- Distance mode (with 2-4 days compulsory on-campus attendance)

**Admission Requirements**  
A Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Juris Doctor (JD), LPAB Diploma in Law, or law qualification from an overseas jurisdiction

**Course Intakes**  
Autumn, Spring and Summer sessions

**Subject Availability**  
All PLT subjects are offered every Summer, Autumn and Spring sessions

**Upcoming Start Dates**  
2019 Spring session - 22 July 2019  
2019 Summer session - 18 November 2019  
2020 Autumn session - 9 March 2020  
2020 Spring session - 22 July 2020

**How to apply**  
Apply via UTS ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM  
uts.edu.au/postgrad-apply

**FEE-HELP**  
Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP to help cover the tuition fees for this course

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

| 24CP | - | 6CP | = | 6CP | + | 6CP | + | 6CP | + | 0CP | = | 18CP |
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| 75424 Legal and Professional Skills | 75422 Transactional Practice | 75425 Litigation and Estate Practice | 75411 Practical Experience |

*All LLB and JD students receive automatic 6 credit points of credit recognition

**Important note:** The Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice comprises a total of 24 credit points.
Why UTS PLT?

UNIVERSITY QUALITY
- University standard qualification fully accredited by the Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB)
- Exceptional academic leaders and practitioners with experience as barristers, solicitors in general and private practice, government, community legal work and corporate counsel

FLEXIBLE DELIVERY
- Offered full-time and part-time
- Distance mode with limited on-campus attendance
- On-campus mode offered as both day and evening workshops
- Three intakes per year: Autumn, Spring and Summer
- Lectures recorded

GET A HEAD START
- Accumulate full-time practical experience hours with academic studies
- Accrue 5 days practical experience whilst studying full-time (18 cp)
- Option to commence PLT when you have completed all core law subjects and have no more than two electives remaining (with written consent from the LPAB)

WORK-BASED ASSESSMENTS
- No exams
- Assessments based on real legal scenarios e.g. practice files, will drafting, court appearances, client interviews, file notes

COMPETITIVE PRICE
- University law graduates only pay for 3 subjects (18cp).
- UTS Alumni receive 10% savings on fees
- FEE-HELP is available to eligible students to cover tuition fees

The UTS PLT Program consists of four subjects:
1. LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS (6cp)
   Addresses the necessary skills and ethical obligations to be an effective lawyer, including client-centred practice and the obligations relating to a solicitor’s trust account.
2. TRANSACTIONAL PRACTICE (6cp)
   Focuses on the law, practice, procedure and skills to enable graduates to conduct and advise on Property Transactions and Commercial Transactions.
3. LITIGATION AND ESTATE PRACTICE (6cp)
   Covers the practice and procedures of Civil Litigation Practice, Wills and Estate Practice and Family Law Practice or Criminal Law Practice.
4. PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (0cp)
   Undertake a minimum 15 weeks of full-time (or equivalent part-time) work experience in a legal office environment.

Once you have completed your academic law study and Practical Legal Training, you may make an application for admission to the Supreme Court of NSW to practise as a lawyer. See lpab.justice.nsw.gov.au