PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING (PLT) INFORMATION SESSION 2013
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WHAT IS PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING (PLT)?

• Practical Legal Training (PLT) is a compulsory program of study (the other being academic qualifications) in order to practise law in NSW.

• Completion of PLT is a requirement of the NSW Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) for admission as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and by mutual recognition to the Supreme Courts of other Australian jurisdictions.

• PLT provides students with the key skills and knowledge that form the Competencies required by the LPAB as the essential base for legal practice.
WHY STUDY PLT AT UTS?

• UTS was the first and is the only university provider of PLT in Sydney.
• ‘One-stop’ shop for admission to practise law.
• University standard teaching and facilities.
• Study with your UTS peers.
• Competitive fees.
WHAT ARE THE PLT SUBJECTS?

• PLT consists of the following prescribed subjects:

  1. Legal and Professional Skills (75424)  
     *(this subject must be undertaken concurrently with, or prior to, 75422, 75423 & 75411)*

  2. Transactional Practice (75422)

  3. Litigation & Estate Practice (75423)

  4. Practical Experience (PE) (75411)
WHEN IS PLT UNDERTAKEN?

- PLT at UTS may be undertaken in the final semester as part of the degree for:
  - LLB students.
  - Combined Law degree students who commenced law prior to 2013.
  - Juris Doctor version 1 students (JD students commenced pre-2012).

- PLT may also be undertaken as a stand-alone postgraduate course, the Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice (GCPLP) (C11232), in the final semester of, or following a, combined Law degree or Juris Doctor version 2 degree (JD students commenced in or post - 2012).

- NB: PLT must be undertaken after any Exchange study.
PLT AT UTS

The UTS PLT program is currently offered as follows:

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Bachelor of Laws (C10124)

Entirely within the stand-alone degree in the final semester of study.

2. Combined law degree *(students who commenced prior to 2013)*

Entirely within the combined degree: progression rules apply: see slide 11).

3. Combined law degree *(students who commenced from 2013)*

Completion of the degree followed by the Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice (C11232).

POSTGRADUATE

1. Juris Doctor version 1 *(students commenced prior to 2012)*: Entirely within the stand-alone degree in the final semester of study.

2. Juris Doctor version 2 *(students commenced from 2012)*: Completion of the degree followed by the Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice (C11232).
PLT AT UTS (CONT.)

• 0.5 year F/T or 1 year P/T.
• Intake in Summer, Autumn and Spring semesters.
• All subjects are offered every semester.
• On-campus (standard) and off-campus delivery (distance or block) study modes (only off campus in summer)
In order to be eligible to commence the PLT stream of their course, students must complete all their core law subjects and the 18 credit points of law options.

Students who meet these requirements can select the PLT stream STM90687 from the choice block option CBK90591 and expand the subjects and enrol into the subjects via My Student Admin. At any time if you are not able to enrol online submit an e-Request - http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/evop/
LLB UG STUDENTS

In order to be eligible to commence the PLT stream of their course, students must complete all their core law subjects and the 18 credit points of law options. Students who commenced an undergraduate law degree with us in 2008 or after must also have completed 48 credit points of either general electives or law electives.

Students who meet these requirements can select the PLT stream STM90687 from the choice block option CBK90591 and expand the subjects and enrol into the subjects via My Student Admin. At any time if you are not able to enrol online submit an e-Request - http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/evop/
COMBINED/LLB UG STUDENTS (COMMENCED PRIOR TO 2013)

In order to be eligible to commence the PLT stream of their course, students must complete all their core law subjects and the 18 credit points of law options. Students who commenced a combined undergraduate law degree with us in 2008 or after must also have completed 48 credit points of the other discipline before commencing PLT.

Students who meet these requirements can select the PLT stream STM90687 from the choice block option CBK90591 and expand the subjects and enrol into the subjects via My Student Admin. At any time if you are not able to enrol online submit an e-Request - http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/evop/
JURIS DOCTOR (VERSION 2) STUDENTS & COMBINED UG STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED FROM 2013: GCPLP

Students who wish to complete their academic and practical legal requirements and who do not have PLT in their academic course are able to apply for admission into the Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice (C11232) to complete their PLT requirements.

UTS students can enrol in the Graduate Certificate in their final semester of law provided they have no more than 2 electives remaining to complete.

This course is also open to Law graduates external to UTS.

This Graduate Certificate course comprises the following subjects:

- Law Option (6cp) (Elective)
- 75424 Legal and Professional Skills (6cp)
- 75423 Litigation and Estate Practice (6cp)
- 75422 Transactional Practice (6cp)
- 75411 Practical Experience (0cp)

NOTE: University law graduates may apply for credit recognition for the 6 credit point Law Option Elective, and, once granted, would only complete the remaining 3 subjects + Practical Experience, to attain the Graduate Certificate.
MODES OF STUDY

Students may choose their preferred mode of delivery on a subject-by-subject basis.

PLT is offered by on-campus (standard) and off-campus delivery (distance or block). Block off-campus is defined as off-campus study with some limited compulsory on-campus attendance.

• The PLT program gives students the opportunity to work individually and in groups with deadlines set by Co-ordinators.

• UTSOnline enables students to work in an interactive study environment.

• Students must have access to a computer with an internet connection that is capable of handling large files. It is highly recommended that students considering off-campus PLT have regular and unrestricted access to the Internet.

• Transactional Practice is offered via on- and off-campus mode (distance); Legal & Professional Skills and Litigation & Estate Practice are offered via on- and off-campus (block mode).
MODES OF STUDY FAQ’S

Is distance study harder than on-campus?
Depends on the type of learner you are - you need to be an independent learner to succeed at off campus study.

Are assessments the same in both delivery modes?
For the most part, yes. Where on-campus students have seminar presentation requirements, distance students will be assessed on participation in online discussion groups, etc.

As an off campus student, do I have to attend on-campus intensives?
Yes you will be required to attend face-to-face instruction and assessment for the subjects, Legal & Professional Skills, and Litigation & Estate Practice.

Can I undertake off campus PLT subjects while overseas?
Yes, as long as you have access to the Internet & attend the on-campus intensives.

If I am an off campus student do I have to come into UTS to undertake the formal subject examinations?
If you reside in Sydney then yes you are required to attend the formal examination for Transactional Practice at UTS. If you will be based outside Sydney, you can apply to undertake the examination for this subject at an external location.
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE – 75411

• Practical Experience (PE) is a 0 credit point subject and is a component of the PLT Program. It is a compulsory requirement of the LPAB.

• PE requires every student undertaking the Practical Legal Training program to complete **16 weeks** (80 days at a maximum of 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday) of practical experience with an approved Supervisor.

• A maximum of **10 weeks** (50 days) of work experience may be undertaken in the 18 months **prior** to the commencement of studies in the semester in which students are actively enrolled in the subject Practical Experience (75411).
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE – 75411 (CONT.)

• When enrolling in Legal and Professional Skills, you may also enrol in Practical Experience.

• Students have 2.5 years from the semester that their enrolment in Practical Experience commences to complete all 16 weeks (80 days) of their approved placement. For example, if a student enrols in Practical Experience in Autumn 2014, they have 2.5 years from Autumn 2014 to complete this subject. Failure to do so will result in a fail grade recorded against the subject.

• NOTE: the 2.5 years refers to domestic students. International students please contact the Student Program (Practical Experience) Officer.
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE – 75411 (CONT.)

• For assessment of accrual of practical experience:

• Full time study in the PLT program is considered more than 18 credit points. Full time students (on- and off-campus) can accrue up to 14 hours of practical experience per week while undertaking the academic component of the course. (Monday to Friday only, maximum 7 hours per day)

• Part-time (18cp or less) students (on- and off-campus) can accrue up to 35 hours of practical experience per week while undertaking the academic component of the course (Monday to Friday only, maximum 7 hours per day).

• For enquiries Law.PE@uts.edu.au
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE – 75411 (CONT.)

For more information:

- [Practical Experience Rules](#)
- Form 1 ("Application for Practical Experience Placement Approval")
- Form 2 ("Notification of Completion of Practical Experience Placement - Supervisor’s Report")

- Introduction to Practitioner Supervisors.

All forms are accessible online at: [www.law.uts.edu.au/practical/experience/index.html](http://www.law.uts.edu.au/practical/experience/index.html)

NB: PE forms must be submitted in original to the UTS:Law Student Programs Officer by COB the Friday prior to each PE Committee Meeting.

SUMMER SESSION 2014

We will offer PLT in Summer in off-campus/block mode only with only 2 compulsory attendance days and 1 optional workshop.

Students may elect to undertake any or all of the following subjects provided you meet progression requirements:
75424 Legal and Professional Skills
75423 Litigation and Estate Practice
75422 Transactional Practice
75411 Practical Experience

Enrolment for Summer session 2014 opens 8/10/13.

Attend a UTS:Law PG Info Session on 30 October to apply for the GCPLP free.
Q&A

If you require detailed advice specific to your needs, please contact the Haymarket Student Centre:

Block C, Level 1 (just near the Art of Food Café)
**Phone:** 1300ASKUTS
**Email:** [http://ask.uts.edu.au](http://ask.uts.edu.au)

OR

Block B, Level 5 (adjacent to the GSB Lounge)
**Phone:** 1300ASKUTS
**Email:** [http://ask.uts.edu.au](http://ask.uts.edu.au)

QUESTIONS???