



ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

University of Melbourne and University of British Columbia J.D. / LL.M. DEGREE PARTNERSHIP

The Peter A. Allard School of Law (Allard Law) at the University of British Columbia and the University of Melbourne Law School (Melbourne) J.D./LL.M. Degree Partnership is the result of an agreement entered into by Allard Law and Melbourne in 2015.

Students who successfully complete the program will receive a J.D. degree from Allard Law and an LL.M. degree from Melbourne.

BASICS

Students will complete the first two and half years of their J.D. degree at Allard Law and, if admitted by Melbourne, will subsequently attend Melbourne (full-time, covering 12 months start to finish) and complete the LL.M. degree. After successful completion of their final J.D. term through the LL.M. degree program at Melbourne, Allard Law will award them their J.D. degree. After successful completion of the LL.M. program, Melbourne will award them their LL.M. degree.

SPECIFICS FOR UBC STUDENTS

This is a general progress plan and may be altered if a student attends law school on a part-time basis or out of sequence.

Allard Law J.D. Year One

You attend Allard Law on a full time basis and must successfully complete the mandatory first year program (32 credits; two terms of study).

Allard Law J.D. Year Two and Term 1 of Year 3

1. You attend Allard Law on a full time basis and complete at least 45 credits of upper year Law courses (this would generally equal 3 terms of study).
2. You must complete all your course requirements for graduation from the Allard Law J.D. program by the end of term 1 of your third year (with the exception of your 3-credit seminar requirement which can be completed at Allard or Melbourne). For information about academic requirements at Allard Law, visit <https://allard.ubc.ca/student-portal/jd-program/degree-requirements>.
3. You apply to Melbourne for admission to the LL.M. degree by **June 1, 2026** between your second and third year of JD study. Admissions decisions take approximately 4 weeks to process.

Melbourne Year 1

1. You attend Melbourne (commencing in what would be term 2 of your third year at Allard Law) and take 100 law credit points in the full-time, one year LL.M. program.
2. If you have not completed a 3 credit seminar at Allard Law, you must complete the equivalent of a 3 credit seminar (which incorporates a substantial academic writing requirement) at Melbourne. Many LL.M. subjects offered require the completion of a 10,000 word research essay for assessment. You need to select such a subject and the completion of the research essay may meet the Allard Law seminar requirement (subject to 3. below).

3. You may not take courses at Melbourne which are substantially similar to courses for which you have received credit for the Allard Law J.D. and you should have your courses (which are taken at Melbourne for Allard Law credit) pre-approved by the Manager, Student Affairs at Allard Law.

Other Information

1. Allard Law requires 92 credits to graduate, 15 of those will be from Melbourne. Once you have successfully completed the equivalent of 15 UBC credits at Melbourne, you will be eligible for your Allard Law J.D. (assuming you have completed your seminar requirement). Melbourne must receive notification from Allard Law that you have completed the requirements for receipt of the Allard Law J.D. degree in order for Melbourne to award the LL.M. degree.
2. Once you have successfully completed 100 credit points and all other requirements for the LL.M. degree program in which you are enrolled at Melbourne, you will be eligible for the Melbourne LL.M. degree.
3. FYI, the regular academic year in Melbourne runs from early March through June (Semester 1), and late July through November (Semester 2). Intensive courses are offered throughout the year, with the exception of the Christmas - New Year period. See the Melbourne Law Masters website for further information on the course schedule.

COST

The J.D. / LL.M. Degree Partnership is not an exchange program. Rather you are registered for five terms at Allard Law where you pay UBC fees and then for your final year of full-time studies at Melbourne where you pay Melbourne fees. Tuition for the LL.M. at Melbourne in 2026 is AUD\$60,922 total (international). For further information, including information on scholarships, see <http://law.unimelb.edu.au/study/masters>.

Please note that all monetary amounts mentioned in this document are subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. You must take at least 77 credits and complete all your degree requirements (except the seminar requirement) at Allard Law.
2. To apply, you must complete follow the regular application process for the Melbourne LL.M. (<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-laws/how-to-apply/>), except that you must also obtain a:
 - i. Letter of Permission from Allard Law stating you are a student in good standing and eligible to participate in the Degree Partnership option (sent by the law school to Melbourne).
3. Admission to the program is made by Melbourne and the fact that a student has previously been accepted to the J.D. program at Allard Law is not an indication or guarantee of admission to Melbourne.
4. You must notify Zack Uganec, Manager, Student Affairs at uganec@allard.ubc.ca to notify them of your application in order for your application to be processed in time for course registration at Allard Law.

CONTACTS

Questions about admission to the Melbourne LL.M. should be directed to the Melbourne Law School Academic Support Office (law-admissions@unimelb.edu.au).

If you have questions about your time at Allard Law, please contact Kaila Mikkelsen, Assistant Dean, Students at mikkelsen@allard.ubc.ca or Zack Uganec, Manager, Student Affairs at uganec@allard.ubc.ca.