

UNSW Law & Justice

Credit Transfer Rules and Regulations

Juris Doctor (JD)

What is credit transfer?

- Credit Transfer recognises prior learning at another tertiary institution or in another UNSW degree. Credit Transfer can be granted as **advanced standing**, or as an **exemption** from a requirement to complete a compulsory course.
- Advanced Standing expedites your progression through your program by reducing the Units of Credit (UOC) you need to complete. Advanced standing will be recorded on your UNSW transcript:
 - as specified credit in relation to Law compulsory courses; or
 - as unspecified credit in relation to electives.
- An exemption is where a student is not required to take a specified course and instead is required to complete another course to the same unit of credit value. Exemptions do not expedite a student's progression through a program. Exemptions will be recorded on a student's transcript with a UOC value of 0 UOC.
- If you have been granted credit transfer in relation to a specific course (either as advanced standing or as an exemption), and that course is listed on your transcript, then you are excluded from repeating that course.

What courses are recognised for credit transfer?

- Credit Transfer for **Law compulsory courses that form part of the Academic Areas of Knowledge¹ (also known as the Priestley 11)** can only be granted for courses completed as part of an approved Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or a Juris Doctor (JD) program at a recognised Australian tertiary institution.
- Credit Transfer for UNSW Law elective courses can only be granted for courses that were completed as part of an approved Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or Juris Doctor (JD) at a recognised tertiary institution, or Master-level courses undertaken at an approved law school.

¹ See *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015*

What is the maximum number of Units of Credit that can be awarded as credit transfer?

- The maximum number of units that will be granted for credit transfer, both advanced standing and exemptions, is 72 UOC.
- The maximum number of units that will be granted in credit transfer as advanced standing is 48 UOC.
- The maximum credit that can be awarded for courses that have been counted towards a partially completed Masters' program is 24 UOC. The maximum credit that can be awarded for courses that have already been counted towards a completed Masters' program is 12 UOC.

Academic Areas of Knowledge requirements across multiple compulsory courses.

- In some cases, the *Academic Areas of Knowledge* requirements in a particular subject area are taught across more than one core course at UNSW. For example, criminal law and procedure is taught across *Crime and the Criminal Process* and *Criminal Laws*. Transfer students coming from an institution that covers the same requirements in a single course may receive advanced standing for one part and exemption for the other. Students who receive exemption from JURD7121 *Crime and the Criminal Process* or JURD7122 *Criminal Laws* based on a criminal law course of one semester duration at other institutions must complete an additional 6 UOC in law electives.

Overseas Qualifications

- Students who hold a recognised LLB or JD degree from an overseas institution may be granted up to 36 UOC advanced standing in unspecified electives.
- Students with an overseas JD or LLB who have completed units of study in public international law, private international law and comparative law at a postgraduate level may, on application, be granted an exemption from *Law in the Global Context*.
- Students with an overseas LLB or JD who have completed an equivalent legal theory course may, on application, be granted an exemption from the legal theory core course.

Time Limits

- Prior learning will not be considered for credit or exemption from a course when more than 10 years have elapsed from the successful completion of the course (or other learning) and the student's commencement in the program at UNSW.

Appeals against Credit Transfer Decisions

- Appeals will be assessed by the relevant Program Director, or, if the application has already been considered by the Program Director, then by the Deputy Head of School.

Further Information

<https://student.unsw.edu.au/credit-transfer>