

LAW (D.C.L.)

Offered by: Law (Faculty of Law)

Degree: Doctor of Civil Law

Program Description

The Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) program allows the development of substantive and original contributions to legal research and knowledge under the supervision of a faculty member.

The degree will be awarded, at the earliest, after the completion of 3 years of residence in the Faculty. The core of the D.C.L. program is a substantial thesis of up to 400 pages that makes a significant contribution to legal scholarship, evidencing in concept and execution the original work of the candidate. The thesis must be submitted within 4 years of completion of the residency requirement. Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, after one year which may occur in the first year of the program, but no later than the end of the second year of the program.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Comprehensive - Required

Every candidate must successfully pass a comprehensive examination, usually after one year in the program.

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Course	Title	Credits
LAWG 701	Comprehensive Exam - Law.	0

Required Courses (5 Credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 641	Theoretical Approaches to Law.	3
LAWG 702	Legal Research Methodology for DCL.	2
LAWG 703	Literature Review, Analysis and Proposal.	0
LAWG 704	DCL Research Seminar 1.	0
LAWG 705	DCL Research Seminar 2.	0

Complementary Course (0-3 Credits)

Some students are encouraged to take the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
LAWG 601	Communication 1.	1.5
LAWG 602	Communication 2.	1.5