



Dispute Resolution Program
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE
Information Pack 2008

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Notice:

This Information Package is a guide only and you should confirm all information prior to enrolment. We have used our best endeavours to ensure that it is accurate at the time of publication.



DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

Courses and Structure

The alternative dispute resolution programs provide students with an extensive knowledge base and practical skills in a number of the core alternative dispute resolution areas as well as a range of electives for specialized knowledge development.

Master of Dispute Resolution requires two (2) core subjects and an additional six (6) elective subjects or 18 credit points of electives. This can be completed in as little as one year.

Master of Business Administration-Master of Dispute Resolution joint degree (from 2009) requires two (2) core subjects and an additional six (6) elective subjects or 18 credit points of electives from the Dispute Resolution Subjects and 12 subjects from the MBA schedule (http://www.jcu.edu.au/business/postgraduate/JCUDEV_003605.html). This can be completed in two years.

Graduate Diploma of Dispute Resolution requires two (2) core subjects and an additional four (4) elective subjects or 12 credit points of electives completed in one year.

Graduate Certificate of Dispute Resolution requires two (2) core subjects and an additional two (2) elective subjects or 6 credit points of electives completed in six (6) months.

Subjects 2008

Core Subjects

LB5500 Negotiation
LB5501 Mediation

Elective Subjects

LB5503 Transformative Systems
LB5502 Conflict Management
LB5514 Indigenous & Cross Cultural Mediation
LB5515 Workplace Dispute Resolution
LB5516 Multi-party Dispute Resolution
LB5517 Commercial Dispute Resolution & Arbitration

More information on subjects are contained below.

Entry Requirements

Australian students

Direct entry into the **Master of Dispute Resolution**, **Graduate Diploma of Dispute Resolution** and **Graduate Certificate of Dispute Resolution** require an undergraduate degree in any discipline or a Graduate Diploma or other qualifications or practical experience which we recognise as being relevant to the program.

Students enrolling in the Master of Dispute Resolution must have at least **5 years** relevant professional and/or academic experience.



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Enrolment is open to students from any discipline and subjects can be taken as electives subject to the requirements of the degree being studied.

International students

In addition to academic admission requirements for Australian Students, applicants need to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. For further information, consult JCU's International Student Prospectus, available from the International students can apply online or by contacting the International Student Centre.

Please note as at 13 December 2007 CRICOS registration for the MDispResol and Graduate Diploma in DR is not held, but it is anticipated it should be in place by the start of 1st semester 2008. Please contact the International office to confirm.

Credit for Prior Learning

If you have completed postgraduate subjects at another institution, or as part of a different degree at JCU, in any of the areas taught as part of the dispute resolution program then it may be possible to credit some subjects to your current degree. The granting of any credits will be at the discretion of the Pro-Vice Chancellor for the Faculty.

Master of Business Administration students or graduates who have undertaken any dispute resolution subjects at JCU may be granted Credit for up to 4 subjects towards a Master of Dispute Resolution degree.

Should you wish to apply for credit, you should complete an Application for Credit for Previous Studies form and forward it with your application to The Director, Master of Dispute Resolution Program.

Please attach a certified copy of your academic record if your studies were undertaken at another institution, along with a description of the subjects undertaken from the relevant Student Handbook. This is not necessary for studies undertaken at JCU.

If the allocation of credit will influence your subject selection, you will need to have the application processed before teaching begins. You are encouraged to submit your application for credit early to allow plenty of time for it to be processed before the start of teaching.



DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM - ENROLMENT PROCESS

How to Apply

[Australian students](#)

[International students](#)

Australian students

Application forms are available below or from the Faculty of Law, Business and the Creative Arts. Applications typically take 1-3 weeks to process from the date of receipt. Entry into the MDispResol, GDipDispResol and GCertDispResol occurs at multiple intervals during the year, with the main entry in January and June.

Applications must be received before the start of the student's intended month of entry into their program. We prefer this to be no later than one month to allow time for processing. For all late applications please contact:

The Director
Master of Dispute Resolution Program
School of Law
James Cook University
Townsville Qld 4811
Phone: 07 4781 4003
Email: Sean.johnson@jcu.edu.au
For information on applying to JCU go to:
http://www.jcu.edu.au/prospective/entry/apply/JCUDEV_002290.html

Prior to mailing your application for admission, please check that you have completed the following:

1. Completed [Application for Postgraduate Coursework Program](#) form.
2. A current CV/Resume showing your last five years work experience and academic experience. Resumes from non-degree applicants must be concise and detailed so that we can establish the level of your work experience or a letter supporting your application with evidence of relevant professional work experience, usually in administration or a managerial capacity.
3. For this applying for entry based on work experience - A letter from your employer verifying your suitability to undertake your preferred program with your name, position and other relevant information (eg. Rank if in the defence force).
4. An Official Academic transcript (or certified copy from a JP) from your university showing clearly that you have been awarded your Bachelor Degree (this does not apply to JCU graduands or non-degree applicants)
5. For non Australian Citizens a Certified copy of your passport showing you are allowed to remain in Australia indefinitely.



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6. For students seeking Advanced Standing for Prior Studies a completed Application for Advanced Standing and supporting evidence if not a JCU subject (http://www.jcu.edu.au/student/idc/groups/public/documents/form_download/jcudev_007462.pdf)

Your completed application can be returned to the:

Student Enquiry Centre

James Cook University
Townsville Qld 4811
Telephone: 07 4781 5255
Email: EnquiriesTownsville@jcu.edu.au

Fees

For domestic students all subjects are \$1,551.00 each (as at 13 December 2007). Please see Postgraduate Study Costs for up-to-date information.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for Australian students

From 1 January 2005, FEE-HELP is the new Commonwealth Government scheme to assist eligible fee-paying students to pay their tuition fees. It replaces the former Postgraduate Education Loan Scheme (PELS). Only Australian citizens and holders of permanent humanitarian visas are able to access loans under FEE-HELP. It is similar to the deferred payment arrangements available under HELCS-HELP. The Commonwealth Government pays the amount of the loan directly to the student's institution. Students then repay their loan through the taxation system once their income reaches a threshold. The loans are interest-free and GST-free, although CPI indexed annually. Publications and a website are being created with information about the new scheme. You can go to JCU's Postgraduate assistance page or the DEST website.

International students - International students can apply online or by contacting the International Student Centre.

Timetable

Townsville 2008

LB5500	Negotiation	SP 5	18, 19, 20 April & 3,4 May 2008
LB5501	Mediation	SP 5	16, 17, 18 May & 31 May, 1 June 2008
LB5502	Conflict Management	SP 4	4, 5, 6 July & 26,27 July 2008
LB5515	Workplace Dispute Resolution	SP 1	19, 20 April & 17,18 May 2008
LB5516	Multiparty Dispute Resolution	SP 5	10,11 May & 14,15 June 2008
LB5517	Commercial Dispute Resolution & Arbitration	SP 8	9, 10 August & 23, 24 August 2008
LB5514	Indigenous & Cross Cultural Mediation	SP 2	20, 21 Sept & 25, 26 October 2008
LB5503	Transformative systems	SP 10	1 to 5 Oct 2008



Further information

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Subjects proposed to be on offer in 2009*

Core Subjects (Only one of the following)

	Internal	External
LB5500:03 Negotiation	x	
LB5522:03 Negotiation Theory & Practice		x
LB5502:03 Conflict Management	x	x

Options

LB5501:03 Mediation	x	
LB5503:03 Transformative Systems	x	
LB5514:03 Indigenous and Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution	x	
LB5515:03 Workplace Dispute Resolution	x	
LB5516:03 Multi-Party Dispute Resolution	x	
LB5517:03 Commercial Dispute Resolution	x	
LB5518:03 Advanced Mediation Practice	x	
LB5519:03 Family and Interpersonal Dispute Resolution	Not offered in 2009	
LB5521:03 Conflict, Reconciliation & Peace		x
LB5520:03 Research Project		
LB5523:03 & LB5524:03 Research Project A & Research Project B		

* These are subject to confirmation

Students can choose “streams” of subjects to suit their need specialising in:

- Mediation:
- Business and Commercial Dispute resolution
- Cross-cultural dispute resolution



Other issues

Flexible class hours - Our classes are offered in blocks of two and three days, including over weekends and on evenings generally from 8:30am to 5:00pm or 6:00pm and 9:00pm.

Locations - Townsville

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Some of the content in the subjects may vary from year to year;
2. Scheduled dates are subject to final approval;
3. Assessment tasks and weights may change.