

Law JD Honours as of 2015

All students that are currently enrolled in the Juris Doctor Program will remain eligible for Honours if they complete all the requirements for their degree before the end of 2014 (S2 2014).

Students who complete the Juris Doctor Program from 2015 and onwards (from Summer 2015) will be eligible for the **Juris Doctor with Distinction**.

The Juris Doctor with Distinction is calculated with the following criteria:

- Students must achieve a **Distinction WAM of 75%**.
- The Distinction WAM will be calculated using the WAM from core courses as 60 percent of the Distinction WAM and the WAM from the elective courses as 40 percent of Distinction WAM. Only courses completed at UNSW will count towards the WAM calculation;

Important information

Law Student Services will automatically calculate those students who are eligible for JD with Distinction at the end of each semester. Students will not need to apply for this.

Students are to have **NO** academic misconduct throughout the duration of their degree. Students are to have **NO** more than one failure in the Juris Doctor Program.

Why the changes to the Honours Policy as of 2015

Under the requirements set by the Australian Government's [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) (AQF), UNSW Law has been required to make changes to the Honours Policy for JD students to come into effect in 2015.

Under the AQF, no university will be able to award a Juris Doctor degree with Honours from the start of 2015 (the 'Honours' designation is required to be reserved for Bachelors degrees). The Faculty has been required to comply with this requirement, but also wishes to retain the ability to award the JD with a designation that shows that a student has achieved a particular level of merit over the course of his or her degree. As a result, from 2015, we will award the JD with Distinction.