



# Justice and Legal

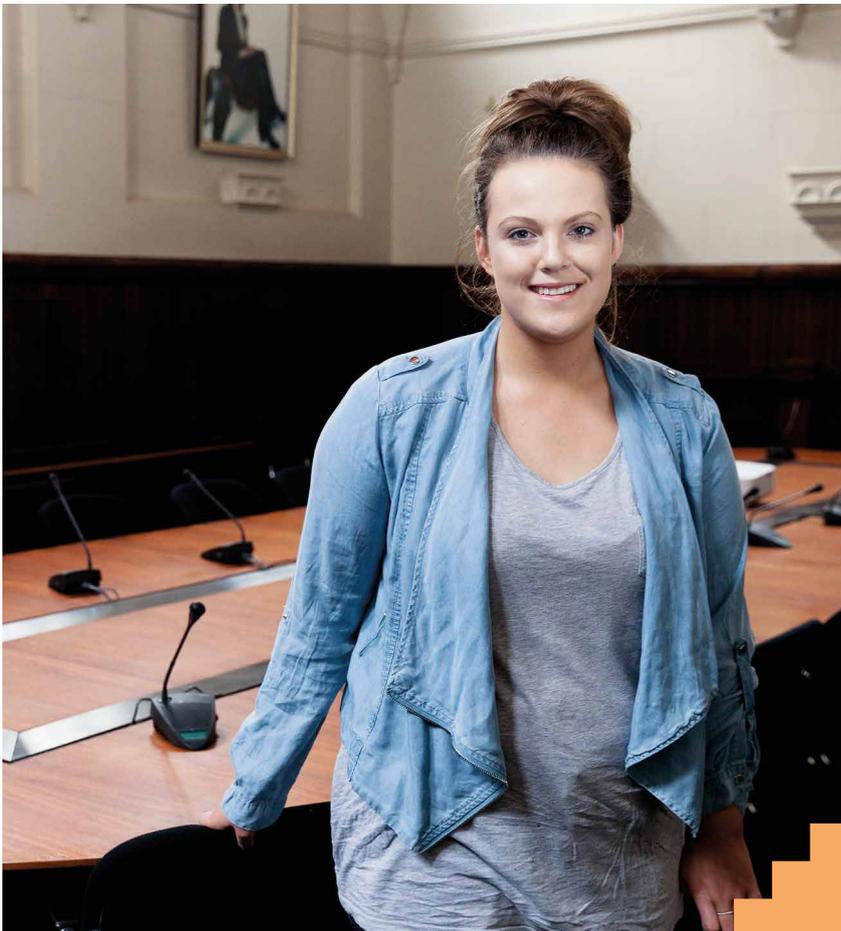
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# Justice

Explore how criminal justice systems work to serve individuals and the community through law enforcement, policy, practice and reform.

RMIT's justice and legal programs are highly regarded for their practical application and work experience opportunities.

Developed in consultation with the industry, RMIT's justice and legal programs are recognised as professional qualifications by local governments, the Industry Training Board and the Justice Industry Advisory Committee.



## Gemma Riley

Bachelor of Criminal Justice



I chose this degree because I am interested in policing and criminal justice policy. There are also a large number of career opportunities in this space, which is very appealing.

RMIT has close links with many criminal justice agencies so I knew there'd be great opportunities to gain meaningful work placements. The Bachelor of Criminal Justice is highly regarded in the industry.

I really like that I have been able to tailor my degree to suit my interests, studying courses like International Policing, Drug Related Crime and Security and Criminal Intelligence. This has helped me discover my passions within the field.



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## Bachelor of Criminal Justice

📄 BP023 📍 City ⌚ 3 years full-time  
📄 ATAR (2018: 80.00)  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/bp023](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/bp023)

Developed in consultation with senior members of the Victorian judiciary, state and federal police, the Department of Justice and Regulation and the Department of Human Services Victoria, this program appeals to those who want to enter the police forces, corrections, courts, customs and related agencies.

### As part of the degree

You'll be introduced to key institutions and concepts in criminal justice, including policing and the correctional system. You'll also learn about the uses of technology in crime, crime theories and crime investigation. Classes about international human rights, global crime and public policy will give you the chance to expand your knowledge and expertise.

In your final year, you'll put your skills to the test with a 50-day work placement in a criminal justice organisation.

### Career

Whether it's at the frontline of Australia's border protection or working with the Australian Federal Police, criminal justice opens up all kinds of local and international career options. Graduates have gained work in corrections, courts, child protection, customs and other government agencies.

## Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology

📄 BP295 📍 City ⌚ 3 years full-time  
📄 ATAR (2018: 87.30)  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/bp295](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/bp295)

The Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology offers the combination of an accredited psychology major with an applied criminology major, giving you the knowledge and skills needed for a wide range of careers in the justice and human services sectors.

### As part of the degree

You'll develop an understanding of the psychology of crime, be able to conduct forensic interviews and provide case management for offenders, victims and clients with complex needs.

You'll learn key communication, risk assessment, behavioural analysis and research skills needed and gain a strong understanding of psychological theories and practice.

### Career

As a graduate you'll provide high-quality services to clients in the criminal justice system or work in a wide variety of public, private and community sectors. You can also undertake further study to qualify as a psychologist.

## Zachary Penrith-Puchalski (pictured above)

Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology



I've always been curious about what compels people to make the decisions they make and what makes people tick.

I walked into the degree thinking I would eventually become either a clinical psychologist within the legal/justice system or an alcohol and other drugs clinician, but while studying I've found that this degree can lead to many career pathways.

I would definitely recommend studying this degree. It is interesting, engaging and opens up many opportunities within the health and justice fields, keeping your career options open while you decide what you want to do.



Find out more: [rmit.edu.au/programs/bp295](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/bp295)

# What can I do after justice and legal studies?

When people think of justice and legal careers, being a lawyer is usually front of mind. Did you know that law is only a small section of the many careers available in this space? There are many other occupations that add to the recipe for justice.



## Australian Federal Agent

Prevents and detects crimes against Commonwealth law.

### Attributes

First aid trained, manual driver's licence, and an appetite for intensive training.

### Study

- Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice



## Magistrate's Clerk

Provides administrative support to the magistrate, both in and out of the courtroom, and ensures the orderly progression of cases heard and determined by the Magistrate.

### Attributes

Must have excellent organisational and communication skills, and enjoy working in a challenging, changing and diverse environment.

### Study

- Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice



## Border Force Officer

Manages the security and integrity of Australia's borders.

### Attributes

Must be multiskilled, agile and responsive to operational needs, and committed to community engagement and protection.

### Study

- Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice



## Investigator

Investigates how crimes have occurred by speaking with witnesses and victims to try to piece together the facts.

### Attributes

An analytical mind and emotional resilience.

### Study

- Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice



If you are interested in becoming a lawyer, you can build on the skills you learn in the Bachelor of Legal and Dispute Studies or the Bachelor of Criminal Justice with RMIT's Juris Doctor degree.

Find out more:  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/mc161](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/mc161)



## Community Corrections Officer

Manages and supervises offenders in the community.

### Attributes

Good communication skills, can be non-judgmental, and is able to apply rules and regulations in a fair and consistent manner.

### Study

- Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice



## Conveyancer

Undertakes work associated with the transfer of ownership of land and other property-related transactions.

### Attributes

Good communication and interpersonal skills, is able to apply logic and solve problems, strong attention to detail, computer and numerical skills, and an understanding of the law.

### Study

- Diploma of Conveyancing
- Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice
- Associate Degree in Legal Practice (Paralegal)



## Legal Secretary

Performs secretarial tasks that are specific to the law field, including writing legal documents and reading legal articles.

### Attributes

Excellent interpersonal, organisational and writing skills and the ability to work under pressure.

### Study

- Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice
- Associate Degree in Legal Practice (Paralegal)
- Bachelor of Legal and Dispute Studies



## Law Clerk/ Paralegal Assistant

Performs legal work such as conducting research and drafting documents on behalf of clients, under the supervision of a lawyer.

### Attributes

Exceptional organisation, time management and administrative skills; excellent analytical and critical thinking abilities; great communication and negotiation skills; strong research and record-keeping skills; and attention to detail.

### Study

- Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice
- Associate Degree in Legal Practice (Paralegal)
- Bachelor of Legal and Dispute Studies

## Nicole Williamson

Juris Doctor graduate



I wanted a law degree to improve my knowledge of commercial law and to understand the requirements of company directors.

To be admitted as a lawyer you must study the 'Priestley Eleven' subjects and the RMIT Juris Doctor includes these. It is a great program, in a great location, and the moot courts were fantastic opportunities to practise legal document preparation, speaking in 'court' and observing court etiquette.



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# Legal

RMIT's legal programs explore and address the challenges of administering changes to the legal system and policies.

You will develop your understanding of the Australian legal system and laws and gain specialised technical skills in case analysis and negotiation. Through work placements and industry exposure, you will apply your knowledge to prepare for a career practising in the areas of law, legal practice, legal policy, conveyancing, human rights and international law.



## Karen Barr

### Diploma of Conveyancing

After working in the field for several years as a receptionist, Karen was encouraged to undertake RMIT's Diploma of Conveyancing.



The program is ideal for those working in the industry who want to expand their knowledge. I really enjoyed learning the law behind conveyancing from passionate solicitors, who were my teachers with real industry experience.



Discover more stories at [bit.ly/RMIT-legal-students](https://bit.ly/RMIT-legal-students)

## Diploma of Conveyancing

📄 C5337 📍 City 🕒 1.5 years part-time

**NCC** BSB52015

[rmit.edu.au/programs/c5337](https://rmit.edu.au/programs/c5337)

Conveyancers do work associated with the sale, purchase or transfer of ownership of real estate, and related property transactions.

Our program is the product of outstanding relationships between RMIT and its wealth of industry partners, and is highly recommended by the Australian Institute of Conveyancers (Victorian Division), the peak professional industry body for conveyancers in Australia.

### As part of the diploma

You will gain specialised technical knowledge and skills in property transactions, learn about the operation of our legal system and develop practical business skills as you prepare for professional practice as a conveyancer.

Leading conveyancing industry specialists will guide you through regular, face-to-face, evening workshops, using real-world scenarios and authentic documentation in a rich and unique learning environment.

### Career

Graduates may be self-employed or employed by:

- conveyancing firms
- solicitors
- law firms
- real estate offices
- property departments of financial institutions
- large companies
- government departments.

## Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice

📄 C6141 📍 City 🕒 2 years full-time<sup>^</sup>

📄 ATAR (Not published) **NCC** 22276VIC

[rmit.edu.au/programs/c6141](https://rmit.edu.au/programs/c6141)

Supportive and experienced legal practitioners will supervise and guide you as you learn how to open and manage legal files, take legal instructions, provide advice to clients and perform legal work. You will also study court procedures and practices, alternative dispute resolution and the law of evidence.

### As part of the diploma

You will have opportunities to:

- use the RMIT Legal Practice firm, a simulated legal office
- hear from guest speakers from the legal profession
- participate in moot court performances
- undertake a practical placement in law firms or other legal agencies
- work with community legal services
- attend events to network with the legal practice industry.

Your final year includes a compulsory eight-week work placement within a law firm, court registry, government department or other organisation in the legal industry. This is your chance to demonstrate the specialist legal and administrative skills you have developed throughout the program.

### Career

Graduates can perform legal work such as interviewing clients, undertaking legal research, preparing documentation and communicating with law firms and other organisations on behalf of clients.

<sup>^</sup>This course is being re-accredited, which may result in a change to the duration.



## Associate Degree in Legal Practice (Paralegal)

□ AD015 📍 City 🕒 2 years full-time  
📄 ATAR (2018: 55.75)  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/ad015](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/ad015)

Learn to identify and analyse legal concepts and principles, and develop the legal and administrative skills required in the increasingly complex role of a paralegal.

### As part of the degree

You will develop skills in case analysis, legal methods, technology used in practice, file management, legal writing and drafting, and interview and negotiation skills.

This program includes prescribed specialised studies in law, legal practice and conveyancing. Opportunities to demonstrate your legal knowledge and awareness of professional and social responsibilities are offered through a professional skills and responsibility course and an internship in the final semester.

To underline the relevance of your studies to the world of work, you will be exposed to simulated case studies, role plays, guest lectures from legal industry professionals, and RMIT's Legal Practice Firm.

### Career

Paralegals are employed in commercial organisations in the banking, insurance and property sectors, as well as law firms, conveyancing firms, community agencies, government departments and community legal centres. Jobs may be in specialised legal fields like litigation, probate administration, criminal law, property and land law, family law, and corporate and commercial law.

## Bachelor of Legal and Dispute Studies

□ BP204 📍 City 🕒 3 years full-time  
📄 ATAR (2018: 70.25)  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/bp204](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/bp204)

Study law in its widest social and political contexts. Developed in consultation with industry experts, this program offers insight into moral and legal aspects of society within Australia and the world, along with the skills to critically analyse them.

### As part of the degree

You'll gain knowledge in alternative dispute resolution and mediation, international human rights, restorative justice and policy analysis.

You will develop a solid legal grounding in welfare law and civil procedure, and develop a deeper understanding of the legal system to help create a just, socially aware and responsible community.

In your final year, you will have the opportunity to undertake a 50-day internship to put your skills into practice and meet potential employers. You will also have the opportunity to do an elective which gives you the skills you need to become an accredited Mediator

### Career

Be prepared for employment in private law firms, government, corporations, tribunals, community organisations and legal services.

Graduates have secured roles working as a:

- paralegal
- youth justice officer
- legal aid officer
- law clerk
- victim support officer
- legal policy officer
- judge's associate
- mediator.

## Reem Yehdego

(pictured above)

Bachelor of Legal and Dispute Studies



I have always been deeply interested in human rights and wanted to do something that would make a change to society. For the past five years I have been volunteering at the Flemington and Kensington Community Legal Centre, working in an advocacy role on a police accountability project that deals with legal cases of brutality and racialised policing.

I enrolled in the Bachelor of Legal and Dispute Studies because the degree offered courses in sociology and law, which helped me better understand the social impacts of law. The degree gave me the skills I needed to empower, enrich and amplify the voices of people that have been lost or silenced in issues that I engage with.



Find out more:  
[rmit.edu.au/programs/bp204](http://rmit.edu.au/programs/bp204)

# Pathways

## Don't meet entry requirements?

Pathways provide opportunities for you to progress from one program to another.

Different levels of study at RMIT mean you can explore more than one way to get the qualification you want.

Certificate, diploma and advanced diploma qualifications can be credited towards a degree. Alternatively, partly completed degree studies may be credited to a diploma, advanced diploma or different degree.

Some of the pathway options for justice and legal are below.

**Adv** Advanced Diploma  
**ADg** Associate Degree

## Apply to study

### Domestic students

- Current Year 12 and non-Year 12 students – Apply through VTAC
- RMIT students or recent graduates – Apply directly via myRMIT
- Semester two start (new students) – Apply directly to RMIT

Application closing dates vary—always check the latest information at "[rmit.edu.au/programs/apply](https://rmit.edu.au/programs/apply)"

Further information on VTAC:  
[vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au)

Find out about entry requirements, how to apply, fees and scholarships at: [rmit.edu.au/study-with-us](https://rmit.edu.au/study-with-us)

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## Acknowledgment of Country

RMIT University acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations as the traditional owners of the land on which the University stands. RMIT University respectfully recognises Elders both past and present. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of lands across Australia where we conduct business, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures and heritage.

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