Graduate Certificate in Emerging Technologies and Law

→ Learn to drive innovative legal practices and develop the skills, knowledge and confidence required to provide legal guidance in the digital age.

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Your experience with RMIT Online

RMIT Online offers a world-class education that delivers work-ready skills and knowledge to transform your legal career.

Flexible online learning
This is study that works around your lifestyle. Work online, after hours, or in your own time.

Real world skills
Learn practical, real-world skills that can be immediately applied in the workplace.

Full-time support
Our team of support advisors will be with you throughout the course, along with academic tutors and course coordinators.

Industry connected
We combine the forces of a leading technology university with high-profile industry partners.

Propel your career
Online postgraduate programs receive the same qualification as on-campus, without putting your life on hold.

Future-focused
RMIT Online courses are shaped by future of work needs. You’ll learn the latest skills and technologies required for in-demand jobs.
Why emerging legal technologies?

The first postgraduate accreditation of its kind in Australia, this program empowers legal professionals to deal with the radical change of digital disruption in the law and policy.

Designed in partnership with industry for real world insights, you will grapple with topics such as data, security and privacy, the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain, and learn how to drive innovative legal service delivery in your workplace and for your clients.

Delivered 100% online, you have the flexibility to fit your study around your work schedule as you hone the skills to succeed in tomorrow’s legal realm or the booming world of tech.

The benefits of a graduate certificate

A graduate certificate is the same level as a bachelor honors degree, and allows you to build on the knowledge gained during your undergraduate program, while equipping you with skills to broaden your employment opportunities.

The RMIT edge

RMIT’s focus on industry-based, practical learning has seen our law programs ranked #1 in Victoria for skills development and among the top 10 for employer reputation in Australia.

“The legal sector is changing, and it's not enough to just be a good lawyer anymore. To stay relevant in this industry, you need to learn about new technologies and how to apply them to the work you do.”

Peter Campbell Director
Client Solutions, Hall & Wilcox
Course overview

This program explores the capabilities and limitations of current emerging technologies and how they intersect with law and regulations. You will develop the critical thinking skills to assess and adopt new technologies to drive innovation in client services and work settings.

Learning outcomes

- The impacts of emerging technologies
- Legal and policy frameworks for adopting emerging technologies
- How to manage data security and privacy risk
- Blockchain applications in the legal sphere
- Cyber security risk management and governance
- Legal AI and automation governance
- Tools to support your clients and workplace to adopt emerging technologies

What you create

- Data breach legal and policy response plan
- Customer needs report of legal, ethical & regulatory considerations
- Blockchain strategy
- Cyber security risk management and governance plan
- Blockchain, AI and machine learning strategies
- Comparative analysis of emerging technology law and regulations

Key Details

Duration
6 months full time, 12 months part time
Expect 10–12 hours study per week per course, with each term comprising 10 weeks.

Price
$3,840 per course
Program total: $15,360
FEE-HELP and other financial support may be available.

Prerequisites/level of study
There are some pre-requisites for this course. You’ll need:
- An Australian Bachelor degree (or equivalent), or a higher-level qualification in a related discipline.
- If you don’t have a Bachelor degree or equivalent, you’ll still be considered if you have five years’ relevant full-time work experience

Enrolment
Next intake: October, January, April
The online student experience – supporting you through to graduation day

Study online, 24/7. Coursework is always accessible, so you don’t have to reduce work hours or compromise your lifestyle.

The driving force behind this program is the industry connections you’ll make while studying. Learn from renowned academics and industry experts.

Build strategies and policies that you can take into the workplace. Learning is largely project-based, including guest lectures from industry experts and real-world case studies.

Personalised support and assistance keeps you motivated and on the right track.

• Your student success advisor will give you one-on-one guidance
• You’ll also have access to an Online Facilitator and Course Coordinator

Graduate with a globally recognised degree.
## Entrance requirements

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## English language

International students are required to provide current evidence of English language proficiency for admission to RMIT University.

You can provide your results from one of these three options:

1. An accepted English language proficiency test, or
2. An accepted English language provider, or
3. A recognised Australian or international qualification.

For detailed information on English language requirements and other proficiency tests recognised by RMIT, visit the [English language requirements and equivalency information](#).

## Australian Student Visas

RMIT’s Online Graduate Certificate in Emerging Technologies and Law does not meet Australian student visa requirements. For an Australian student visa, you must have an on-campus place in a program of study. For more details on RMIT’s on-campus programs visit [rmit.edu.au](#).
Law and Policy for Emerging Technologies

This course examines the emergence of new technologies and business models over the past decade and the impact that they have had on society, ethics, law, regulation and policy. You'll study technology trends, analyse how legaltech has disrupted traditional frameworks, and study the theories of ‘fit-for-purpose’ regulation. Ultimately, you'll be equipped with the skills to develop policy that can keep pace with technological change.
Program courses

Data and Privacy in the Digital Age

This course dives into the key principles of Australian and international privacy laws, particularly the value of personal and commercial data. You'll look at the legal obligations around data collection, storage and use, along with the proper procedures following a data breach. You'll also analyse emerging data protection technology and its relevant regulatory implications.

Innovative Legal Practice

In this course you will analyse emerging technologies in the workplace, and learn creative and strategic approaches to drive innovative legal practice and client services. You'll undertake the process of customer discovery to understand the organisational issues that clients and workplaces face, and identify innovative technology solutions to address these needs. You'll also prepare a recommendation report to advise senior management of proposed technological solutions, including delivery and implementation.
Future Skills Electives

Future Skills are up-to-the-minute, industry led-modules that focus on emerging capability areas for legal practitioners. You can choose one of the following RMIT Online Future Skills electives to add to your learning experience.

**Developing Blockchain Strategy + Cyber Security Risk and Governance**

A fundamental look at emerging blockchain technology – its applications, limitations and potential impact for society. This is the first dedicated blockchain short course in Australia, developed in partnership with Accenture and Stone & Chalk. Learn the guiding principles of Blockchain, the speed and scale of industry adoption, and how to apply this technology in a legal context. You’ll also learn how effective cyber security governance can help appropriately manage risks presented by emerging technologies.

**Developing AI Strategy and Cyber Security Risk and Governance**

This course will look at the importance of cyber security and emerging digital security trends, covering several key risk management frameworks. It was developed in collaboration with leading cyber security experts from Palo Alto Networks and NAB. You’ll learn key risk mitigation strategies, how to measure the impact of cyber crime, incident response planning and the basics of cloud-based security technologies. You’ll also delve into AI technology and its associated impacts on our society and organisations.
Work-connected learning

RMIT Online works with leading experts at the forefront of their fields, multiplying the force of industry with a world-leading university. By studying with RMIT Online, you can level up your skills and qualifications through work-connected, relevant learning.

Industry partner:

Aaron Lane is a lecturer at RMIT University’s Graduate School of Business and Law and is affiliated with the groundbreaking RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub. Aaron’s academic research focuses on regulation, innovation, and blockchain and the law and has been presented at a number of academic conferences, including ALTA.

Joyce Seitzinger
Learning Design Director, RMIT Online

"Our graduate certificates are co-designed with industry, which means our courses use authentic tools and templates, refer to best-practice and industry standards, and contain real-world case studies, examples and problems. When you graduate you’re not just ready for the next step; you’ve already been applying your new knowledge in your work."

With over 19 years experience in learning design both domestically and internationally, Joyce has a passion for building dynamic, engaging and world-class learning experiences.
STEP 1 Chat to a Student Enrolment Advisor

Our Student Enrolment Advisors have all the information you will need to choose the best course for you. They can even coach you through the enrolment process over the phone.

You can call our Student Enrolment Advisors during business hours on 1300 145 032. They’ll be able to help with any questions regarding the application process, RMIT course fees, and how online study works.

STEP 2 Send us your documents

All you have to do is fill out and submit the relevant course application forms. Your RMIT Course Consultant can guide you through this process. It doesn’t take more than a few minutes.

STEP 3 Wait to hear from us!

If there are any extra steps necessary, your Student Enrolment Advisor will let you know. Once you’re enrolled, you’ll also be able to access your course details via our Student Portal. For more information, visit online.rmit.edu.au

*Further Information Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this publication is accurate and current at the date of publishing. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the RMIT Online website before lodging your application. – Prepared June 2019