

TEACHING & LEARNING PLAN 2007

University of Sydney Priorities	Objective	Plan
1. Continue to attract the best students and to provide them with incentives and support through bursaries and scholarships	Continue to ensure the most highly qualified applicants choose the University of Sydney over competitor law schools.	1.1 Participate in international merit scholarships scheme from 2006. 1.2 Focus on graduate law intake through: - targeted scholarships - active recruitment campaign among final year undergraduate students at the University of Sydney.
2. Provide quality environments that encourage independent learning, peer interaction, effective skill development and a sense of enjoyment in learning	Promote participatory classroom experiences and independent learning through reading before classes.	Introduce new curriculum with flexible teaching model to harness teaching strengths in the faculty and reduce reliance on part-time contract teachers.
3. Offer academically challenging and professionally relevant programs	Continual review of new undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.	3.1 Teaching and Curriculum Committee to continue to evaluate new course offerings and work through Honours programme restructuring. 3.2 Pro-dean (Teaching) to meet with course convenors to review offerings in postgraduate programmes.
4. Continue to adapt and respond to student feedback and employer and community needs	Improve responsiveness to student feedback and employer needs.	4.1 Use of Sydney Law School Advisory Board to promote better feedback from the profession. 4.2 Pro-dean (Teaching) to meet regularly with student representatives to discuss student feedback.
5. Support articulation of our undergraduate programs with graduate-entry professional programs	N/A	
6. Cultivate cultural diversity through curriculum development	Ensure undergraduate and postgraduate curricula are international in focus and are sensitive to issues of cultural diversity.	Continue developing international student exchanges with leading law faculties of the world and continue attracting international scholars to teach in our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes on a regular basis.
7. Recognise and reward teaching excellence	Recognise and reward excellence in law teaching.	7.1 Continue to promote Faculty and University teaching awards. 7.2 Emphasise importance of teaching performance as well as research excellence in recruitment, confirmation and promotion processes.