

❖ Like to Know More?

Can I continue to a higher degree after completion of this Diploma?

If you are a mature student with 4-5 years of work experience and obtain a GPA of 3.0 and above in your Diploma, you could apply to enrol for a postgraduate programme in the School of Government, Development and International Affairs. There are currently three programmes: Postgraduate studies in Development, Governance and International Affairs.

I have not studied for many years and afraid that it would be too difficult for me. How can I be assisted in this?

About 45% of our students are mature students, many of whom have resumed studies after many years. The first few months is always going to be difficult as many things have changed in the University and technology is used much more widely than before. We suggest that you purchase a Stella Cottrell book titled 'The Study Skills Handbook' as this may assist in writing and reading.

Additionally, the Student Learning Support office is also very helpful and we encourage you to visit their office for guidance on reading, writing and other skills related to academic studies.

The Moodle team will also guide you on how to submit assignments online, check your marks online etc.

I am a person with disability. How can I be assisted in my studies?

We already have a few persons with disability in our programme and we try to make our course materials and other information accessible to all students.

Firstly, you will need to visit the USP Disability Office and fill a form to declare your disability. This ensures that the Disability Office will assist you by providing a 'buddy' if you need one, liaise with other sections to ensure your access to facilities and services, provide PCs in their office for persons with visual impairment, arrange for exam seating, etc.

❖ For Further Information

For all Diploma information, please email to: lghr@usp.ac.fj or send email to:

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For USP Admission application, please download the application form from the Student Academic Services (SAS) website and email or post the completed admission forms directly to:

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Frequently Asked Questions



DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS



TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE CREATION

❖ Part Time or Full Times Study

Can people study the Diploma part-time?

Yes. People will be able to study the Diploma part-time or full-time. By studying part-time, people will be able to maintain their regular work or volunteering schedule.

How long will the Diploma take?

It depends on how many courses you do in a year. The course duration is 18 months full-time and up to six years part-time and depends on whether you do the course fulltime or part time.

What will the Diploma cover?

Students will gain knowledge, learn new skills and improve their career prospects. Graduates will be better able to communicate ideas, problem-solve, analyse arguments, research new topics, provide leadership, and contribute to effective development in their communities and organisations. Through their work in the Diploma, they will learn about:

- How to be effective leaders;
- How governance works and why good governance is important for all organisations—small, medium and large;
- Human rights—what they are, where they come from and why they are important;
- Ethics and why ethical behaviour is important in professional and personal life;
- How to conduct research and build a case for change;
- How to communicate effectively, and
- Basic financial management to assist with reading accounts and developing budgets.

❖ Other Questions

Can I enrol for this Diploma?

Anyone who is interested in the area of Leadership, Governance and Human Rights and has the required qualifications to enter USP or can enter as a mature student can enrol for the DLGHR Programme.

What work can I do once I have completed this Diploma?

As this Diploma covers the areas of Leadership, Governance and Human Rights, it allows you to enter almost any field of work.

Some of our current students are police and prison officers, military personnel, civil servants from different departments, staff from Water Authority Office, nurses, NGO staff, primary and secondary school teachers, Judiciary staff, lawyers, UN staff and even a pharmacist. This indicates the wider application of the Diploma in Leadership, Governance and Human Rights.

What courses make up the Diploma?

The twelve courses in the Diploma are:

- DG100 Introduction to Leadership, Governance and Human Rights;
- DG101 Principles of Good Leadership and Governance;
- DG102 Laws, Legal Systems and Access to Justice;
- UU100 Communications and Information Literacy;
- UU114 English for Academic Purposes;
- AF100 Introduction to Accounting and Financial Management for the non-specialist;
- PS103 Research Methods in the Social Sciences 1;
- SW101 Social Policy: An Introduction or PL101 Politics of Development;
- UU200 Ethics and Governance;
- DG200 Human Rights at Local, National, Regional and International Levels;
- UU204 Pacific Worlds or another approved course; and
- DG301 Work Placement / Practical Experience

❖ Other Questions

I am a working student/live far from USP campuses. Is it compulsory to attend classes?

All of the DLGHR courses are offered via distance education so you could enrol for the Print or Blended modes and this would need you to attend classes with lesser frequency.

Students who are too committed or live too far away from USP campuses could be excused from attending classes but they would need to inform of their situation to their respective tutors well in advance. For most DG courses, you would need to actively participate in the Moodle Discussion forums to compensate missing tutorials. However, tutorials attendance is strongly encouraged as many students learn most during these sessions.

Are there night classes?

Yes, at present the Course Coordinators incorporate afternoon and evening sessions to their timetable to accommodate their working students, however we cannot assure that the other courses will have the same. Timetables are revised each Semester therefore students are advised to refer to this for the different courses.

