



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL

Pre-enrolment 2012

**Combined Law
Years 2 & 3**

Please retain this booklet for future reference

Important Dates

PRE-ENROLMENT

Pre-enrolment commences	Tuesday 4 October 2011
Paper-based pre-enrolment closes	Friday 28 October 2011
Pre-enrolment closes online	Friday 25 November 2011

SEMESTER 1 2012

Semester 1 commences	Monday 5 March
Last day to add a Semester 1 unit	Friday 16 March
Last day to withdraw from a Semester 1 unit	Friday 30 March
Easter period & AVCC Common Week/non-teaching	Friday 6 April to Friday 13 April
Last day to Discontinue Not Fail (DNF) in a Semester 1 unit	Friday 27 April
Last day to Discontinue Fail (DF) in a Semester 1 unit/ Last day of lectures	Friday 8 June
Study vacation	Monday 11 June to Friday 15 June
Examination period	Monday 18 June to Saturday 30 June
Semester ends	Saturday 30 June

SEMESTER 2 2012

Semester 2 commences	Monday 30 July
Last day to add a Semester 2 unit	Friday 10 August
Last day to withdraw from a Semester 2 unit	Friday 31 August
Last day to Discontinue Not Fail (DNF) in a Semester 2 unit	Friday 14 September
AVCC Common Week/non-teaching	Monday 24 September to Friday 28 September
Last day to Discontinue Fail (DF) in a Semester 2 unit/ Last day of lectures	Friday 2 November
Study vacation	Monday 5 November to Friday 9 November
Examination period	Monday 12 November to Saturday 24 November
Semester ends	Saturday 24 November

The information contained in this guide is subject to change without notice. Please also consult the Law School website sydney.edu.au/law for the latest information.

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sydney.edu.au/law/cstudent/undergrad/timetables.shtml

1. Contacting Us

Professional Law Programs

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The staff members below are responsible for Sydney Law School's Professional Law Programs, namely the Juris Doctor and the Bachelor of Laws, and are available from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. The Associate Deans are available by appointment (please note new Associate Deans will be appointed in 2012). Our contact details are as follows:

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Law School Information Desk

Hours of operation:
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teaching weeks)

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Law Library

The Law Library is located at the Law School on Eastern Avenue. For opening hours and other queries, please contact the Library Information Desk.

Telephone: 9351 0216
Email: law.library@sydney.edu.au
Website: sydney.edu.au/library/libraries/law

2. Completing Your Pre-Enrolment

Do I Need to Pre-Enrol?

Pre-enrolment is *mandatory* for all continuing students who intend to enrol in units of study in Semester 1 and/or Semester 2 2012. Failure to pre-enrol may result in a \$100 late penalty fee and will require attendance at an in-person enrolment session in February.

Combined Law students pre-enrolling in Years 2 or 3, must pre-enrol in their law units as part of their non-law degree.

Completion of Studies

If you expect to complete the requirements of your non-law degree by December 2011, you should pre-enrol in the Bachelor of Laws (degree code JH000). Please refer to the *Pre-enrolment 2012 Bachelor of Laws* guide, available from the [Law School website](#).

How Do I Pre-Enrol?

The University's Student Centre will mail pre-enrolment information to all students. Pre-enrolment should be completed online at MyUni: sydney.edu.au/myuni > *MyAdmin* > *Pre-enrolment*.

When Can I Pre-Enrol?

Online pre-enrolment will open on Tuesday 4 October 2011. It is recommended that you complete your pre-enrolment *as soon as possible*, but no later than:

Friday 25 November 2011

If you experience any difficulties pre-enrolling online, you will need to contact the partner faculty managing your non-law degree for advice on alternate pre-enrolment arrangements. Paper pre-enrolment must be submitted by:

Friday 28 October 2011

Choosing Units of Study

It is the responsibility of every Combined Law student to ensure they follow the progression rules as prescribed by the LLB degree resolutions below. Permission to deviate from this annual sequence of units will not be granted under any circumstances and students may be withdrawn from their law units or not permitted to re-enrol if they do not adhere to this sequence. If you have any queries regarding these resolutions or how they apply to you, please contact Law School staff before you pre-enrol.

LLB Resolutions (students who commenced their degree in 2011)

Code	Unit of Study	Credit Points	Session	Pre-requisite(s)
Year 1				
LAWS1006	Foundations of Law #	6	1	
LAWS1012	Torts	6	2	
LAWS1013	Legal Research I [^]	0	1, 2 [^]	
Year 2				
LAWS1015	Contracts	6	1	
LAWS1014	Civil and Criminal Procedure	6	1	
LAWS1016	Criminal Law	6	2	Civil and Criminal Procedure
Year 3				
LAWS1023	Public International Law	6	1	
LAWS1017	Torts and Contracts II	6	2	Torts, Contracts
LAWS1021	Public Law	6	2	
LAWS1019	Legal Research II [^]	0	1, 2 [^]	
Penultimate Year of LLB				
LAWS2010	Administrative Law	6	1	Public Law
LAWS2011	Federal Constitutional Law	6	1	Public Law
LAWS2012	Introduction to Property and Commercial Law	6	1	
LAWS2013	The Legal Profession	6	1	
LAWS2014	Corporations Law	6	2	
LAWS2015	Equity	6	2	
LAWS2016	Evidence	6	2	Civil and Criminal Procedure
LAWS2017	Real Property	6	2	Intro to Property and Commercial Law
Final Year of LLB				
LAWS2018	Private International Law A	6		
	6 Elective units selected from Part 1	36 (maximum)		
	1 Elective unit selected from Part 2	6 (minimum)		
	Total credit points for LLB	144		

Foundations of Law is a pre-requisite for all other law units.

[^]Students only enrol in Legal Research I and Legal Research II in one semester only. Session 1 classes are for students in the Faculties of Arts, Engineering & Information Technologies and Science. Session 2 classes are for students in the Sydney Business School.

LLB Resolutions (students who commenced their degree prior to 2011)

Students who commenced their degree prior to 2011 follow the progression rules above, except in relation to the final year of the LLB which is as follows:

Unit of Study	Credit Points	Session	Pre-requisite(s)
Final Year of LLB –Pre-2011 Resolutions			
7 Elective units of study selected from Part 1	42 (maximum)		
1 Elective unit of study selected from Part 2	6 (minimum)		

Transitional Requirements-International Law

The unit of study LAWS1018 International Law is no longer offered and has been replaced by LAWS1023 Public International Law.

Students who previously completed LAWS1018 International Law are prohibited from undertaking LAWS1023 Public International Law and LAWS2018 Private International Law A. It is strongly recommended that these students undertake either LAWS3457 Private International Law B or LAWS3408 Advanced Public International Law in their final law year.

Students who commenced their degree prior to 2011 and did not complete LAWS1018 International Law are required to undertake LAWS1023 Public International Law. It is strongly recommended that these students undertake LAWS2018 Private International Law A in their final law year.

Transfer Students

Students who have transferred to the Combined Law degree after one year of non-law study are required to proceed in the following enrolment sequence for Years 2 & 3 in relation to their law units:

Code	Unit of Study	Credit Points	Session	Pre-requisite(s)
Year 2				
LAWS1006	Foundations of Law#	6	1	
LAWS1014	Civil and Criminal Procedure/Processes of Justice	6	1	
LAWS1012	Torts	6	2	
LAWS1016	Criminal Law	8	2	Civil and Criminal Procedure
LAWS1013	Legal Research I [^]	0	1, 2 [^]	
Year 3				
LAWS1023	Public International Law	6	1	

LAWS1015	Contracts	6	1	
LAWS1017	Torts and Contracts II	6	2	Torts, Contracts
LAWS1021	Public Law	6	2	
LAWS1019	Legal Research II [^]	0	1, 2 [^]	

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Rules of Progression

Please note the following basic rules of progression of the Bachelor of Laws. More detailed information may be found in the Law School Handbook (available at sydney.edu.au/handbooks):

- Students who commenced their degree in 2011 must complete 102 credit points of compulsory law units and 42 credit points of law elective units, of which a maximum of 36 credit points are taken from Part 1 and a minimum of 6 credit points are taken from Part 2.
- Students who commenced their degree prior to 2011 must complete 96 credit points of compulsory law units and 48 credit points of law elective units, of which a maximum of 42 credit points are taken from Part 1 and a minimum of 6 credit points are taken from Part 2.
- Students must complete their law units in the prescribed order. If you fail or discontinue a compulsory unit, you must re-enrol in that unit when next offered.
- Students will not be permitted to graduate with their non-law degree until they have completed all 48 credit points of law units attributed to that degree.
- **Legal Research Requirement**
Completion of the legal research units LAWS1013 Legal Research I and LAWS1019 Legal Research II is a compulsory requirement of both the LLB and the non-law degree. Students will not be permitted to graduate with their non-law degree unless they have satisfied the requirements of these units.
- A minimum of 18 credit points must be successfully completed each semester. Failure to do so will result in a student being placed on the *Academic Progression Register* which could ultimately lead to the cancellation of the student's candidature.
- A unit failed more than once will also result in a student being placed on the *Academic Progression Register*.

Honours & the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)

Students who complete the requirements of the Bachelor of Laws from Semester 2 2013 onwards will be awarded Honours subject to the new Honours resolutions. To qualify to enrol in the Bachelor of Laws Honours program, students will be selected in their penultimate year of the Bachelor of Laws based on a weighted average mark

(WAM) of at least 75%, averaged out across all law compulsory units with the exception of Foundations of Law. The exact WAM will be determined by the Honours Committee on an annual basis. Entry to the program will be competitive and the number of places each year will be limited and dependent upon available resources.

The Honours program will be assessed by a dissertation completed under academic supervision. Further information is available from the [Law School website](#).

Sydney Summer and Winter School

Sydney Summer School offers the opportunity for students to undertake a range of units on a fee-paying basis during the summer and winter semester-breaks.

Students considering enrolment in Summer or Winter School should note that there is limited scope for students to accelerate their candidature as they must meet the progression requirements set out in the degree resolutions and are not permitted to take units out of the approved sequence.

Please note:

- Students must complete all the requirements of their non-law degree before they are eligible to enrol in any penultimate or final year law units (compulsories or electives).
- Enrolment in Sydney Summer School units is limited to a maximum of 2 units.
- Enrolment in Winter School is limited to 1 unit.

The following law units are scheduled for the Summer Session 2011/2012 and are available to Combined Law students:

LAWS1015	Contracts
LAWS1021	Public Law

There are no units currently available to Combined Law students in the winter session 2012.

Please note Sydney Law School reserves the right to cancel or alter units on offer at any time.

Enrolment in Summer and Winter School units is separate from the pre-enrolment process and students must apply directly to Sydney Summer School (sydney.edu.au/summer).

Exchange

Exchange programs offer students an exciting opportunity to broaden their academic experience and sample a different lifestyle and culture by completing units of study overseas and receiving credit for this study towards their candidature.

Combined Law students undertaking an exchange program as part of their non-law degree are not permitted to enrol in any law units while they are on exchange and must re-arrange their sequence of units so that all Combined Law units are completed by the

end of Year 3.

Students who are considering going on exchange should seek advice regarding their degree structure from both the Law School and the partner faculty at the earliest opportunity.

Concurrent Enrolment

If you have a limited number of units of study (less than a full-time load) to complete in 2012 in order to qualify for your first (non-law) degree, it may be possible for you to undertake a limited number of Bachelor of Laws units to make up a full-time study load. Students enrolled concurrently cannot undertake more than 24 credit points in total per semester.

If you believe this situation applies to you, please complete an *Application for Concurrent Enrolment* form, available from the Law School Information Desk and [website](#), and submit it to the Law School by **25 November 2011**. You should pre-enrol online for any units to be undertaken as part of your non-law degree. It is not possible for you to enrol online in Bachelor of Laws units. If your application for concurrent enrolment is successful, you will be required to enrol in-person at the Law School on **Monday 13 February 2012**.

3. After You Pre-enrol

Confirmation of Enrolment

An approved pre-enrolment automatically enrolls you for 2012. If your pre-enrolment is successful you will receive a *Confirmation of Enrolment* notice and fee invoice (if applicable) in mid to late January. Please report immediately any error in your enrolment or fee details. Please understand that it is your responsibility to ensure that your enrolment and details are recorded correctly.

If your pre-enrolment is not successful, you will need to contact the partner faculty for information regarding in-person enrolment in 2012.

Payment of Fees

If you have elected to pay your tuition fees upfront, please ensure that payment is made in full by the due date indicated on your invoice. Please refer to your invoice for details on methods of payment. Failure to pay by the due date may result in a cancellation of your enrolment.

Student Campus Card

Students who have successfully pre-enrolled by the closing date will have their Student Campus Card mailed to their preferred correspondence address in February. Please ensure that you have provided the University with your current address details so the card is mailed to the correct location. Addresses can be updated via MyUni.

For further details on the Student Campus Card go to: sydney.edu.au/card_centre

Deadlines for Enrolments and Withdrawals

It is *essential* that variations to enrolment be made by the relevant deadline below. The provisions of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* prevent the University from accepting variation requests caused by student error beyond published dates. Please understand that it is *your* responsibility to ensure that your enrolment details are recorded correctly by the relevant census date. Failure to withdraw from units appropriately will result in a fail or discontinuation from the subject. Students will also incur a 100% tuition fee liability, HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP liability.

Last day to...	Semester 1 2012	Semester 2 2012
add*	Friday 16 March	Friday 10 August
withdraw (unit will not appear on academic record)	Friday 30 March#	Friday 31 August#
discontinue – not-fail (DNF) †	Friday 27 April	Friday 14 September
discontinue – fail (DF)^	Friday 8 June	Friday 2 November

* Students are strongly advised to finalise enrolment in units of study as soon as possible to ensure pre-class details (personal timetable, WebCT access, etc.) are available prior to commencement of classes.

100% tuition fee liability, HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP debt will be incurred after this date.

† A DNF for a law unit may be granted after these dates at the discretion of the Associate Dean.

^ Unit withdrawal after these dates is not accepted and students will receive a result of Absent Fail (AF).

Personal Timetables

The University's centralised timetabling system will allocate students into groups and will produce a personalised timetable for each student. The system allocates students according to a student's particular combination of units and the availability of places in groups. It is not possible to indicate a preference for a particular group or time slot during the enrolment period.

You will be able to access your personal timetable and vary your class times (where possible) on MyUni (sydney.edu.au/myuni). Please note that any individual change may affect your entire timetable.

If you are unsuccessful in your attempt to change your timetable online and you have a *compelling* reason, you may submit an application to change your personal timetable. Application forms will be available at the Law School Information Desk and the Law School website and should be submitted at the Information Desk. Applications will be accepted during the following periods:

Semester 1	Monday 27 February to Friday 9 March
Semester 2	Monday 23 July to Friday 3 August

To minimise disruption to classes, changes to personal timetables *must* be finalised by the end of the first week of each semester. Requests *cannot* be considered after 9 March (Semester 1 timetables) and 3 August (Semester 2 timetables). You will be able to confirm the outcome of your request to change your timetable by viewing your timetable via MyUni. Should your request be unsuccessful, you will be advised by email.

Important:

1. Under no circumstances should you attend classes other than those in which you are officially timetabled until the changes you have requested appear on MyUni.
2. Please do not approach teaching staff for permission to attend their group as they are unable to approve such requests.
3. In certain units of study, syllabus and assessment requirements vary from group to group, so it is essential that your name appears on the roll for the group you are attending.

Students who attend a group in which they are not officially timetabled will not be permitted to sit interim or final exams for that group and will receive an Absent Fail grade for the unregistered class.

Commonwealth Assistance Notice

Shortly after each census date, the University will send all Commonwealth-supported students a *Commonwealth Assistance Notice* to their University email account. This notice confirms your enrolment details, the financial details relevant to your status and a range of other information.

Student Financial Statement

The University's Student Centre will mail all students a *Student Financial Statement* in:

- late April for Semester 1 units
- late September for Semester 2 units

The statement serves as a final confirmation of your enrolment details and financial liability for the semester.

Cancellation of Enrolment

Please note that failure to pay your fees in full by the due date indicated on your invoice, or failure to provide a tax file number where HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP is sought, may result in the cancellation of your enrolment. Students whose enrolment has been cancelled are not permitted to attend lectures or sit examinations; library and computer access will be suspended and examination results withheld. In addition, local students will not be permitted to enrol as Commonwealth-supported students and will be required to pay local undergraduate fees. International students on a student visa whose enrolment has been cancelled are not permitted to remain in the country.

A charge of \$100 will apply if a student wishes to have their enrolment reinstated. Any outstanding debt to the University must be paid before any future enrolment can be made.

For enquiries concerning the processing of fee payment or refunds, please contact the Fee Payment Office on 9351 5857 or 9351 5222. International students should contact the Finance Section of the International Student Office at io.finance@sydney.edu.au

Sydney Mail and University Correspondence

Sydney Mail is your official University student email account. Your UniKey details provide you with access to this account. It is a University requirement that you check this email address on a regular basis as important notices are sent to this address including the availability of eLearning sites, notification of last-minute changes to class times/locations, reminders on enrolment procedures/deadlines as well as all official correspondence from the University's central administration (including the library). You can arrange for your Sydney Mail to be redirected to an alternative email address of your choice (go to <http://itassist.usyd.edu.au>) but you must ensure that you maintain that address.

Certain university correspondence will be posted to your nominated correspondence address. Please ensure that you maintain current contact details with the University at all times. You can update your address details and contact numbers at MyUni.

Class Attendance

Students are required to attend at least 70% of classes for each law unit of study in order to satisfy unit requirements. Students with an unsatisfactory attendance record may be refused permission to undertake assessment tasks in the unit, and must therefore discontinue the unit.

In addition, international students must maintain a full-time enrolment of 24 credit points at all times as a student visa requirement, unless approved otherwise by the Law School and the International Student Office.

Satisfactory Progress and Students at Risk

All students are expected to satisfy unit requirements and progress satisfactorily throughout their candidature. Students who fail to meet the Law School's progression requirements are at risk of exclusion from their degree. The University's *Student Academic Progression Policy* promotes the early detection of students who are making poor or unsatisfactory progress and are therefore at risk of exclusion. The policy provides for periodic stages of intervention to help students 'stay on track' with their studies. Students are identified 'at risk' if they fail a unit of study more than once or if they fail to successfully complete 50 percent or more of the credit points for which they were enrolled in a semester.

For more information on the *Student Academic Progression Policy*, please visit: www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Academic_Progression_Policy.pdf

University eLearning System

The Sydney eLearning system (Blackboard Learn) is the learning management system that the University of Sydney uses to manage its online content for units of study across most faculties. Unit outlines, class handouts, Powerpoint slides, notices, and links to relevant University sites are some materials which may be available on each unit of study eLearning site (subject to copyright). Students are strongly advised to check their eLearning sites regularly as important notices and assessment details may be posted on the site.

E-learning sites are generally accessible on the first day of classes for semester-length units. Students enrolled in intensive units will be notified of the availability of the eLearning site via their University email address.

To access the eLearning site for a unit of study go to sydney.edu.au/law and select "eLearning" from the "Quick Links" drop-down menu. You will require your UniKey details to login. Enquiries regarding eLearning can be directed to law.elearning@sydney.edu.au.

Assignment Submission

All assignments must be submitted online via the Assignment Drop-box in the relevant eLearning site for your unit of study. The time and date of submission as recorded on the eLearning site will be taken as the official record of submission. You are also required to submit an identical hard copy of your assignment with an assignment cover sheet (available from sydney.edu.au/law/cstudent/undergrad/forms) at the Law School Information Desk. The submission deadline for both the electronic and hard copy version is the same and is specified in each unit of study outline under 'Assessment regime'.

Reading Materials

Reading materials may be purchased from the University Copy Centre, located on the ground floor of the University of Sydney Sports and Aquatic Centre. For opening hours and further details, please visit: sydney.edu.au/ups/ucc

4. Services for Students

Learning Centre Workshops

The Learning Centre assists enrolled students to develop the generic skills required for learning and communicating knowledge and ideas at university. The Centre helps students achieve their academic potential by conducting free workshops in study skills, academic reading and writing, oral communication, examination skills etc. Further information can be found at: sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning_centre/index.shtml

Health and Welfare Assistance

- **Disability Services**

Disability Services is the principal point of contact and support for current and prospective students with disabilities. The unit works closely with all faculties of the university to ensure that reasonable adjustments relating to teaching and assessment are made for students with disabilities, whilst maintaining the academic integrity and core requirements of the individual courses. Further information is available at: sydney.edu.au/stuserv/disability

The Law School strongly recommends that students with any type of disability register as early as possible with Disability Services in order to be provided with the necessary support.

- **Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

CAPS aims to help students develop the skills to build strengths, improve well-being and achieve academic success. The services are free and confidential, and available to all enrolled students. CAPS offers a range of services to help students achieve their goals: Advice Clinics provide brief, one-off opportunities for problem solving; eTools provide instant access to a range of self-help resources; Skillshops are engaging classes teaching key skills for well-being; CAPS counsellors also offer individual sessions to help students learn effective strategies to handle tough times. Further information is available at: sydney.edu.au/stuserv/counselling

- **University Health Service**

The University Health Service offers a general practitioner service and emergency medical care to all members of the University Community. For International students, the Health Service bills Overseas Student Health Cover WorldCare for the cost of most consultations. Students should take their current valid Health Cover card with them to the Health Service each time they visit. Information can be found at: sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_services/health_welfare/university_health_service.shtml

Accommodation Service

The Accommodation Service assists enrolled students to find off-campus accommodation by maintaining an extensive database of suitable accommodation. Links are provided to on-campus accommodation including residential colleges, university owned accommodation and the Sydney University Village. Further information can be found at:

sydney.edu.au/current_students/accommodation/index.shtml

Casual Employment Service

The Casual Employment Service helps students find casual and part-time work during their studies and university vacations. Further information can be found at: sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_services/employment/index.shtml

Sydney University Law Society (SULS)

SULS fosters and supports the teaching of law at the University of Sydney and represents the interests and needs of law students to the Law School, the University, the Union and the Students' Representative Council (SRC). All enrolled law students are immediately members of SULS. For further information on SULS please visit: suls.org.au

5. Unit Convenors 2012

Unit of Study	Convenor	Telephone	Email
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Criminal Law	Mr Graeme Coss	9351 0227	graeme.coss@sydney.edu.au
Foundations of Law	Mr Micah Burch	9351 0462	micah.burch@sydney.edu.au
Public International Law	Dr Tim Stephens	9351 0205	tim.stephens@sydney.edu.au
Legal Research I & II	Mr Graeme Coss	9351 0227	graeme.coss@sydney.edu.au
Public Law	Prof Reg Graycar	9351 0390	reg.graycar@sydney.edu.au
Torts	Assoc Prof David Rolph	9351 0253	david.rolph@sydney.edu.au
Torts and Contracts II	Dr Wayne Courtney	9351 0300	wayne.courtney@sydney.edu.au

6. University Administration

Department	Location	Telephone	Email
Academic Records (to obtain academic transcripts)	Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building	862 78229	academic.records@sydney.edu.au
Campus Card Centre	Level 2, Fisher Library	9351 2423	university.cards@sydney.edu.au
Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)	Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8433	counselling.service@sydney.edu.au
Disability Services	Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8433	disability.services@sydney.edu.au
Exams Office	Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8217	exams.office@sydney.edu.au
Graduations Unit	Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8223	grads.office@sydney.edu.au
HECS and FEES Office	Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8239	hecs.office@sydney.edu.au
ICT Help Desk (MyUni enquiries)	Boundary Lane	9351 6000	ict.helpdesk@sydney.edu.au
International Student Office	Level 4, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8302	io.info@sydney.edu.au
Learning Centre	Level 7, Education Building	9351 3853	learningcentre@sydney.edu.au
Student Centre	Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building	8627 8200	studentcentre@sydney.edu.au
University Switchboard		9351 2222	

7. 2012 Unit of Study Descriptions

Combined Law Years 1-3 Compulsory Units

LAWS1014 Civil and Criminal Procedure

6 Credit Points

Assoc Prof David Hamer

Prerequisite: LAWS1006, LAWS1012 **Prohibition:** LAWS1001, LAWS1007, LAWS3002, LAWS3004, LAWS2006, LAWS5003 **Offered:** Semester 1 & Summer
Main Classes: 1 x 2-hr lecture and 1 x 2-hr tutorial/week for 10 weeks **Assessment:** 2000wd take-home exam on first half of course (40%) and tutorial participation (10%) and 2hr final exam on second half of course (50%)

This unit of study aims to introduce students to civil and criminal procedure. It is concerned with the procedures relating to civil dispute resolution and criminal justice which are separate to the substantive hearing. The unit will consider the features of an adversarial system of justice and its impact on process. Recent reforms to the adversarial system of litigation will be explored. The civil dispute resolution part of the unit will cover alternative dispute resolution, the procedures for commencing a civil action, case management, gathering evidence and the rules of privilege. Criminal process will be explored by reference to police powers, bail and sentencing. The course focuses on practical examples with consideration of the applicable legislation, ethics, and contextual and theoretical perspectives.

LAWS1015 Contracts

6 Credit Points

Dr Wayne Courtney

Prerequisite: LAWS1006 **Prohibition:** LAWS1002, LAWS2008, LAWS5002 **Offered:** Semester 1 & Summer Early **Classes:** 2 x 2-hr lectures or tutorials/week **Assessment:** Class participation (10%) and take-home assignment (30%) and 2hr final exam (60%)
Contract law provides the legal background for transactions involving the supply of goods and services and is, arguably the most significant means by which the ownership of property is transferred from one person to another. It vitally affects all members of the community and a thorough knowledge of contract law is essential to all practising lawyers. In the context of the law curriculum as a whole, Contracts provides background which is assumed knowledge in many other units. The aims of the course are composite in nature. The course examines the rules that regulate the creation, terms, performance, breach and discharge of a contract. Remedies and factors that may vitiate a contract such as misrepresentation are dealt with in Torts and Contracts II. The central aim of the course is to provide an understanding of the basic principles of contract law and how those principles are applied in practice to solve problems. Students will develop the skills of rules based reasoning and case law analysis. A second aim is to provide students an opportunity to critically evaluate and make normative judgments about the operation of the law. Successful completion of this unit of study is a prerequisite to the elective unit Advanced Contracts.

LAWS1016 **Criminal Law**

6 Credit Points

Mr Graeme Coss

Prerequisite: LAWS1006, LAWS1014 **Prohibition:** LAWS1003, LAWS3001, LAWS2009, LAWS5004 **Offered:** Semester 2 **Classes:** 2 x 2-hr seminar/week for 10 weeks. **Assessment:** Class participation (10%) and research essay (30%) and 2hr open book exam (60%)

This unit of study is designed to introduce the general principles of criminal law in NSW, and to critically analyse these in their contemporary social and political context. In order to achieve this, the unit will consider a range of theoretical literature as well as critical commentary, and will focus on particular substantive legal topics in problem-centred contexts. Although the topic structure is necessarily selective, it is intended that students will gain a broad understanding of crime and justice issues, as well as of the applications of the criminal law. Students will encounter problem-based learning and will be encouraged to challenge a range of conventional wisdom concerning the operation of criminal justice. This unit of study is designed to assist students in developing: (1) A critical appreciation of certain key concepts which recur throughout the substantive criminal law. (2) knowledge of the legal rules in certain specified areas of criminal law and their application. (3) preliminary knowledge of how the criminal law operates in its broader societal context. (4) An understanding of how criminal liability is determined. The course has a critical focus and will draw on procedural, substantive, theoretical and empirical sources. The contradictions presented by the application of legal principle to complex social problems will be investigated.

LAWS1006 **Foundations of Law**

6 Credit Points

Mr Micah Burch

Prohibition: LAWS1000, LAWS5000 **Offered:** Semester 1 **Classes:** 1 x 1-hr lecture and 1 x 2-hr tutorial/week **Assessment:** class participation (20%) and case analysis (30%) and essay (50%)

This unit of study provides a foundation core for the study of law. The aim is to provide a practical overview of the Australian legal system, an introduction to the skills of legal reasoning and analysis which are necessary to complete your law degree, and an opportunity for critical engagement in debate about the role of law in our lives. The course will introduce students to issues such as: (i) the development of judge made and statute law, with a particular focus on English and Australian legal history; (ii) the relationship between courts and parliament; (iii) the role and function of courts, tribunals and other forms of dispute resolution; (iv) understanding and interrogating principles of judicial reasoning and statutory interpretation; (v) the relationship between law, government and politics; (vi) what are rights in Australian law, where do they come from and where are they going; (vii) the development and relevance of international law. The course focus may be subject to change.

LAWS1013 **Legal Research I**

0 Credit Points

Mr Graeme Coss

Corequisite: LAWS1006 **Prohibition:** LAWS1008 **Offered:** Semester 1 & Semester 2

Classes: 6 x 1-hr seminars **Assessment:** Satisfactory attendance, eLearning quizzes and in-class exam.

This is a compulsory unit taught on a pass/fail basis. The aim of the unit is to introduce you to finding and citing primary and secondary legal materials and introduce you to legal research techniques. These are skills which are essential for a law student and which you will be required to apply in other units.

NB: Semester 1 classes are for Combined Law candidates in the faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering and Science. Semester 2 classes are for Combined Law candidates in the Business School.

LAWS1019 **Legal Research II**

0 Credit Points

Mr Graeme Coss

Prerequisite: LAWS1013 **Prohibition:** LAWS1008, LAWS1022 **Offered:** Semester 2 & Semester 1 **Classes:** 4 x 2-hr seminars **Assessment:** Satisfactory attendance and in-class exam

This is a compulsory unit taught on a pass/fail basis. It is a continuation of Legal Research I and covers advanced searching techniques and the use of Lexis.com, Westlaw and other complex commercial databases. The purpose of this unit is to further develop the skills you will need as a law student and to introduce you to the legal research skills you will need after graduation.

NB: Semester 1 classes are for Combined Law candidates in the faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering and Science. Semester 2 classes are for Combined Law candidates in the Business School.

LAWS1023 **Public International Law**

6 Credit Points

Dr Tim Stephens

Prerequisite: LAWS1006 **Prohibition:** LAWS1018, LAWS2005, LAWS5005 **Offered:** Semester 1 **Classes:** 1 x 2-hr lecture/week and 1 x 1-hr tutorial/week **Assessment:** 2,500wd optional, non-redeemable, problem assignment (30%) and 2hr 30min final exam (70%)

The compulsory unit of study is an introduction to the general problems, sources and techniques of public international law. The unit surveys the fundamental rules and principles public international law through an examination of the following topics (1) the nature, function and scope of public international law, (2) the sources of public international law, (3) the law of treaties including principles of treaty interpretation, (4) the relationship between public international law and municipal law, (5) the extent of civil and criminal state jurisdiction, (6) immunities from state jurisdiction including diplomatic privileges and immunities (7) state responsibility, including diplomatic protection, nationality of claims and exhaustion of local remedies, (8) regulation of the use of force in international relations, and (9) dispute settlement.

LAWS1021 **Public Law**

6 Credit Points

Prof Reg Graycar

Prerequisite: LAWS1006 **Prohibition:** LAWS2002, LAWS3003, LAWS1004, LAWS5007 **Offered:** Semester 2 & Summer Late **Classes:** 2 x 2-hr seminars/week for 10 weeks **Assessment:** 2,500wd assignment (35%) and 2hr exam (65%)

This unit is designed to introduce students to the principles and structures that underpin constitutional and administrative law in Australia. It is broader than either of these subjects because its focus is on generic issues of governance and accountability. The unit begins with a study of representative and responsible government under the Australian constitutional system. Also considered is the potential role of the judiciary in applying a bill or charter of rights to both the executive and the legislature. The unit then examines the nature of judicial power and the extent to which the separation of judicial power provides protections for individuals. The focus then moves to the executive: the composition of the executive, its powers and how the executive is made accountable through Parliament, judicial review, merits review and investigative tribunals, and open government.

LAWS1012 **Torts**

6 Credit Points

Assoc Prof David Rolph

Prerequisite: LAWS1006 **Prohibition:** LAWS1005, LAWS1010, LAWS3001, LAWS5001 **Offered:** Semester 2 & Semester 1 **Classes:** 1 x 2-hr lecture and 1 x 1-hr tutorial/week **Assessment:** Assignment (30%) and tutorial participation (10%) and 2hr exam (60%)

This is a general introductory unit of study concerned with liability for civil wrongs. The unit seeks to examine and evaluate, through a critical and analytical study of primary and secondary materials, the function and scope of modern tort law and the rationale and utility of its governing principles. Particular topics on which the unit will focus include:

- (a) The relationship between torts and other branches of the common law including contract and criminal law;
- (b) The role of fault as the principal basis of liability in the modern law;
- (c) Historical development of trespass and the action on the case and the contemporary relevance of this development;
- (d) Trespass to the person (battery, assault, and false imprisonment);
- (e) Trespass to land and private nuisance;
- (f) The action on the case for intentional injury;
- (g) Defences to intentional torts;
- (h) Development and scope of the modern tort of negligence, including detailed consideration of duty of care and breach of duty and causation and remoteness of damage with particular reference to personal and psychiatric injury;
- (i) Compensation for personal injuries, including special and alternative compensation schemes;
- (j) Injuries to relational interests, including compensation to relatives of victims of fatal accidents;
- (k) Defences to negligence.

LAWS1017 **Torts and Contracts II**

6 Credit Points

Dr Wayne Courtney

Prerequisite: (LAWS1010 or LAWS1012) and LAWS1015 **Prohibition:** LAWS5006

Offered: Semester 2 **Classes:** 1 x 2-hr lecture and 1 x 1-hr tutorial/week

Assessment: 2000wd assignment (30%) and tutorial participation (10%) and 2hr exam (60%).

The laws of tort and contract frequently overlap in practice and are increasingly regulated by statute. This unit aims to develop the integrated study of the law of obligations and remedies. It builds on the introduction to tort and contract law which students acquired in Torts and Contracts respectively. It will include the study of more advanced topics in both areas and consider the impact of related statutes. Core topics are:

- (a) Concurrent, proportionate and vicarious liability;
- (b) Liability (and remedies) for misrepresentation in tort and contract and for misleading conduct under statute (in particular, under s 18 of the Australian Consumer Law);
- (c) Liability for negligently inflicted economic loss in tort, including some comparative study;
- (d) Damages for breach of contract; and
- (e) Vitiating factors and other factors affecting contracts, including: unfair or unconscionable dealing; unfair terms in contracts; mistake; duress; and undue influence. This topic includes a study of equitable principles and statutory rights and remedies (such as those under the Australian Consumer Law).

Other topics will be studied to the extent class time allows. These topics may include: tort remedies for interference with goods; breach of statutory duty; public nuisance; and illegality in contract.