LECTURES

Commencement of lectures

Each year, the teaching programs in the Diploma in Law begin in May, with examinations in September (the Winter Session), and in November, with examinations in the following March (the Summer Session).

Evening students are expected to attend lectures regularly once each week in the subjects in which they are enrolled and distance students are expected to attend the Weekend Schools, as each course is designed around these lectures.

Learning from Lectures

The LEC's primary means of education is the lecture. At evening classes and weekend schools, a unique mix of academic and practitioner expertise forms the core of our teaching program. An active, engaged student gains in many ways from attending lectures. Come prepared. Develop a style of note-taking that is efficient and reflective of your interaction with the lecturer and the information. Review and expand your notes after the lecture. Use the Subject Guide as a working guide to your study of the subject.

Because we put so much emphasis on the value of your attendance at lectures, we do not advocate recorded lectures or online learning as a substitute for interaction with the lecturer. A live lecture has much more educational potential than a recorded one. A lawyer's skill is highly dependent on listening and note-taking abilities, and it is difficult to think of a better learning environment than the lecture for developing these skills.

All too often these dimensions of lecture attendance are overlooked, but the effort involved in making good use of the opportunities provided will be amply rewarded in your developing abilities to organise and analyse legal concepts. What you learn from lectures is very much a dynamic process of organising and analysing. As you observe the approach of each lecturer, your own style will evolve.

General lecture arrangements

The lecture timetable appears at the back of this Course Information Handbook.

Lectures will commence at 6.00 pm and finish at 8.30 or 9.00 pm throughout the semester.

Lectures are generally held in the New Law School Building, Carslaw Building, the Chemistry Building and in the Eastern Avenue complex which are situated on Eastern Avenue in the main grounds of the University at Camperdown and, until 19 June 2015, in lecture theatres at the St James Campus, which is on the corner of Phillip, King and Elizabeth Streets, Sydney. The map at the back of this book shows the locations of main campus venues.

SPECIFIC LECTURE ARRANGEMENTS

Understanding Legal Language and Legislation

This is an elective subject. Refer to Page 19 for a synopsis. The course will be taught in intensive mode over two periods throughout the session to allow for a longer, workshop style of presentation. Accordingly, there will be no separate weekend schools. The dates and venues for the Winter 2015 Session are:

- Friday 12 June 2015, 9am to 5pm, in New LSSR 117
- Saturday 13 June 2015, 9am to 5pm in New LSSR 117
- Friday 31 July 2015, 9am to 5pm in TBA
- Saturday, 1 August 2015, 9am to 5pm in TBA

Timetable changes

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel, re-schedule or relocate classes. The Law Extension Committee will give students as much notice as possible of any changes which need to be made. Students should ensure that their contact details are up to date.

Any cancellations or alterations to the lecture schedule, will be posted on the Student Message Board of the Law Extension Committee Website (see pages 23 to 25 for further information on the Webcampus).

DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL SKILLS

Success in legal studies requires both the acquisition of knowledge and the development of the necessary skills of problem solving and analysis. Students need to learn how to apply their legal knowledge to a variety of novel factual situations - a proficiency which will be valuable in practice as well as in their studies. Legal
knowledge alone - without the skills to apply it - is not a sufficient foundation for success in exams.

To assist students to become proficient in these areas, Legal Institutions, the first course undertaken by students, has been deliberately structured to introduce students to the necessary skills of legal problem solving. Through lectures, class problems, research tasks and the assignments students should begin to build the necessary base of proficiencies which they will rely on throughout their studies.

As well, a package of self guided tutorials is available on the Webcampus for students to work through at their own pace. These tutorials focus on the acquisition of general study and exam skills and on skills addressed in the Legal Institutions course.

Contracts tutorials
To assist students in the development of problem solving skills, on-line tutorials are available in Contracts. In these tutorials students discuss a range of problems, focusing on how to identify the relevant issues and how to apply the law to solve the problem. All Contracts students who have registered with the LEC will be notified by email at the start of the session and invited to apply for a place in the tutorials. Tutorials generally begin around week 3 or 4 and continue for 8 weeks.

Students with questions about the tutorial material, or general questions about the development of legal skills, approach to legal study or preparation for exams are welcome to contact the principal lecturer in Legal Institutions, Mrs Susan Carter, by email at any time at: s.carter@sydney.edu.au.

ORIENTATION
An Orientation day will be held for all new students on Friday 8 May 2015 in Eastern Avenue Auditorium (am) and Eastern Avenue Lecture Theatre (pm). See page 45.

For new students, this will be an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the roles of the Board and the Law Extension Committee in the administration of the Diploma in Law course and an opportunity to meet other new students and form study groups.

There will also be information about using the University of Sydney Herbert Smith Freehills Law Library. Details of the Orientation Day are included in your Enrolment Package and are also available on the Law Extension Committee Webcampus.

WEEKEND SCHOOLS
Weekend schools are held during each session primarily for external students.

The dates for the Weekend Schools are as follows:

- **Introductory weekend for all Legal Institutions students**
  Saturday and Sunday 9 & 10 May 2015
  Further information is provided separately in your enrolment package and is available on the Law Extension Committee website.

- **Weekend School 1**
  Friday to Sunday 29 - 31 May 2015

- **Weekend School 2**
  Friday to Sunday 24 - 26 July 2015

The program for Weekend Schools 1 and 2 for the Winter 2015 Session appears on page 48 and 49.

Venue
Weekend School classes are generally held in the Eastern Avenue complex, the New Law School and the Carslaw Building on the main University campus.

Refreshments
Morning and afternoon teas and light lunches will be available for purchase from the University of Sydney Union canteen service adjacent to the Eastern Avenue Auditorium, or nearby.

Accommodation
Various levels of accommodation are available close to the University’s main campus at Camperdown. When booking accommodation ask for the best rate available. You may be entitled to a government or corporate rate as you will be attending the University. Sometimes promotional or seasonal rates may be even better. Sometimes motoring organisation (eg NRMA) rates are best. Web booking agencies are very competitive, and a few minutes on the web may pay off. Enquire whether breakfast is included, and whether there are any taxes to be added on.

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

Abigail Adams
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PARKING

Sydney University Main Campus
(Camperdown)

The University has a "pay-and-display" parking regime and heavy fines are imposed for non-compliance.

Sydney University St James Campus
(Phillip St, City)

As you may imagine, parking space is at a premium around the St James campus (Sydney University Old Law School Building). There are no parking facilities for students within the building.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Sydney University Main Campus

For lectures and weekend school classes held on the main campus, the most convenient entry point is the main City Road gate.

By train, the closest station is Redfern, from where you should turn left into Abercrombie Street then right into Codrington Street, which will take you to the City Road gates. You might find it more convenient to use Central Station, especially at night. The University security service runs free buses between the Fisher Library and Redfern railway station in the evening during the University’s semester. Note that the University’s semester and the LEC semester do not always overlap.

Buses stop right outside the City Road entrance, and run frequently from Central Station and the CBD. Routes 422, 423, 426, 427, and 428 depart from Circular Quay and travel down Castlereagh Street, passing through Railway Square before stopping at the City Road entrance. Students can also enter from Parramatta Road, with the best entrance being University Avenue at the eastern end of Parramatta Road, near Glebe Point Road.

St James Campus

The closest train stations to the St James Campus are Martin Place and St. James. The Elizabeth Street exits of both stations are a few minutes walk from the St James Campus. There are many bus services that stop outside or near the St James Campus, including most Eastern Suburbs buses.