

LAWS 7015 INFORMATION AND DATA GOVERNANCE LAW AND POLICY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200958

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Description This subject focuses on the right to privacy and examines the legal framework for information privacy protection and data governance that are established by both international and domestic law and regulation. This subject introduces students to the theoretical approaches to information privacy and data governance law and policy. In particular, the subject focuses on the European Union Directives and Regulation; the OECD Guidelines for the Protection of Privacy and Trans Border Flows of Personal data and the impact of international laws and regulation on information privacy and data governance regulation and policy in Australia. The subject explores some of the challenges in providing effective information privacy protection and data governance in cyberspace as existing laws adapt to new and advanced information technological developments and their use.

School Law

Discipline Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 7047 or LAWS 7078

Restrictions

Students must be in 2824 Master of Laws or 2826 Juris Doctor to enrol in this subject.

Students in programs:

1923 Master of Global Security and Justice

3698 Master of Information and Communication Technology (Advanced)

3699 Master of Information and Communication Technology

3774 Graduate Certificate in Information Governance,

3775 Graduate Diploma in Information Governance

3779 Master of Information Governance,

3780 Master of Information and Communications Technology/Master of Data Science

4700 Graduate Diploma in Health Science

4698 Master of Health Science

should seek permission from the law school via a rule waiver to enrol in this subject.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Evaluate the legal issues that arise from the use of information technologies in cyberspace;
2. Critically analyse the current international and national legal framework and policy for information privacy and data governance laws and regulation to related legal issues;

3. Effectively use critical thinking and research to resolve legal issues related to information and data governance in oral and/or written forms.

Subject Content

1. Theoretical approaches to information and data governance law;
2. Information and data governance legal frameworks in the European Union;
3. OECD Guidelines for the Protection of Privacy and Trans-Border Flows of Personal data;
4. Australian privacy protection and information governance framework;
5. Impact of international and national laws and regulation on privacy and data governance policies;
6. Challenges for regulators in providing adequate and effective protection information and data governance laws and regulation in cyberspace.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	1,300 words	20	N	Individual	N
Annotated Bibliograph	2,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Essay	3,000 words	45	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- N/A

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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