

# LAWS 2001 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200811

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**Description** Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes are no longer 'alternative' but a major part of the contemporary justice system. Modern legal practice requires lawyers to negotiate settlements on behalf of clients and advise clients how to resolve disputes without litigation. Non-adversarial processes offer many benefits to parties, professionals and the community. This subject will introduce you to the theory and practice of alternative dispute resolution processes and provide you with the opportunity to develop key ADR practice.

**School** Law

**Discipline** Legal Practice

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Co-requisite(s)** LAWS 1003 OR  
LAWS 1006

**Incompatible Subjects** JUST 2001 - Alternative Dispute Resolution  
JUST 2019 Conflict Resolution

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Evaluate contemporary issues and key processes in Australian dispute resolution systems;
2. Analyse and evaluate disputes to identify appropriate and effective processes for attempting resolution;
3. Identify and apply legal and ethical principles and processes for the appropriate resolution of disputes;
4. Conduct and evaluate appropriate processes for the resolution of disputes;
5. Demonstrate capacity to respond professionally to and engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in dispute resolution contexts.

## Subject Content

Introduction to the Course & Understanding Dispute Resolution

Shaping Australia Dispute Resolution

Negotiation

Mediation

Conciliation

Expert Determination & Arbitration

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Competence & Ethics in Dispute Resolution

International Dispute Resolution

Dispute Resolution in the Workplace

Family Dispute Resolution

Culture and Dispute Resolution: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

## 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
Quiz	20 minutes	5	N	Individual	Y
Professional Task	40 minutes	45	N	Individual	Y
Essay	2,500 words	45	N	Individual	Y
Participation	Ongoing throughout semester	5	N	Individual	Y

### Prescribed Texts

- Field, Rachael, Australian Dispute Resolution (LexisNexis Butterworths, 2nd ed, 2021)

### Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

### Campbelltown

#### On-site

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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