

LAWS 3080 STREET LAW CLINIC

Credit Points 10

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Description Street Law Clinic provides students with the opportunity to work with peers under the supervision of a Street Law solicitor to research, prepare, and deliver community legal education to partners including secondary schools and/or community organisations on legal topics chosen by these external stakeholders. Students will generate innovative resources to be added to the Street Law digital repository of resources available to the community. Community legal education is a core skill for all lawyers wanting to improve access to legal information for all members of the community. Students will collaborate with the Street Law solicitor and external stakeholders to identify the mode of delivery and content that best meets the stakeholder needs and context. Students will consolidate existing technical legal knowledge, learn new areas of law, develop advanced interpersonal and collaborative communication skills, and enhance their ability to explain complex legal information to diverse audiences.

School Law

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 2015

Restrictions

To enrol in this subject, students must have successfully passed 160 Law subject credit points.

Learning Outcomes

1. Explore the challenges faced by people of diverse backgrounds accessing legal advice in the Australian legal system and the importance of legal literacy to empower people.
2. Examine foundational theories of teaching and lesson delivery of complex legal concepts and ideas to a non-specialist audience.
3. Design accessible digital community legal education resources on discrete legal issues to a non-specialist audience.
4. Deliver appropriately targeted and accessible community legal education to non-legal audiences.
5. Collaborate with others in delivering community legal education.

Subject Content

1. The role of Street Law: critical perspectives.
2. Reflective practice as a legal professional skill.
3. Street Law and Community Legal Teaching theory and practice: lessons from the field.
4. Case studies of access to justice issues in Australia and in Greater Western Sydney.
5. Designing and developing community education resources.
6. Delivering community legal education to non-specialist audiences.

Work integrated learning

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Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Students will need a Working With Children Check consent declaration if working with minors during their placement.

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
Participation	2 Days	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Reflection	(2 x 300 words) 600 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Task	Street Law Session Plan: 600 words b. Street Law Session: Presentation: 1000 words c. Digital Street Law Resource: 800 words	S/U	Y	Group	Y