

# LAWS 7071 TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND THE LAW

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 201073

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**Description** This subject enables students to proactively adapt to the transforming nature of the legal profession. Students will engage with the technology and innovation expectations of contemporary business, legal practice and community engagements - including the concepts and areas of Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, Blockchain, legal task automation, e-contracts and smart contracting, technology assisted review, e-Courts, FinTech and RegTech, law tech start-ups, and chatbots. Students will be able to develop legal, ethical and regulatory digital literacies and personal professional strategies to maintain and use these literacies innovatively. The curriculum will offer insights from a number of innovative and technology focused legal industry experts.

**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 7056 or LAWS 7009

**Restrictions**

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Examine new risks, obligations and ethical issues for the courts and practitioners arising from the use of technology in the delivery of justice and legal services;
2. Critically analyse the ways in which emerging technologies are changing, challenging and enabling the way that lawyers and legal systems work;
3. Critically analyse the way that disruptive technologies challenge regulators across global jurisdictions;
4. Use communication skills required by new and emerging technological platforms;
5. Reflect on issues and strategies to personally maintain currency in digital literacies and their innovative application.

## Subject Content

### 1. Digital literacy & Ethics

- Law and Technology: lawyers as advocates for vulnerable populations in A World disrupted by Technology
- Paperless Workflows and information security
- information Governance and Privacy in A Big data World
- Forensics & data collection
- professional strategies for maintaining currency and Innovative practice
- 2. Virtual and Distributed Courts

- virtual Courts
- online Dispute Resolution
- case management systems
- 3. Legal Technology and Practice
- coding for lawyers
- Technology assisted Review (TAR)
- legal research, Discovery, document and data management
- financial and Regulatory technologies
- 4. Human Rights and Technology

## 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
Presentation	10 minutes	30	N	Group	N
Reflection	1,500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Applied Project	2,000 words	40	N	Individual	N