

LAWS 7072 TORTS LAW

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 201051

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Description Torts Law will provide students with the opportunity to critically analyse the key principles of Australian torts law and its impact within the broader legal context. The topics covered include legal principles and policy of a variety of torts, defences and remedies. The subject also introduces students to legal skills, statutory interpretation and legal problem solving, as well as placing the law in the wider political and social context. Students will be able to search for, analyse, and evaluate cases, statutes, and theoretical writings relevant to torts law to resolve legal problems.

School Law

Discipline Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Co-requisite(s) LAWS 7056 Fundamentals of Australian Law

Incompatible Subjects LAWS 2013 Torts Law

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Analyse the key principles of Australian torts law and the impact of torts law in the broader legal context.
2. Analyse cases to resolve legal problems based on principles of Australian torts law.
3. Apply the principles and processes of legal reasoning, including case analysis and statutory interpretation to analyse and resolve torts legal problems.
4. Critically evaluate issues of equity, diversity and social justice in tort law.
5. Execute clear, concise and persuasive arguments to communicate answers to legal scenario-based problems relevant to torts law.

Subject Content

1. Intentional torts
2. Negligence
3. Defences
4. Concurrent liability
5. Bringing it all together: Case study of Stolen Generations litigation

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 | 1,500 words | 30 | N | Individual | Y |
| Viva Voce | 15 minutes | 30 | N | Individual | Y |
| Final Exam | 2 hours | 40 | N | Individual | Y |

Prescribed Texts

- Anita Stuhmcke and Pam Stewart, *Australian Principles of Tort Law* (Federation Press, 2022) <https://federationpress.com.au/product/australian-principles-of-tort-law/>

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Campbelltown

On-site

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