

LAWS 7078 PRINCIPLES OF PRIVATE LAW

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental principles of private law covering core legal principles in contracts, torts, and property Law in the Australian legal and commercial context. Students will explore the key concepts, legal frameworks, and principles governing contracts, torts, and property rights in Australia. They will gain a solid understanding of contractual formation, enforceability, and remedies, as well as the elements of tort liability and the application of property law principles. Students will acquire a strong foundation in these core areas of Australian law, enabling them to apply their knowledge in practical legal scenarios.

School Law

Discipline Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Co-requisite(s) LAWS 7056

Incompatible Subjects LAWS 7009

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 2824 Master of Laws.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Explain the role of private law within Australian commercial law.
2. Analyse the key principles of Australian torts law and the impact of torts law in the broader legal context.
3. Apply contract law principles to solve problems in relation to commercial transactions.
4. Assess legal and ethical dilemmas in how property law principles are applied to vulnerable communities, particularly Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Subject Content

1. Introduction to Private Law in the Australian Commercial Law context
2. Torts: Trespass
3. Torts: Negligence
4. Contracts: Formation
5. Contracts: Terms
6. Contracts: Enforcement
7. Agents and Contracts
8. Real Property
9. Personal Property
10. Business Organisations

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	Every class	10	N	Individual	N
Presentatio	15 minutes	25	N	Group	N
Professional Task	200 words	25	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	2 hours	40	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- James, N and Timothy Thomas, *Business law*, (John Wiley & Sons Australia, 6th ed, 2022)

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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