

JUST 7006 CLINICAL LEGAL PLACEMENT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 201064

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Description Clinical Legal Placement allows students to attend the Parramatta Community Justice Clinic (PCJC) or a community legal centre for ten (10) days. This unit provides students with an invaluable opportunity to use and reflect on their study of law in an interactive, legal service environment and real-life experience. Under the supervision of a legal practitioner students will work on advice, casework, policy or project work, as required by the PCJC or relevant centre. Students will examine the practical application of the law and the interaction of law, facts, policy and ethical issues. Students will be exposed to a system of self-analysis and self-criticism. Students are required to attend every day, record and reflect on their own experiences, and submit several short papers of various kinds. (Places are limited and enrolment is based on merit with progression status also considered).

School Law

Discipline Legal Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 7072 AND
LAWS 7048 AND
LAWS 7047 AND
LAWS 7066

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a Postgraduate program. This subject is not available for self-select enrolment. Due to its popularity intake in the subject will be restricted to expressions of interest. GPA and progression in program will be considered. Students must have successfully completed 80 credit points of Juris Doctor core subjects, including the four prerequisite subjects before enrolling in this subject.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Evaluate law, the legal system and process in a practical context;
2. Provide advice on legal problems in a practical context;
3. Assess ethical issues arising in legal practice and the professional responsibilities of lawyers in promoting justice and service to the community;
4. Critically reflect on professional development experiences and needs for ongoing development.

Subject Content

1. Real legal problems
2. The practical application of law and ethics to facts
3. Obtaining relevant information from clients

4. Client records:
 - making records
 - File note
 - letter of advice
 - other record types retained by The practice
5. Information for clients:
 - legal information sheets
 - other information available in practice

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Students will need a criminal record check and consent declaration if working with minors during their placement.

Teaching Periods