

# LAWS 2007 FIRST PEOPLES AND THE AUSTRALIAN LEGAL SYSTEM

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200944

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**Description** First Peoples and the Australian Legal System provides students with a grounding in the central legal issues associated with the historical and contemporary interaction of First Peoples with the Australian legal system.

**School Law**

**Discipline Law**

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 1006 OR  
LAWS 1003 AND  
LAWS 1008 OR  
LAWS 1009

**Equivalent Subjects** LAWS 2009 - Indigenous Australians and the Law

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically examine historical and contemporary legal and social policies affecting First Peoples and the Australian legal system.
2. Evaluate the impact of the Australian legal system on First Peoples and their laws.
3. Critically evaluate an aspect of law, policy or practice in relation to First Peoples and the Australian legal system.
4. Communicate clearly and persuasively.

## Subject Content

First Peoples - People - Customary law

The Law of the Colonisers: - Histories and Government Policies - Genocide

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Land and Culture: - Land rights - Native Title - Cultural heritage and intellectual property

Equality: - Racial Discrimination - Criminal Justice - Child Welfare

Autonomy and the Future: - Indigenous Governance - Self-determination - Reconciliation

## 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.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Research paper	2,500 words	50	N	Individual
Take home examination	2,500 words	50	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Larissa Behrendt et al, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Relations (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2018)

Teaching Periods