

# LAWS 3021 ESTATE AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

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**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200624

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**Description** The unit aims to provide a detailed study of laws which impact on estate and succession planning, with a focus on identifying practical and strategic planning opportunities and outcomes. The unit forms part of the elective stream of a sub-major in financial planning. Some issues considered in this unit also have an impact in respect to investments, insurance and risk management, retirement, superannuation and taxation consequences.

**School** Law

**Discipline** Business and Commercial Law

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 1004

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYB 9952 - Estate and Succession Planning

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify the key elements of estate planning vehicles
2. Identify key aspects of taxation as it relates to estate planning
3. Apply their understanding of estate planning concepts to analysing and solving practical problems
4. Research and present findings concerning the application of estate planning vehicles

## Subject Content

Role of estate planning within financial planning

Estate and succession planning processes

Feature of wills, codicils and intestacy

Powers of Attorney and Guardianship

Discretionary and Testamentary Trusts

Capital Gains Tax and estate planning

Succession planning as it applies to business operations

Effect of Contracts

Family Law Considerations

Property Law Considerations

**Prescribed Texts**

- Michael Perkins and Robert Monahan, Estate Planning: A Practical Guide for Estate and Financial Service Professionals (LexisNexis, 3rd ed, 2011)
- Stephen Barkoczy, Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide (CCH, 15th ed, 2012)

**Teaching Periods**