

LAWS 3077 LEGAL INTERNSHIP

Credit Points 10

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Description This unit provides an internship opportunity for later year law students in host organisations (including NGOs and public interest organisations, community legal centres, government departments, corporations, barristers' chambers or private law firms). Internships provide students with invaluable access to opportunities to understand the law in context, to apply their formal learning about legal principles, to develop essential professional skills and to gain exposure to different career pathways. Students who successfully complete orientation requirements will spend twelve days throughout the semester at a host organisation. This will usually be done on a one-day (7 hours) per week basis. An intern's duties will generally consist of a combination of substantive tasks relating to law, policy and practice. Depending on the host organisation, these may include a combination of research, preparing background materials, briefing papers or research reports, liaising with other organisations, assisting in the provision of legal assistance and advice, observing interviews with clients, conferences with Counsel or in court proceedings, undertaking project and advocacy work, preparing/ giving presentations and assisting with administrative and editing work. The School will seek expressions of interest for the number of placements available with the School's partner host organisations each semester. Students are also able to arrange their own internships at organisations that are not currently host organisations, subject to the approval of the Clinical Director and the agreement of the host organisation to complete the attendance and assessment requirements of the unit.

School Law

Discipline Legal Practice

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 Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 2015 AND
LAWS 2004 AND
LAWS 2013 AND
LAWS 2003 AND
LAWS 1009

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically analyse the nature, function and principles of Australian law in a specific legal practice context.
2. Effectively apply the principles and processes of legal reasoning.
3. Perform tasks within a practical legal context.
4. Apply the law to solve legal, professional and ethical legal issues that arise in legal practice.
5. Critically reflect on the values, ethical standards and conduct that underpin professional responsibility in legal practice.

Subject Content

12 days of practicum learning exposing interns to the internal workings of legal practice.

Ethical client-centred practice.

Reflective legal practice.

Professional communication and interpersonal skills for the client-centred lawyer.

Critical analysis of the operation of the law, policy and the legal system.

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Depending on the host organisation, students may be required to obtain a Working With Children or Criminal Record Check. This will be advised by the relevant host organisation.

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
Participation	6 x 1.5 hour seminars	0	Y	Individual
Professional Placement Performance	Placement duration - 84 hours (12 days x 7 hours)	0	Y	Individual
Reflection	3 x 600 words each (1,800)	0	Y	Individual
Report	1,000 words maximum	0	Y	Individual

Teaching Periods

Autumn

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Day

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Spring

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Day

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