

# LAWS 7062 LEGAL RESEARCH DISSERTATION

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**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 201074

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**Description** This is a 20 credit point year-long subject taken over two terms (10 credit points in each term). This subject provides students with a capstone research experience in relation to a supervised legal dissertation. Students develop and refine legal research and writing skills by analysing a legal topic chosen in consultation with an academic supervisor. This subject includes training in research methodology and requires the student to undertake a literature review, to develop a research proposal, to present on the proposal and finished work, and to submit a dissertation. This year long subject can only be commenced in Autumn semester and lasts the equivalent of two consecutive semesters. The research project areas will principally focus upon those areas identified by the School of Law in its Research Strategy.

**School** Law

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

**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Pre-requisite(s)** LAWS 7027

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 2826 Juris Doctor. This year long subject can only be commenced in Autumn semester.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Evaluate the theories and real-life issues relevant to legal practice in Australia;
2. Conduct a legal research project;
3. Communicate the results of a legal research project to peers and other legal professionals in oral and written forms in a professional manner;
4. Reflect on own learning and professional development needs.

## Subject Content

- research proposal
- ethics
- research Protocol and design
- data collection
- data analysis
- logical argument

## Prescribed Texts

- Terry Hutchinson, *Researching and Writing in Law* (Thomson Reuters, 4th ed, 2018).
- Margaret Davies, *Asking the Law Question* (Thomson Reuters, 4th ed, 2017).

## Teaching Periods