

JUST 0003 INTRODUCTION TO THE AUSTRALIAN LEGAL SYSTEM (WSTC PREP)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700216

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Description This subject is designed to develop an understanding of the Australian legal system for students whose courses involve law subjects relevant to their area of study, such as Business, Construction, Policing and Criminology. Students will investigate the role of the Australian legal system in contemporary society, and explore its relevance to their chosen career path through project-based assessments. The subject will also help students develop the language and communication skills necessary for further tertiary study.

School Western Sydney The College

Discipline Legal Studies

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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

Level Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

Equivalent Subjects JUST 0005 - Introduction to the Australian Legal System – Fast Track (UWSC) JUST 0004 - Introduction to the Australian Legal System (UWSC)

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Define and use key legal terminology appropriately.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of key legal concepts, the role of law in society and its impact upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
3. Explain the relevance of the Australian legal system to their chosen career path.
4. Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
5. Observe and report on the operation of Australian courts.
6. Demonstrate skills in legal problem solving.

Subject Content

1. The concept of law and the development of Australia's legal system.
2. The basic composition of the Australian legal system and introduction

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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	40 minutes	10	N	Individual	N
Report	750 words	30	N	Individual	N
Case Study	750 words	30	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	750 words	30	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Carvan, J. (2015). Understanding the Australian legal system (7th ed.). Rozelle, N.S.W: Thomson Reuters Professional Australia Ltd.
- http://west-sydney-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/UWS-ALMA:uws_alma_scope:UWS-ALMA21136423170001571

Teaching Periods

Term 1 (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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Term 2 (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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