

LAWS 5008 LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject examines the link between law, public policy and social reform and adopts a range of social, political and legal perspectives to examine the policy process and its interaction with law. It invites students to critically engage, study and reflect on discourse and activism around selected case studies involving contemporary issues in public law and policy.

School Law

Discipline Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 5 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 7057 Government and Public Law

Incompatible Subjects LAWS 3044 Law and Public Policy (Development and Implementation)

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program to register in this subject.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate the key concepts and issues in public policy development and implementation in selected relevant case studies.
2. Analyse the social and political processes that underpin legal change from an interdisciplinary perspective.
3. Communicate in a clear, persuasive, and logical style on complex legal and policy issues using different media as appropriate for diverse audiences.

Subject Content

1. Social and political dynamics of change: lessons from political science and sociology
2. Approaches to the relationship between law and public policy
3. Case Studies on contemporary issues related to law and public policy

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
Critical Review	1,500 words	30	N	Individual

Presentation	10 minutes maximum	30	N	Group/ Individual
Professional Task	2,500 words	40	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

Spring (2023)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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