

LAWS 7045 CIVIL PROCEDURE AND ARBITRATION

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 201061

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Description This subject provides a comprehensive analysis of the practical and theoretical issues encountered in Australian civil procedure, including legal issues relating to First Nations peoples. It examines the major roles and practices governing court supervised processes which are involved in superior court litigation as well as key aspects of arbitration. This subject will include a selection from the following or similar topics: characteristics of an adversarial system, case management procedure, the rules of pleadings, jurisdiction and joinder, service, discovery and Interrogatories, means of gathering evidence at pre-trial including subpoenas and notice to produce, judgment and appeals, enforcement and costs, and arbitration.

School Law

Discipline Legal Practice

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 7056 Fundamentals of Australian Law AND LAWS 7061 Legal Analysis and Critique

Incompatible Subjects LAWS 4013 Civil Procedure and Arbitration

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Analyse the legal principles and processes of Australian civil litigation, with a particular focus on the law in New South Wales to resolve legal problems, including legal issues relating to First Nations peoples;
2. Analyse the legal principles and processes of arbitration to resolve legal problems;
3. Present and defend a legal argument on civil procedure and arbitration in a coherent and effective manner;
4. Create a legal document relevant to civil procedure suited to audience and context;
5. Assess the ethical and legal ethical issues surrounding Dispute Resolution models and practice.

Subject Content

1. Characteristics of an adversarial system
2. Case management procedure
3. The rules of pleadings and joinder
4. Jurisdiction

5. Service
6. Discovery and Interrogatories
7. Means of gathering evidence at pre-trial including subpoenas and notice to produce
8. Judgment and appeals
9. Enforcement and costs
10. Arbitration.
11. Access to justice for Indigenous communities'

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
Professional Task	2,500 words	45	N	Individual	Y
Participatio	Ongoing	10	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	45	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Stephen Colbran et al, Civil Procedure: Commentary and Materials (LexisNexis Butterworths, 8th ed, 2022).

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025) Campbelltown

On-site

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