

# WELF 2009 HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN SERVICES AND THE LAW (WSTC)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 700141

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**Description** This subject aims to provide knowledge of human rights issues and laws which are particularly relevant to social workers, youth workers and community welfare workers. It provides an opportunity for students to reflect upon their powers, responsibilities and obligations in professional roles and acquire skills to promote justice for disadvantaged individuals and groups through advocacy and law reform.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Social Work

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

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** WELF 2008 - Human Rights Human Services and the Law

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College. Students enrolled in extended diplomas must pass 40 credit points from the preparatory subjects listed in the program structure prior to enrolling in this University level subject.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify and describe features of the Australian legal system with particular reference to NSW;
2. Explain the legal institutions and processes which promote or undermine access to justice and law reform for disadvantaged groups in the community;
3. Outline areas of substantive law which are particularly relevant to social work, community welfare and youth work practice;
4. Apply advocacy skills using legal knowledge;
5. Analyse the impact of international human rights instruments and process;
6. Write a professional report for legal purposes.

## Subject Content

- An overview of the Australian legal system with particular reference to NSW
- Human service work: legal framework for practice;
- Human service work for courts and tribunals; writing reports for legal purposes, evidence, disclosure of counselling records;
- Anti discrimination laws; guardianship laws. mental health laws;
- Criminal justice; victims of crime, disability, prisoners rights;
- Civil and administrative laws : housing, consumer protection, employment, social security, education;

- Australian and NSW law pertinent to children & families;
- Young people in the criminal justice system;
- Advocacy strategies using legal knowledge;
- The international legal framework ?Sources of international law, international courts and enforcement; examples of the development of human rights instruments;
- Indigenous human rights in Australia: constitutional and common law cases
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## 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
Participation	2,200 words	30	N	Individual	N
Report	30 minutes x 10 weeks = 5 hours	30	N	Individual	N
End-of-session Exam	1,300 words 2 hours	40	N	Individual	N