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General Information

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Credit points 4
Prerequisites Admission to MEnvLaw or MIntEnvLaw or MIntTrdeComLaw or MIntRel or MIntRelMIntTrdeComLaw or LLM or MIntLawGovPP or MSocEntre or GradDipIntRel or GradDipPP or 42cp in LAW or LAWS units at 400 or 500 level or (admission to JD and 32cp in LAW or LAWS units at 800 level)
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description The purpose of this unit is to introduce students to new economic and legal aspects of sustainable development. Markets, regulatory strategies, taxes, financial institutions, investment approaches and the insurance industry have responded to some aspects of this global challenge. This provides the wider context for the changing role and legal obligations of the modern corporation. Corporate approaches to environmental management are studied in the light of new economic realities, requirements, risks and standards such as ISO 14001.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Describe the context within which corporate governance operates
- Review and critique existing regulatory strategies in the domestic and international spheres
- Understand and critically appraise the current discourse on corporate governance
- Discern problems and gaps in the manner in which the law seeks to govern and consider reform
- Examine alternative regulatory modes and assess their application

Critically analyse and solve problems collaboratively

General Assessment Information

Participation

Students will be required to participate in discussions during the intensive sessions. In the absence of an application for Disruption to Studies approved by the course convener, any student who does not attend the intensive sessions will result in a grade of 0 for participation.

When considering approval of an application for Disruption to Studies the course convener may require the student to satisfactorily complete a different exercise to be completed at a time determined by the course convener.

Research Essay

In the absence of an application for Disruption to Studies approved by the course convener, any student who does not submit the research essay by the due date will receive a grade of 0. Submission time and date is strictly enforced.

When considering approval of an application for Disruption to Studies the course convener may require the student to satisfactorily complete a different exercise to be completed at a time determined by the course convener.

Take Home Assessment

The take home assessment will be released on 28th October 2017. It is then due for submission at 11.59pm on 12 November 2017

In the absence of an application for Disruption to Studies approved by the course convener, any student who does not submit the take home assessment by the due date will receive a grade of 0. Submission time and date is strictly enforced.

When considering approval of an application for Disruption to Studies the course convener may require the student to satisfactorily complete a different exercise to be completed at a time determined by the course convener.

Macquarie Law School Policy on Assessment:

In the absence of a successful application for special consideration due to a disruption to studies, any assessment task submitted after its published deadline will not be graded and will receive a mark of zero. Applications for a Disruption to Studies are made electronically via ask.mq.edu.au and should be accompanied by supporting documentation. Students should refer to the [Disruption to Studies policy](#) for complete details of the policy and a description of the supporting documentation required.

Word limits will be strictly applied and work above the word limit will not be marked.

All assessments in the unit are to be submitted electronically. Plagiarism detection software is used in this unit.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Online Quiz	0%	No	25/8/17
Attendance and Participation	15%	No	3/9/17
Research Essay	35%	No	9/10/17
Take home assessment	50%	No	12/11/17 at 11.59pm

Online Quiz

Due: **25/8/17**

Weighting: **0%**

This is an online quiz that does not count towards the final grade. It is made available for the purpose of giving early feedback on progress. Completion is strongly encouraged as it will assist students to engage with the course. This will be made available online for a duration of 24 hours closing at 11.59pm on 25/8/17. You will be allocated one hour once you log in, to complete the quiz.

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Attendance and Participation

Due: **3/9/17**

Weighting: **15%**

Students will be required to participate in discussions in the intensive sessions.

Participation during the intensive sessions will be directed by the lecturer.

Intensive sessions are held as follows:

Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd of September in a room to be announced based on enrollments. This session runs from 9am to 4pm each day.

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Research Essay

Due: **9/10/17**

Weighting: **35%**

All students are required to complete a research essay. The research essay is to be submitted to Turnitin via iLearn.

The research essay question will be made available on iLearn. A marking rubric and administrative requirements for this assessment will be made available on iLearn.

The essay must comply with the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation* (3rd ed). The Guide is available here <http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/AGLC3>.

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Take home assessment

Due: **12/11/17 at 11.59pm**

Weighting: **50%**

All students are required to complete a take home assessment. The take home assessment will be released on 28 October 2017 and is due at 11.59pm on 12 November 2017 and is to be submitted to Turnitin via iLearn.

The take home assessment questions will be made available on iLearn. A marking rubric and administrative requirements for this assessment will be made available on iLearn. The take home assessment will include one legal hypothetical and one essay question.

The take home assessment must comply with the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation* (3rd ed). The Guide is available here: <http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/AGLC3>.

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Delivery and Resources

Attendance at intensive sessions

This unit is taught only in intensive mode. Intensive sessions will run from 9am until 4pm on both days. The days are 2nd and 3rd of September.

Attendance at the intensive sessions is required for students if you wish to succeed in this course. Please do not enrol in this unit if you are unable to attend these sessions.

Delivery

Lectures are recorded and will be released through iLearn.

Resources

Students are required to have access to the following texts:

1. duPlessis JJ, Bagaric M, Hargovan A and Harris J, *Principles of Contemporary Governance*, Cambridge University Press 2014 (3rd ed).
2. Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (you can access this online).

Technology Use

1. Online units can be accessed at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>.
2. A computer with internet access is required. Students must possess basic computer skills including internet browsing and word processing.
3. Students are advised that a mobile device will not be sufficient to complete the coursework for this unit.
4. Please consult teaching staff for any further, more specific requirements.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy (in effect from Dec 4th, 2017): <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Attendance and Participation
- Research Essay
- Take home assessment

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to

national and global issues

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