



LAWS8099

Professional and Community Engagement

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Macquarie Law School

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

Convenor

Lise Barry

Contact via via iLearn

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by appt

Credit points

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Prerequisites

120cp in LAW or LAWS units at 6000 level or above and permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides JD students with an opportunity to apply their legal knowledge and skills in practical placements within partnerships between Macquarie University and the legal profession and community. Students will develop vital employability skills and have opportunities to participate in a variety of workplace experiences including law firms, legal centres, community-based legal organisations and services, government agencies and not-for-profit organisations. In these placements, students will be able to engage with the real world application of legal skills and principles developed in earlier units of study either through internships, clerkships and voluntary or paid legally related employment. In line with the university's Professional and Community Engagement (PACE) initiatives, the unit aims to provide students with a broad social perspective, critical thinking skills and the technical competence that employers value.

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:

ULO1: Describe and analyse the personal and professional demands that arise in professional legal practice and community legal engagement. .

ULO2: Examine and critique the theory and law of professionalism in legal practice including its ethical dimensions

ULO3: Analyse the regulatory framework for the practice of law in a national or international context

ULO4: Apply the specialised cognitive, interpersonal and communication skills necessary in legal practice including the ability to take direction and work in a team to address or resolve legal problems.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Reflection and contribution report	30%	No	4/12/20 and 22/1/21
Independent Research Project	30%	No	15/1/21 11.59pm
Problem Solving Activities	40%	No	18/12 and 8/1 11.59pm

Reflection and contribution report

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **4/12/20 and 22/1/21**

Weighting: **30%**

Students are required to prepare a report that considers aspects of their placement that have impacted their consciousness, and influenced their views of society, the profession and themselves; and of their individual contribution to the tasks posed

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe and analyse the personal and professional demands that arise in professional legal practice and community legal engagement. .
- Examine and critique the theory and law of professionalism in legal practice including its ethical dimensions

Independent Research Project

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **15/1/21 11.59pm**

Weighting: **30%**

Students are required to respond to a set question or problem, and complete an independent research report that critiques current professional practices and regulation of the legal

profession; or addresses specific problems raised by the partner organisation

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Examine and critique the theory and law of professionalism in legal practice including its ethical dimensions
- Analyse the regulatory framework for the practice of law in a national or international context

Problem Solving Activities

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 60 hours

Due: **18/12 and 8/1 11.59pm**

Weighting: **40%**

Students are required to attend and participate online or in person in a series of problem solving or presentation tasks.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse the regulatory framework for the practice of law in a national or international context
- Apply the specialised cognitive, interpersonal and communication skills necessary in legal practice including the ability to take direction and work in a team to address or resolve legal problems.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

All unit materials are available online. Materials include short lectures on aspects of professional ethics and unit readings in Leganto. Students are not required to attend any seminars or lectures in person but will complete their professional placements during the session and complete assessment tasks.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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.