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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

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites 40cp at 1000 level or above
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit provides a foundation for human resources law. It provides students with a grounding in human resources law that will assist them in future management careers. The need to incorporate law into HR practice provides a challenge particularly with ongoing changes to workplace law and management. Areas covered include: the Australian legal system, the development of human resources law, and the relationship of human resources law to other legal areas. Students will analyse the legal aspects of particular case studies relevant to human resources law and critically assess and make judgments on the merits of legal arguments. They will gain skills in problem solving and collaboration.

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: Analyse and describe how employment law is made and enforced in Australia.

ULO2: Apply relevant legal principles and techniques to solve current case problems in human resource law.

ULO3: Critically analyse the merits of legal arguments on particular human resource issues both as individuals and in collaboration.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessments must also be submitted through Turnitin. No extensions will be granted. There

will be a **deduction of 10%** of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each **24 hour period** or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission incurs a 40% penalty). Late submissions will be accepted up to 96 hours after the due date and time.

This penalty does not apply for cases in which an application for [Special Consideration](#) is made and approved. Note: applications for [Special Consideration Policy](#) must be made within 5 (five) business days of the due date and time.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Case Study	20%	No	Week 6
Report	30%	No	Week 10
Final Online Examination	50%	No	University Examination Period

Case Study

Assessment Type [1](#): Case study/analysis

Indicative Time on Task [2](#): 15 hours

Due: **Week 6**

Weighting: **20%**

This task requires students to apply legal principles and techniques to solving a current case problem in HR law. A submission of up to 2,000 words is required.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply relevant legal principles and techniques to solve current case problems in human resource law.
- Critically analyse the merits of legal arguments on particular human resource issues both as individuals and in collaboration.

Report

Assessment Type [1](#): Report

Indicative Time on Task [2](#): 20 hours

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **30%**

This assessment requires students to work together as a group to compile a report which applies legal principles and techniques to resolving a current human resource law case problem, and to complete an individual reflection on the process and the case. Knowledge and application of teamwork theory and skills will be assessed.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse and describe how employment law is made and enforced in Australia.
- Apply relevant legal principles and techniques to solve current case problems in human resource law.
- Critically analyse the merits of legal arguments on particular human resource issues both as individuals and in collaboration.

Final Online Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **University Examination Period**

Weighting: **50%**

A two-hour online final examination, administered via iLearn, will be held during the University Examination Period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse and describe how employment law is made and enforced in Australia.
- Apply relevant legal principles and techniques to solve current case problems in human resource law.
- Critically analyse the merits of legal arguments on particular human resource issues both as individuals and in collaboration.

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

Required Text	<p>Stewart, Andrew. (2018). <i>Stewart's Guide to Employment Law</i>. 6th Edition. The Federation Press. ISBN: 9781760021542</p> <p>Students are required to have <i>their own copy</i> of this text and bring it to tutorials. There are some older copies available in the library (on the shelves and in closed reserve: NB page numbers will be different and most recent principles of law will not be included in those).</p>
Unit Web Page	The web page for this unit can be found at: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au
Technology Used and Required	<p>Students are required to have access to a personal computer and internet access, as well as familiarise themselves with iLearn (https://ilearn.mq.edu.au).</p> <p>iLearn will be used to post lecture slides, assessment details, student grades and as a means of communication between staff members and students.</p> <p>Further to this, students should familiarise themselves with the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library databases to source materials for the research of essay, which is accessed electronically for conducting research for assignments; • Microsoft Word and PowerPoint for presentations and reports (where applicable)
Delivery Format and Other Details	The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/
Recommended readings	Recommended readings are provided via the links on the iLearn Unit page
Inherent Requirements	None

Unit Schedule

Please see iLearn

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](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://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.