LAWS2100
Jurisprudence
Session 2, Special circumstances 2021
Macquarie Law School

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Notice
Some on-campus classes have moved online for the first two weeks of Session, before returning to campus in Week 3. If you are studying a unit outside of the primary Session 2 timetable, please contact your teaching staff team for further details.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. To find out if you are enrolled in one of these classes/teaching activities, you can check to see if your unit is on the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Your Unit Convenor will provide more information via an iLearn announcement when your iLearn unit becomes available.
## General Information

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### Unit description

This unit is a philosophically-based introduction to law and legal thought. It has four main objectives. It aims to introduce students to the nature of the Australian legal system; to equip them to think in a theoretical and critical way about the nature of law and legal reasoning; to convey an understanding of some key legal concepts; and to assist them to draw on and apply these reflections in the context of some contemporary legal issues.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)

## Learning Outcomes

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

- **ULO1**: Analyse central debates in jurisprudence
- **ULO2**: Evaluate the law and legal institutions from a normative perspective.
- **ULO3**: Apply theoretical knowledge to real-life situations and topical controversies
- **ULO4**: Develop the ability to build and communicate theoretical legal arguments under time pressure.

## General Assessment Information

1. **Essay.**

   The word limit for this assignment is 1,500 words (footnotes and the bibliography are not included in the word limit). Students should adhere to AGLC4). Further details will be released once the course starts.
Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

2. Take Home Exam

Students will be required to answer four questions based on the materials weeks 7-12. Each answer is 500 words in length. Questions will be released on iLearn on Monday 1 November. Students will have 5 days to complete the assessment.

The word limit for this assignment is 2000 words. Footnotes and the bibliography are not included in the word limit. Students should abide by AGLC4.

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, late exams will not be accepted.

3. Quizzes

Class participation for this subject will be assessed by TWO multiple choice quizzes, to be attempted any time during week 6 and week 11. Each quiz will consist of 10 questions, each worth one mark. There is a total of 10 marks per quiz. You will have 15 minutes to complete the quiz from the time you open it.

The quiz is designed to test your comprehension of the texts set for study and your engagement with the course materials. If you attend classes each week, do the readings and listen to the lectures, the quizzes will be very straightforward.

### Assessment Tasks

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### Essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay

Indicative Time on Task 2: 25 hours

Due: **23.59 10/09/2021**

Weighting: **40%**

This assignment will require comprehension and critical analysis of some key readings on the nature of law.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse central debates in jurisprudence
- Evaluate the law and legal institutions from a normative perspective.
- Apply theoretical knowledge to real-life situations and topical controversies
- Develop the ability to build and communicate theoretical legal arguments under time pressure.

Take home exam

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 25 hours  
Due: 23.59 05/11/2021  
Weighting: 40%

The take-home exam will test critical reasoning skills and comprehension of the set texts.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse central debates in jurisprudence
- Evaluate the law and legal institutions from a normative perspective.
- Apply theoretical knowledge to real-life situations and topical controversies
- Develop the ability to build and communicate theoretical legal arguments under time pressure.

timed online quizzes

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 1 hours  
Due: Quiz 1 opens 9.00 30/08/2021 closes 23.59 03/09/2021  
Weighting: 20%

two multiple choice quizzes - dates and times will be advertised on iLearn

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse central debates in jurisprudence
- Evaluate the law and legal institutions from a normative perspective.
• Apply theoretical knowledge to real-life situations and topical controversies

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 Learning Skills Unit 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

The main textbook for this unit is: Denise Meyerson, *Jurisprudence*, Oxford University Press, 2011. All other reading material will be available from Leganto, which you can access via the iLearn site. All lectures will be available on ECHO360.

Unit Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to Jurisprudence
Week 2: Law and Force: Austin v Hart
Week 3: Contemporary Positivism
Week 4: Natural Law Theory
Week 5: Adjudication I: Formalism v Purposivism
Week 6: Adjudication II: Hart v Dworkin (Quiz 1)
Week 7: Realism and Critical Perspectives (Essay due Friday 10 September)
Semester Break: 13 - 26 September
Week 8: Difference
Week 9: Rights
Week 10: Freedom
Week 11: Inequality (Quiz 2)
Week 12: Civil Disobedience
Week 13: Take Home Exam (Due Friday 5 November 2021).

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). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:
Student Support

• 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). 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).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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.
Student Enquiry Service
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

Equity 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.

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.