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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
(80cp in LAW or LAWS units) or (130cp including (BUSL250 and BUSL301) or BUSL251 or ACCG2051)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
The unit introduces students to the principal areas of law in Australia which aim to preserve competition in the economy and to ensure consumer protection. Attention will focus on the competition law provisions in the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and their theoretical underpinnings. Topics include cartels; anticompetitive agreements and concerted practices; misuse of market power; mergers; warranties and guarantees; misleading or deceptive conduct; unconscionable conduct and unfair contract terms; remedies and enforcement of both consumer and competition law.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are
Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Understand the economic concepts used in competition law to articulate the effects of anticompetitive practices.

ULO2: Consolidate the development of competition law in Australia and various parts of the world and examine the objective(s) of competition law in the economy.

ULO3: Consider the powers of the courts, regulatory bodies, and private individuals to distinguish between different enforcement methods in competition and consumer law.

ULO4: Apply the Competition and Consumer Act, case law, and soft law to solve problems in competition and consumer law.

General Assessment Information

QUIZZ (25%)

The quiz will be open at 9am, Monday 27 March 2023 (Week 6) and closed at 5pm, Monday 3 April 2023 (Week 7).

The quiz consists of 25 multiple choice questions. Each multiple choice question is worth 1 mark.

Topics for each quiz and the amount of time given to complete each quiz will be provided in a separate document on iLearn. There is no need for research for the quiz. All quiz questions are based on information in the prescribed textbook.

HYPOTHETICAL PROBLEM QUESTIONS (50%)

There will be two hypothetical problem questions worth 25% each.

More details will be provided on iLearn.

There is no need for research for the hypothetical problem questions. Both questions will be based on information in the prescribed textbook.

FINAL EXAM (TIME LIMITED) (25%)

There will be one hypothetical problem question worth 25%. More details will be provided on iLearn.

There is no need for research for the final exam. The question will be based on information provided on ilearn and the prescribed text.

Late Submission

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 5 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.
## Assessment Tasks

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<td>25%</td>
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<td>Week 7 (3/04/2023)</td>
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<td>Hypothetical Problem Question</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Week 10 (8/05/2023)</td>
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<td>25%</td>
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### Quiz

**Assessment Type:** Quiz/Test  
**Indicative Time on Task:** 3 hours  
**Due:** **Week 7 (3/04/2023)**  
**Weighting:** 25%

Students will be required to complete a multiple choice quiz.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Understand the economic concepts used in competition law to articulate the effects of anticompetitive practices.
- Consolidate the development of competition law in Australia and various parts of the world and examine the objective(s) of competition law in the economy.
- Consider the powers of the courts, regulatory bodies, and private individuals to distinguish between different enforcement methods in competition and consumer law.

### Hypothetical Problem Question

**Assessment Type:** Problem set  
**Indicative Time on Task:** 35 hours  
**Due:** **Week 10 (8/05/2023)**  
**Weighting:** 50%

Students will be required to solve two hypothetical problem questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Understand the economic concepts used in competition law to articulate the effects of anticompetitive practices.
• Apply the Competition and Consumer Act, case law, and soft law to solve problems in competition and consumer law.

Take-Home Exam
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: Exam Period (12/06/2023)
Weighting: 25%

Students will be required to solve a hypothetical problem question in a time-limited take home test

On successful completion you will be able to:
• Understand the economic concepts used in competition law to articulate the effects of anticompetitive practices.
• Apply the Competition and Consumer Act, case law, and soft law to solve problems in competition and consumer law.

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

Lectures
Each week will consist of a 2 hour lecture that is uploaded to Echo 360 on iLearn. Lectures will be available in weeks 1 to 12. It is advised that you listen to the weekly lecture in advance of your corresponding weekly tutorial.

Tutorials
Each week consists of a 1 hour tutorial. Each student is expected to attend the tutorial that they are enrolled in. Due to privacy issues, the tutorials are not recorded.

A Zoom link is available on iLearn for all online tutorials.
Resources

Prescribed Textbook


Please do not pay the full price for the textbook. There is a student discount for the textbook when you enter the shopping cart. Please enter the following code ‘STD2023’.

Recommended Material


A Bruce, Australian Competition Law (4th Edition, LexisNexis, Sydney 2021). This textbook is optional (as detailed notes and other materials for the Competition Law topics will be uploaded on iLearn). This textbook can be purchased online from LexisNexis or from other online suppliers, e.g. Booktopia.

Unit Schedule

Reading List


Please note that Additional Reading (as listed below) is not mandatory reading. Students who wish to specialise in Australian Consumer Law and/or Australian Competition Law are encouraged to undertake the Additional Reading.

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### Misleading or Deceptive Conduct – General Principles
Coorey – Ch 3  
SGC Consumer Law I

### Misleading or Deceptive Conduct and Advertising
Coorey – Ch 4  
Coorey - Ch 6

### Misleading or Deceptive Conduct and the Internet
Coorey - Ch 5  
Coorey - Ch 7

### False or Misleading Representations
Coorey – Ch 8  
SGC Consumer Law I

### Unconscionable Conduct
Coorey - Ch 9  
SGC Consumer Law II

### Unfair Contract Terms
Coorey – Ch 10  
SGC Consumer Law II  
Coorey – Ch 11  
SGC Consumer Law II

### Consumer Guarantees (and Remedies)
Coorey – Ch 12  
Coorey – Ch 13  
SGC Consumer Law III

### Australian Competition Law

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Materials will be provided on iLearn  
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| 13 | Revision  
Sample Question(s) to be provided on iLearn |
Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

### 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](https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct)

### Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](https://students.mq.edu.au), (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](https://students.mq.edu.au). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

### Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

### Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

### The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
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

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues
- Student Advocacy provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.