LAWS1200

Contracts

Session 1, In person-scheduled-weekday, North Ryde 2024

Macquarie Law School

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
LAWS1000 or LAW115

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
The law of contracts is a fundamental area of study for an undergraduate degree in law and serves as the basis for a variety of later core and elective units. This unit equips students with a knowledge of essential doctrinal principles of contract law and the capacity to apply legal problem solving skills to the resolution of contractual disputes. It covers the formation of contracts, the contents and interpretation of contractual terms, the vitiating factors affecting contract formation, the discharge of contractual liabilities and other related issues such as formal requirements, illegality and privity of contract. In addition, the unit conveys an understanding of the main competing philosophies of contract and the practical role of contracts in a broader social and historical context.

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 the legal principles relating to contract law.
ULO2: Explain the role of contracts in an historical and social context.
ULO3: Formulate, present and evaluate oral and written arguments about contract law,
drawing upon relevant precedent and policy considerations.

**ULO4:** Analyse hypothetical fact situations, identify legal and factual issues involving the law relating to contract law, and apply relevant principles to solve legal problems, including analysis under domestic contract law and international contract law.

**ULO5:** Demonstrate research, writing and referencing skills appropriate to students undertaking a 100 level unit.

**General Assessment Information**

**LATE ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION PENALTY**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a **5% penalty (of the total possible mark)** will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of ‘0’ (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (the Assignment). **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (the Quizzes, Tutorial Participation and the Final Exam/ Take Home Test) **will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.** Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

**SUBMITTING ASSESSMENTS**

Apart from Participation, all assessments are submitted **electronically through iLearn.** **Turnitin plagiarism detection software** is used to check all written assessments. Students should carefully check that they submit the correct file for an assessment as no resubmissions will be accepted after the due date and time, including instances where students upload an incorrect file in error.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Class Participation**

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 0 hours
Due: **Weeks 1-13**  
Weighting: **20%**

Students will participate in a one-hour tutorial every week that will provide the opportunity to explore, analyse and apply the principal doctrinal rules covered in lectures.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the legal principles relating to contract law.
- Explain the role of contracts in an historical and social context.
- Formulate, present and evaluate oral and written arguments about contract law, drawing upon relevant precedent and policy considerations.

### Problem Question

**Assessment Type**: Quiz/Test  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 5 hours  
**Due**: Fri 5 Apr  
**Weighting**: 30%

The Assignment in this unit will be a hypothetical problem question.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe the legal principles relating to contract law.
- Demonstrate research, writing and referencing skills appropriate to students undertaking a 100 level unit.

### Take Home Test

**Assessment Type**: Quiz/Test  
**Indicative Time on Task**: 25 hours  
**Due**: Fri 7 Jun  
**Weighting**: 50%

Students will complete a time limited take home test based on material covered in the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:
Describe the legal principles relating to contract law.

Explain the role of contracts in an historical and social context.

Formulate, present and evaluate oral and written arguments about contract law, drawing upon relevant precedent and policy considerations.

Analyze hypothetical fact situations, identify legal and factual issues involving the law relating to contract law, and apply relevant principles to solve legal problems, including analysis under domestic contract law and international contract law.

Demonstrate research, writing and referencing skills appropriate to students undertaking a 100 level unit.

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

RESOURCES

PRESCRIBED TEXTS (2)


Leganto (on iLearn) links you to additional readings.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS & RESOURCES


Please note there are also numerous resources available through the library.
DELIVERY

**LECTURES** commence in Week 1. Lectures amount to a total of two hours per week, and consist of two parts: Part A - Lectures pre-recorded and uploaded each week; and Part B - Live lectures delivered face-to-face on campus and uploaded each week.

**TUTORIALS** commence in Week 1. Tutorials run for one hour per week, either face-to-face on campus or Zoom online tutorial. Note that Tutorial Participation is assessed.

**Unit Schedule**

Please see iLearn for details.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

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

**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
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/

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
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the 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

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/](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](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).
The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Unit information based on version 2024.03 of the [Handbook](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).