



LAWS8600

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Law

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Macquarie Law School

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MLCHRS or GCFIL or (Admission to JD and LAWS600 or LAWS8001)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Money laundering enables criminals to transfer illicit funds from various illegal activities such as tax evasion, fraud, corruption, drug trafficking, theft, and people smuggling into legitimate financial systems, concealing their origins. Terrorism financing poses a serious threat, as even small amounts of illegitimate funds can fund terrorist activities. Countries that allow unchecked illicit activities jeopardise national security, undermine financial institutions, and threaten the international financial system. This unit explores key provisions, obligations, and compliance requirements for financial institutions and reporting entities, including Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs), to combat money laundering and terrorism financing effectively.

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: Critically analyse the development of financial crime norms and theories of compliance in international and domestic contexts.

ULO2: Evaluate the interaction of binding and non-binding financial crime norms with legislative reforms in selected jurisdictions.

ULO3: Critique deviations from traditional international lawmaking processes and analyse emerging forms of governance in relation to anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing.

ULO4: Analyse and interpret hard and soft law norms in promoting financial integrity and effectively communicate these concepts to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.

ULO5: Critically assess motives to comply with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regimes across various jurisdictions, including Australia.

General Assessment Information

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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 until the seventh day (including weekends). After the seventh day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11:55 p.m. Students who experience a technical issue are given a one-hour grace period.

*This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessments (including essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings, etc). **Late submission of time-sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs, etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.***

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Research Essay</u>	30%	No	18/04/2025
<u>Hypothetical Problems</u>	30%	No	20/06/2025, 9:00-11:00
<u>Professional Skills</u>	40%	No	Ongoing

Research Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **18/04/2025**

Weighting: **30%**

2000 words. Students will be required to write a research essay on an aspect of the course.

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- Critically assess motives to comply with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regimes across various jurisdictions, including Australia.

Hypothetical Problems

Assessment Type ¹: Problem set

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **20/06/2025, 9:00-11:00**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will advise a client based on the facts of the situation and the law learned in the course.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate the interaction of binding and non-binding financial crime norms with legislative reforms in selected jurisdictions.
- Critique deviations from traditional international lawmaking processes and analyse emerging forms of governance in relation to anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing.
- Analyse and interpret hard and soft law norms in promoting financial integrity and effectively communicate these concepts to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- Critically assess motives to comply with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regimes across various jurisdictions, including Australia.

Professional Skills

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will develop essential legal professional skills through structured classroom activities such as oral advocacy, critical reasoning, strategic problem-solving, collaborative work, team leadership, mooting, simulated client consultations, legal presentations or demonstrations, doctrinal analysis and problem solving, and/or collaborative legal research. These activities are designed to develop students' professional capabilities including capacity to communicate legal concepts clearly and engage professionally with diverse audiences in diverse contexts.

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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

Each week, one lecture or set of lectures will be pre-recorded and available to students on iLearn. These will take place from Week 1 to Week 12. The schedule of topics to be covered in the lectures, and notes on required readings, will be available in detail on iLearn.

A list of topics covered is provided in the Unit Schedule below.

Weekly one-hour tutorials begin in Week 2 and end in Week 13. Discussion questions for each tutorial will be available on the unit's iLearn page.

The required texts are:

- Doron Goldbarsht and Isabelle Nicolas [*Australia's Financial Integrity: A Global Compliance Approach to AML/CTF*](#) (LexisNexis, 2025), and
- Doron Goldbarsht, [*Global Counter-Terrorist Financing and Soft Law*](#) (Edward Elgar, 2020).

- Additional readings will be available via iLearn or else they will be linked to a publicly available source.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Global to local: Background to ML, TF, and FIU/AUSTRAC
2	ML and TF Offences
3	Risk-based Approach
4	Preventive Measures: • Financial Institution Secrecy Laws • Customer Due Diligence • Record Keeping
5	Preventive Measures: • Politically Exposed Persons • Correspondent Banking • Money or Value Transfer Services
6	Preventive Measures: • New Technologies • Wire Transfers • Reliance on Third Parties
7	Preventive Measures: • Internal Controls and Foreign Branches and Subsidiaries • Higher-Risk Countries • Reporting of Suspicious Transactions
8	DNFBPs
9	Terrorist Financing and Financing of Proliferation
10	Confiscations and Sanctions
11	International Cooperation
12	TBD

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policycentral.mq.edu.au/) (<https://policycentral.mq.edu.au/>)

[s.mq.edu.au](https://students.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 \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](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 \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](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 connect.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 <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) 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 the [Service Connect Portal](#), 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.

Unit information based on version 2025.02 of the [Handbook](#)