

Legal Studies

Level: Stage 1

Prerequisite: None required

Additional Cost: None

Further Enquiries:

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Who Is This Course For?

Through Legal Studies, students develop an appreciation and awareness of their role as a citizen in the Australian legal system, the skills to communicate their ideas, and the confidence to make informed and effective decisions regarding legal issues.

What Will I Learn?

Stage 1 Legal Studies focuses on the use of laws and legal systems to create harmony within dynamic and evolving communities. Through an inquiry-based process, students explore and develop their understanding of the concepts of rights, fairness and justice, power, and change. These concepts are examined in the context of law-making, law enforcement, and dispute resolution, and should be applied to a range of contemporary Australian issues. Opportunities exist to consider alternative perspectives such as international law, customary law, and systems used in other jurisdictions.

Students complete a study of Focus area 1: Law and communities, and two additional focus areas

How will I be assessed?

Assessment: Analytical Response

Students undertake one analytical response for a 10-credit subject,

A response should be a maximum of 1200 words if written, or a maximum of 7 minutes if an oral presentation or in multimodal form.

Assessment: Inquiry

Students undertake one inquiry for a 10-credit subject

The inquiry should be a maximum of 1200 words if written, or a maximum of 7 minutes if an oral presentation or in multimodal form.

Assessment : Presentation

Students undertake at least one collaborative presentation and an individual reflection.

The form of presentation chosen must include between 7 and 10 minutes of oral communication.

The individual reflection for each student should be a maximum of 500 words or negotiated format.