

730-708 Groups, Diversity and the Law

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Summer Term, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
Prerequisites:	Prerequisites Some familiarity with American society and government and some law school experience
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Prof Peter Schuck
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the various legal and political techniques by which the US manages a complex, diverse society # Be familiar with some of the most controversial aspects of contemporary American public law # Have a much more sophisticated understanding of the concept and ideal of diversity # Be able to debate many of the highly controversial issues that arise in a liberal, culturally diverse society # Gain a critical understanding of the strengths and limits of law in regulating social processes. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Thinking about diversity: Sharpening the concepts; history of the diversity ideal; value issues # Ethnic politics in the US: Blacks and Mexican-Americans # Immigration, affirmative action, associational rights # Religious and residential diversity, voting rights, social mobility # Managing diversity.
Assessment:	Class participation (10%) Research paper 9,000 words (90%) (21 April) (topic approved by subject coordinator)
Prescribed Texts:	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.

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information:**

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