

730-852 Fundamentals of the Common Law

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| Credit Points: | 12.500 |
| Level: | Graduate/Postgraduate |
| Dates & Locations: | 2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - 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: | Note Candidates who have a degree in law from, or are admitted to practise in, a common law jurisdiction will not be permitted to enrol in this subject except with the permission of the Associate Dean (Melbourne Law Masters). Courses All Masters degrees (excluding Master of International Tax; Master of Tax; Graduate Diploma in Transnational Law) |
| Corequisites: | N.A. |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | None |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | None |
| Core Participation Requirements: | N.A. |
| Coordinator: | Ms Erica Grundell |
| Subject Overview: | <p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have a sound general understanding of the history, principles, legal concepts and institutions of the common law # Understand the principal points of similarity and difference between common law and civil law systems # Be aware of the tendencies of the main legal systems to borrow from each other and understand the principal reasons for this # Have developed skills in legal analysis, research and writing. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>An examination of the history, principal legal concepts and institutions of the common law. Topics will be chosen with a view to providing a basis of knowledge and understanding for areas of law covered elsewhere in the Melbourne Law Masters.</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Evolution of the common law; the division between law and equity; theories of law; basic concepts, values and assumptions # Sources of law in common law systems # Institutions and procedures of the common law # Substantive principles of the common law # The interpretation of statutes. |
| Assessment: | Research assignment (100%) Semester 1: Class 1: 22 May Class 2: 16 June Semester 2: Class 1: 16 October Class 2: 13 November |

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| 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. |
| Links to further information: | For the latest information on this subject, please visit: http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730852 |