

LAWS70145 Public Health Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: May, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
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Subject Overview:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # History of public health law in Australia # How public health policy and legislation are developed # Obesity; what can the law do? # Indigenous Australians and public health law # Introduction to drugs and therapeutic goods regulation in Australia # Developing policy and legislation for medicines, poisons, therapeutic goods and pharmacy in Fiji # Pharmaceutical promotion, fair comment and the law in Australia # Coercive powers, human rights and the AIDS pandemic # Laws to manage HIV in Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Australia, and issues arising in legislation policy in developed and developing countries # Expert interactive panel on a case study involving HIV laws in Australia # The Federal system and its effect on lawmaking in public health # Emergency powers: State by State (and Territory) comparison and options for a national legislative approach # International treaties and public health law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The international health regulations # Framework convention on tobacco.
Objectives:	<p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the history of public health law over the past century # Understand some of the different theories and philosophies that have underpinned approaches to public health law # Understand the use of law as a mechanism to protect population health and ways in which it can be applied # Understand the implications of the Federal system for lawmaking in public health # Understand how public health law is approached in jurisdictions in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific # Have studied and participated in discussions on several recent case studies in public health law that illustrate some of the broader themes of the subject # Understand the tensions between promotion of public good and protection of private rights

	# Understand current trends in public health lawmaking both in Australia and internationally.
Assessment:	Take-home examination (50%) (25-28 June 2010) Research paper 5,000 words (50%) (5 August) (topic approved by the subject coordinator)
Prescribed Texts:	C. Reynolds, Public Health Law and Regulation (The Federation Press, 2004)Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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