

## 730-493 Principles of Construction Law

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: One 2-hour lecture and one 1-hour tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: Estimated total time commitment of 144 hours.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Obligations; Remedies, Contracts; Torts or in each case their equivalent.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Mr Matthew Bell
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>This subject provides a grounding in the specialist legal and commercial knowledge required in order to practice as a construction lawyer in Australia and overseas. This involves, primarily, the application to specific construction circumstances of principles of contract and negligence (including the detailed construction law treatment of defective work, failures to complete on time and variations to workscope).</p> <p>A knowledge of how other areas of law and commerce impact upon the work of a construction lawyer will also be gained, including in respect of: contract drafting, the role and nature of standard forms, bases for commercial negotiation, project procurement, trade practices, insurance, litigation and alternative dispute resolution.</p> <p>A site visit to a construction project is included in order to gain an understanding of how the principles of construction law are applied in practice.</p>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Research assignment of 2500 words, 30% (due mid-semester) and a final open book examination of 2 hours, 70%.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Printed materials will be issued by the Faculty of Law.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<p>At the completion of the subject students should have developed the following generic skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The capacity for close reading and analysis of a range of sources;</li> <li># The capacity to engage in critical thinking and to bring to bear a range of conceptual analyses upon a given subject matter;</li> <li># The capacity for independent thought and reflection;</li> </ul>

- # The capacity to articulate knowledge and understanding of complex ideas in written form;
- # The ability to engage in interdisciplinary work;
- # The further enhancement of academic writing that engages with various modes of expression including descriptive, analytical and critical forms;
- # The capacity to plan and manage time;
- # The ability to confront unfamiliar or challenging issues and to consider appropriate ethical responses.