

## 730-628 Derivatives Law and Practice

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Summer Term, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	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.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	N.A.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Mr J J de Vries Robbe, Dr M Haines
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Understand the commercial drivers and legal risks of derivatives generally</li> <li># Be aware of the pitfalls in negotiating derivatives documentation</li> <li># Understand derivatives regulation, both on a national and an international level</li> <li># Understand basic, advanced and novel derivatives products</li> <li># Be able to analyse the differences between the various derivatives markets</li> <li># Understand the interrelationship of derivatives to structured finance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Syllabus:</b></p> <p>This subject considers the law and regulation of derivatives and derivatives markets.</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The nature of futures, options and swaps and their offshoots</li> <li># Derivatives markets (exchange traded, over-the-counter, embedded) and derivatives products (plain vanilla products such as interest rate and currency swaps to credit derivatives, equity derivatives)</li> <li># Derivatives documentation generally (Master Agreements: ISDA, GMRA, ISLA), similarities and differences</li> <li># Regulation of derivatives and derivatives markets (Australian and international)</li> <li># Internal procedures controlling derivatives risks for financial institutions, trading practices</li> <li># Derivatives and finance: Function of finance swaps, issues in drafting, interplay with structured finance documentation</li> <li># Innovative derivatives and their use in the financial markets, including credit derivatives and property derivatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Class participation (20%) Research paper 8,000 words (80%) (22 May) (topic approved by the subject coordinator)
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	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.
<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>	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
<b>Links to further information:</b>	For the latest information on this subject, please visit: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730628">http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730628</a>