

730-698 Privacy and Data Protection

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: 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:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Ms Karin Clark, A/Prof Megan Richardson
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the rapidly evolving body of Australian law that recognises and protects privacy # Be able to evaluate Australia's privacy law regime, drawing on relevant sources of law # Have a good understanding of the legal and policy issues involved with the protection of privacy at general law # Have a good understanding of the Commonwealth and State regimes for regulating information privacy/data protection # Be able to demonstrate an awareness of the broader context of privacy regulation, involving discussion of policy issues, current debates and trends, and law reform in Australia. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # What is privacy? (Conceptual and legal definitional issues) # International and comparative privacy and data-protection regimes # Protection of privacy at general law # The <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) and the regulation of personal information held by the private and public sectors # State and Territory legislative regimes for the regulation of personal information # Co-regulation, self-regulation and privacy codes of conduct # Privacy and FOI # Privacy and health information (including genetic information) # Online privacy, including anti-spam laws # Telecommunications and surveillance privacy.
Assessment:	Seminar participation (10%) and Take-home examination (90%) (7-10 November) or Research paper 8,000 words (90%) (15 December) (topic approved by the 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.
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Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
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