

730-822 Governing Not-for-Profit Organisations

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - 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:	Prerequisites Some background in basic principles of corporations law and taxation law desirable
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Ms Shelley Marshall, Ms Susan Woodward
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 understanding of the existing regulatory framework for not-for-profit organisations, including associations, corporate, trust and tax laws, and how this framework both differs from and overlaps with business organisations # Have a good understanding of the role and diversity of the not-for-profit sector as a third sector in the Australian economy # Have an appreciation of unique challenges facing those who govern notfor- profit organisations, compared with for-profit organisations # Have a good understanding of the regulatory challenges of this diverse sector, including the policy elements of a regulatory environment that might be conducive to an accountable and healthy not-for-profit sector. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Definitional complexity concerning not-for-profit organisations, including charities and PBI # Sector composition: Size, purpose, diversity # Range of available legal structures: Why each legal structure is used and what the consequences of choosing a particular structure are # Overview of regulatory theory underpinning the design of not-for-profit organisations # Governance issues: Directors duties, contrast with for-profit context # Overview of the taxation rules for not-for-profit organisations # An overview of the current State and national regulatory framework in the context of key policy objectives and major inquiries (1995, 2001) # Future reform direction drawing on overseas models.
Assessment:	Class presentation (20%) Take-home examination (80%) (18-21 July) or Research paper 8,000 words (80%) (28 August) (topic approved by 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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