

732-320 Construction Law

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Two hours of lectures and 1 hour of tutorial per week throughout the semester. Estimated 144 hours in total Total Time Commitment: 144 hours
Prerequisites:	732-103 Principles of Business Law or 702-117 Management of Construction 1 (with a pass in the components relating to Introduction to Law, Contract and Tort) or otherwise with permission of the subject co-ordinator.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>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.</p> <p>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: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Coordinator:	Mr Matthew Bell
Subject Overview:	<p>This subject builds upon the general legal principles and methodologies encountered in Principles of Business Law or other basic law subjects undertaken by students. It provides detailed treatment of select construction law topics, tailored to the needs of professionals within the building and construction industry, including: the regulatory framework (including security of payment and building regulations); contract methodologies and selection (including traditional and alternative forms of contract); subcontract issues; causes of action, and liability, arising in contract, negligence and on other grounds; insurance and performance security; and dispute resolution and avoidance.</p> <p>On completion of the subject students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the evolution of the law relating to contractual disputation. # Recommend appropriate methods of dispute resolution for situations arising in the construction industry. # Evaluate the appropriateness of different construction contract models. # Understand and apply construction contract models. # Comprehend the legislative and regulatory framework governing the construction industry. # Deal with issues relating to insurance.
Assessment:	A two-hour examination (70%), and a 1500 word mid-semester legal research assignment (30%).
Prescribed Texts:	Construction Law in Australia (Bailey, Ian (1998)), Law Book Co., 2nd Edn.

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>On completion of the subject students should have developed the following generic skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The capacity for close reading and analysis of a range of sources; # The capacity to engage in critical thinking and to bring to bear a range of conceptual analyses upon a given subject matter; # The capacity for independent thought and reflection; # 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 ability to confront unfamiliar or challenging issues and to consider appropriate ethical responses.
Related Course(s):	<p>Graduate Diploma in Building Surveying Master of Construction Management</p>