

LAWS70018 Alternative Dispute Resolution

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: December, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 to 26 Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Corequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Coordinator:	Prof Allen Snyder
Contact:	For the most up-to-date information about this subject, contact the Melbourne Law Masters Office by email at law-masters@unimelb.edu.au or phone 8344 6190 or alternatively visit the subject website: www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au
Subject Overview:	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The nature and varieties of disputes, how they arise and how they are avoided # The options for resolving disputes: Litigation, arbitration, negotiation, mediation and conciliation # Factors considered by people when they choose a dispute resolution method, including social, cultural and economic factors # Relevant law reform initiatives, with an emphasis on Australia, other common law countries and selected Asian countries # Cross-cultural issues in the dispute resolution process # The role of judges, lawyers and the courts in the alternative dispute resolution process # An analysis and comparison of the dispute resolution processes in environmental and native land title disputes, with an emphasis on Australia, Canada and the United States # Basic skills for successful negotiation and mediation, including theory and practical exercises.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the nature of disputes and the principal methods of resolving disputes # Understand the advantages and disadvantages of the various methods of alternative dispute resolution # Understand the main issues and developments in alternative dispute resolution theory and practice # Understand the implications of these theoretical and practical issues for law reform # Be able to apply their learning to evaluate and propose law reform initiatives and analyse case studies # Be able to use basic dispute resolution skills to resolve disputes based on simulations and case studies.
Assessment:	10,000 word research paper (100%) (10 March 2011) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator
Prescribed Texts:	Visit the subject website for more information

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
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