

LAWS70023 Derivatives Law and Practice

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. 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.
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Subject Overview:	<p>This subject considers the law and regulation of derivatives and derivatives markets. Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Derivatives markets (exchange traded, over-the-counter, embedded) and derivatives products (plain vanilla products such as interest rate and currency swaps to credit and equity derivatives) # The role of derivatives, in particular credit derivatives, in the context of the credit crunch # Key principles of derivatives documentation and the collateralisation of derivatives # Regulation of derivatives and derivatives markets # Internal procedures controlling derivatives risks for financial institutions, trading practices # Derivatives and finance: Function of swaps in financial agreements, practical pitfalls in drafting, interplay with structured finance documentation # The risk of mis-selling derivative products, including an overview of relevant case law and events globally # Innovative derivatives and their use in the financial markets, including emissions trading and weather derivatives.
Objectives:	<p>A student who has successfully completed this subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the commercial drivers and legal risks of derivatives # Be aware of the pitfalls in negotiating derivatives documentation # Understand derivatives regulation, both on a national and an international level # Understand basic, advanced and novel derivatives products # Be able to analyse the differences between the various derivatives markets # Understand the interrelationship of derivatives to structured finance <p>A key objective of this subject is to provide students with skills that can be applied in legal practice.</p>
Assessment:	Class participation (10%) 9,000 word research paper (90%) (7 June) 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.
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