

LAWS70229 Law of Negligence

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.
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"> # Duty of care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The general approach in novel situations - Key issues - liability of statutory authorities, liability for omissions, defective structures, psychiatric injury, pure economic loss # Breach of duty: Standard of care # Causation # Damage: What constitutes damage, remoteness # Defences: Contributory negligence, voluntary assumption of risk # Claims associated with birth # Vicarious liability # Concurrent liability # Interstate and international torts.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Be aware of developments in relation to the principles of negligence law in the High Court of Australia and in the highest courts of comparable common law countries # Have considered the theories under which development of the law of negligence occurs # Have considered the application of the theories in a range of novel situations that have recently come before the courts in Australia # Have considered recent statutory reform of negligence law in Australia.
Assessment:	Take-home examination (100%) (7-10 May) or 10,000 word research paper (100%) (1 July) 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
Generic Skills:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.

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