

## LAWS70019 Class Actions

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: August, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Not available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The origin of modern class action regimes in Australia</li> <li># Comparisons of the federal and Victorian regimes with those in other Australian jurisdictions</li> <li># The main stages of class action litigation</li> <li># Specific issues, including but not limited to choosing a forum, defining the class, the role of the lead plaintiff, identifying and notifying class members, settlement and court approval</li> <li># Comparing class actions with other procedures available for complex litigation</li> <li># Securities class actions and the regulatory role of the class action</li> <li># Funding and costs issues.</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives:</b>	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Understand the main stages of class action litigation and how class action proceedings are conducted</li> <li># Be able to identify, evaluate and compare the various procedures available in Australia to litigate group claims</li> <li># Understand the principles on which modern class action regimes are based, and use these principles to analyse current debates about the purpose and efficacy of class action litigation</li> <li># Compare the main features of class action litigation in Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada, and use these comparisons to evaluate the efficacy of class action regimes in these jurisdictions</li> <li># Analyse key practical and ethical issues that arise in the context of class action litigation.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.

<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>