

LAWS70379 What is it that Judges Do?

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: October, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Not available
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:	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A critical reading of key texts – Hart, Raz, Fuller, Dworkin, Habermas, Derrida and Kennedy # Language, linguistic theory and the law # Reading judgments (Australian and comparative) – both in the area of constitutional/human rights law and private law # The impact of political emergency upon the judicial function/adjudication.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Be aware of the range of factors that shape a judgment # Understand the weight of precedent, legal discourse, political ideology, judicial philosophy and advocacy upon the outcome of the case # Critically evaluate the key academic texts that have set out the main theories of adjudication # Understand judgments and examine legal development by the courts by employing a theory or theories of adjudication.
Assessment:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prescribed Texts:	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.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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