

LAWS50060 MJIL-Research and Writing

Credit Points:	12.50																											
Level:	5 (Graduate/Postgraduate)																											
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Summer Term, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. Practical experience with ad hoc guidance from the Subject Coordinator.																											
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Not applicable. Total Time Commitment: 144 hours.																											
Prerequisites:	<p>Enrolment requires the permission of the Subject Coordinator. To obtain such permission, the student must undertake in writing to the Subject Coordinator to make a substantial intellectual contribution to the <i>Melbourne Journal of International Law</i> during the semester that the student is enrolled in the subject.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LAWS50023 Legal Method and Reasoning</td> <td>February</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50024 Principles of Public Law</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50025 Torts</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50026 Obligations</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50027 Dispute Resolution</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50028 Constitutional Law</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50029 Contracts</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAWS50031 Legal Theory</td> <td>November, Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	LAWS50023 Legal Method and Reasoning	February	12.50	LAWS50024 Principles of Public Law	Semester 1	12.50	LAWS50025 Torts	Semester 2	12.50	LAWS50026 Obligations	Semester 1	12.50	LAWS50027 Dispute Resolution	Semester 1	12.50	LAWS50028 Constitutional Law	Semester 2	12.50	LAWS50029 Contracts	Semester 2	12.50	LAWS50031 Legal Theory	November, Semester 2	12.50
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Corequisites:	None.																											
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Prior knowledge of international law is recommended.																											
Non Allowed Subjects:	A student cannot have previously completed or currently be enrolled in the subject <i>Melbourne University Law Review - Research and Writing</i> .																											
Core Participation Requirements:	The Melbourne Law School welcomes applications from students with disabilities. It is University and Law School policy to take all reasonable steps to enable the participation of students with disabilities, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the School's programs. The inherent academic requirements for the study in the Melbourne Law School are: The ability to attend classes and actively engage in the analysis of complex materials and debate; The ability to read, analyse and comprehend complex written legal materials and complex interdisciplinary materials; The ability to clearly and independently communicate in writing a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to clearly and independently communicate orally a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to work independently and as a part of a group; The ability to present orally and in writing legal analysis to a professional standard. Students must possess behavioural and social attributes that enable them to participate in a complex learning environment. Students are required to take responsibility for their own participation and learning. They also contribute to the learning of other students in collaborative learning environments, demonstrating interpersonal skills and an understanding of the needs of other students. Assessment may include the outcomes of tasks completed in collaboration with other																											

	students. Students who feel their disability will prevent them from participating in tasks involving these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ .
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Contact:	Melbourne Law School Student Centre Email: law-studentcentre@unimelb.edu.au (mailto:law-studentcentre@unimelb.edu.au) Tel: +61 3 8344 4475
Subject Overview:	This subject is available only to students who are Members of <i>Melbourne Journal of International Law (MJIL)</i> and are committed to a position involving a substantial intellectual contribution to <i>MJIL</i> during the enrolled semester. A substantial intellectual contribution will typically involve taking responsibility for the sub-editing of material accepted for publication, such editing to be typically done in respect of at least one lengthy article (in excess of 10,000 words in length) or multiple shorter articles (each under 10,000 words in length). This contribution is a hurdle requirement. This subject permits students to provide evidence of what the student has learnt about the nature of international legal research from undertaking their tasks within <i>MJIL</i> . This evidence takes the form of the writing task specified below, requiring engagement with international legal scholarship.
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Write in a style suitable for a generalist university international law journal publication; # State an informed and well-reasoned personal perspective or position relative to a discrete area of international legal research published in the journal; # Identify, recognise and contrast attributes of different varieties of international legal research - such as critical legal studies, doctrinal, multi-disciplinary or empirical; # Discuss and analyse the broad state of the research field relevant to the journal; # Perceive the diversity of what classifies as international legal research, including its underlying philosophies and approaches; # Decide where their personal views and approaches are placed relative to that body of research; # Be aware of trends in international legal research, including what drivers may influence those trends; and # Appreciate differences in international legal research in terms of approach and quality.
Assessment:	As a hurdle requirement, the provision of a work-log (1,000 words) to the Subject Coordinator specifying in outline the substantial intellectual contribution made to <i>MJIL</i> in the enrolled semester and detailing the work undertaken in performing these tasks. To complete the subject, the Coordinator must accept the work log as satisfactory. In deciding whether or not the contribution is satisfactory, the Subject Coordinator may consult with those who were appointed as the Editors of <i>MJIL</i> in the semester that the student was enrolled in the subject; Written work of 5,000 words. The work must be on a research question (developed by the student in consultation with the subject coordinator) and in a genre that make it suitable for publication in the <i>MJIL</i> . (Code 3 applies to marking: the word limit will be regarded as recommended rather than compulsory and no student will be disadvantaged by exceeding the limit).
Prescribed Texts:	None.
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:	Upon completion of the subject, students will have developed the following skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of the nature and quality of international legal research, including an ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Read legal research in a critical and informed manner; # Critically engage with new ideas; # Understand and apply ethics in academia;

- # Situate a particular piece of legal research within a broader body of international legal scholarship and within a particular style or approach; and
 - # Develop and express a well-reasoned and comprehensive personal position on legal research.
- Legal writing skills, including an ability to:
- # Use and synthesise legal research;
 - # Be able to convey a coherent and critical appraisal of legal research; and
 - # Produce complex pieces which offer comprehensible analysis of international legal research.