

LAWS70362 Information Technology Contracting Law

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 7 (Graduate/Postgraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2012, 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: | None. |
| Corequisites: | None. |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | Applicants without legal qualifications should note that subjects are offered in the discipline of law at an advanced graduate level. While every effort will be made to meet the needs of students trained in other fields, concessions will not be made in the general level of instruction or assessment. Most subjects assume the knowledge usually acquired in a degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent). Applicants should note that admission to some subjects in the Melbourne Law Masters will be dependent upon the individual applicant's educational background and professional experience. |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | None. |
| Core Participation Requirements: | The Melbourne Law Masters welcomes applications from students with disabilities. The inherent academic requirements for study in the Melbourne Law Masters are: The ability to attend a minimum of 75% of 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 who feel their disability will inhibit them from meeting these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ |
| Contact: | For more information, contact the Melbourne Law Masters office. Email law-masters@unimelb.edu.au (mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au) or phone +61 3 8344 6190. Alternatively, visit our website: www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters) |
| Subject Overview: | Information technology is critical to almost all modern organisations and processes. The development, acquisition and use of such technology raises a myriad of complex legal issues extending beyond conventional contractual issues and includes ownership rights, rights of use and risk management. This subject explores those issues with a particular emphasis on contracting and intellectual property issues associated with the development and sourcing of information technology products and services. Both lecturers are information technology lawyers with extensive practical experience acting for both providers and purchasers of such products and services. Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Overview of information technology and the Australian information technology development industry # Roles and relationships of the various parties to information technology agreements # Copyright protection afforded to technology products and services, including online products and services |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Open source licensing arrangements # Patent protection afforded information technology products and services (including business process and innovation patents) # Employees and contractor rights and obligations in the context of the creation and development of information technology # Software creation, development and exploitation # Hardware supply arrangements # Network management, security and maintenance # Website development, maintenance and liability # Database and content management issues # Risk allocation and management of information technology contracts (including insurance and escrow arrangements). |
| Objectives: | <p>A student who has successfully completed this subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the legal issues associated with the major platforms for the delivery of information technology # Understand the legal principles affecting the development and exploitation of information technology products and services # Be able to critically evaluate the contractual documentation associated with information technology development, service provision and exploitation # Be aware of, and critically evaluate, risk allocation in information technology contracts and arrangements. |
| Assessment: | Class participation (10%) Take-home examination (90%) (12 pm 7 December to 5 pm 10 December) or 8,000 word research paper (90%) (24 January 2013) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator |
| 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. |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Links to further information: | http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/5199 |