

# Unit Outline (Higher Education)

**Institute / School:** Institute of Innovation, Science & Sustainability

**Unit Title:** FUNDAMENTALS OF LAW

**Unit ID:** BULAW1502

**Credit Points:** 15.00

**Prerequisite(s):** Nil

**Co-requisite(s):** Nil

**Exclusion(s):** Nil

**ASCED:** 08031

**Description of the Unit:**

The unit covers the following topics: the Australian Legal System, elements of contract law, torts law as it relates to negligence and provides an introduction to various business organisations, including sole traders, partnerships, trusts and companies. Students gain a general understanding of Australian law as it pertains to commerce and management professions. The unit provides students with background, analytical and problem solving skills.

**Grade Scheme:** Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

**Work Experience:**

No work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry.

**Placement Component:** No

**Supplementary Assessment:** Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above, has completed all major assessment tasks (including all sub-components where a task has multiple parts) as specified in the Unit Description and is not eligible for any other form of supplementary assessment

**Course Level:**

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Learning Outcomes:

### Knowledge:

- K1.** Explain the national legal system, identify the sources of law and discuss the mechanisms by which the law is changed or developed (through precedent, statutory interpretation and legislation).
- K2.** Identify and explain the main principles of the Australian legal system.
- K3.** Evaluate the social and economic facets of the law.
- K4.** Compare and contrast the types of law, their development, and the impact of the law.
- K5.** Explain the key features and purpose of contract law and negligence.

### Skills:

- S1.** Identify the legal issues emerging from specific case scenarios.
- S2.** Analyse given case scenarios and apply relevant legal principles to those scenarios.
- S3.** Conduct and examine independent research and the ability to communicate the results of legal reasoning as applied to case scenarios.
- S4.** Recognise and reflect on the professional responsibilities in promoting justice and ethical issues which may arise within a professional context.
- S5.** Communicate the results of legal research through legal writing.

### Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply legal theory and principles to a range of scenario analyses.
- A2.** Integrate social, environmental, sustainability, ethical and economic perspectives into a business context.
- A3.** Use initiative and judgment to research and analyse legal issues that involve specific and relevant types of law.

### Unit Content:

Topics may include:

- The Australian Legal System, legal terminology and principles.
- Introduction to Business Organisations.
- Introduction to contract - specifically creation, consideration, and remedies for breach.
- Principles of the Law of Torts.

### FEDTASKS

Federation University Federation recognises that students require key transferable employability skills to prepare them for their future workplace and society. FEDTASKS (**T**ransferable **A**tttributes **S**kills and **K**nowledge) provide a targeted focus on five key transferable Attributes, Skills, and Knowledge that are embedded within curriculum, developed gradually towards successful measures and interlinked with cross-discipline and Co-

operative Learning opportunities. *One or more FEDTASK, transferable Attributes, Skills or Knowledge must be evident in the specified learning outcomes and assessment for each FedUni Unit, and all must be directly assessed in each Course.*

FEDTASK attribute and descriptor		Development and acquisition of FEDTASKS in the Unit	
		Learning Outcomes (KSA)	Assessment task (AT#)
FEDTASK 1 Interpersonal	<p>Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate, inter-act and work with others both individually and in groups. Students will be required to display skills in-person and/or online in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using effective verbal and non-verbal communication</li> <li>Listening for meaning and influencing via active listening</li> <li>Showing empathy for others</li> <li>Negotiating and demonstrating conflict resolution skills</li> <li>Working respectfully in cross-cultural and diverse teams.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	Not applicable
FEDTASK 2 Leadership	<p>Students will demonstrate the ability to apply professional skills and behaviours in leading others. Students will be required to display skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating a collegial environment</li> <li>Showing self -awareness and the ability to self-reflect</li> <li>Inspiring and convincing others</li> <li>Making informed decisions</li> <li>Displaying initiative</li> </ul>	Not applicable	Not applicable
FEDTASK 3 Critical Thinking and Creativity	<p>Students will demonstrate an ability to work in complexity and ambiguity using the imagination to create new ideas. Students will be required to display skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflecting critically</li> <li>Evaluating ideas, concepts and information</li> <li>Considering alternative perspectives to refine ideas</li> <li>Challenging conventional thinking to clarify concepts</li> <li>Forming creative solutions in problem solving.</li> </ul>	S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,A1,A2,A3	AT2,AT3

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		Learning Outcomes (KSA)	Assessment task (AT#)
FEDTASK 4 Digital Literacy	<p>Students will demonstrate the ability to work fluently across a range of tools, platforms and applications to achieve a range of tasks. Students will be required to display skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finding, evaluating, managing, curating, organising and sharing digital information</li> <li>Collating, managing, accessing and using digital data securely</li> <li>Receiving and responding to messages in a range of digital media</li> <li>Contributing actively to digital teams and working groups</li> <li>Participating in and benefiting from digital learning opportunities.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	Not applicable
FEDTASK 5 Sustainable and Ethical Mindset	<p>Students will demonstrate the ability to consider and assess the consequences and impact of ideas and actions in enacting ethical and sustainable decisions. Students will be required to display skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making informed judgments that consider the impact of devising solutions in global economic environmental and societal contexts</li> <li>Committing to social responsibility as a professional and a citizen</li> <li>Evaluating ethical, socially responsible and/or sustainable challenges and generating and articulating responses</li> <li>Embracing lifelong, life-wide and life-deep learning to be open to diverse others</li> <li>Implementing required actions to foster sustainability in their professional and personal life.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	Not applicable

### Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1,K2,K5	Individual assessment	Test	10-20%
K3,K4,K5,S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,A1,A2,A3	Written Assignment	Written Assignment	20-40%
K3,K4,K5,S1,S2,S3,S4,A1,A2,A3.	Comprehensive Review of Topics	Final Summative Assessment	40-60%

### Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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