

# LEARNING LAW @ UNE 2009

Information for returning undergraduate students

- Curriculum Review
- What Does this Mean for Pre 2009 Students
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- Recommended Study Pathways (2009)

## 1. Curriculum Review:

- the UNE School of law has, for the past 2 years, been reviewing the undergraduate law course curriculum;
- this review has included, amongst other things, consultation with current students, alumni/legal professionals and law staff, together with a survey of the latest academic literature about legal education in Australia, concerning ways for updating the UNE curriculum;
- this review has also occurred within the larger framework provided by the UNE *Strategic Plan, 2008-2011* and developments with legal education occurring through the Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD);
- the main change is that students commencing undergraduate law studies at UNE in 2009 will take 18 compulsory units and 6 elective units, whereas existing students will continue – under the existing course rules - with a structure of 16 compulsory units and 8 elective units (or, for the JD degree, 17 compulsory and 7 elective units);
- one of the additional compulsory units for new students will be the new unit, LS 101 *Law in Context* – this unit is not available to existing students;
- the other change for new students is that the existing compulsory unit, LS 210 *Civil Procedure and Evidence* will be split into two separate units, LS 111 *Civil Procedure* and LS 212 *Evidence and Proof* – the options available with these units for existing students are outlined below.

## 2. What Does this Mean for Pre-2009 Students?

- as mentioned above, students who commenced their undergraduate law studies prior to 2009 will continue – under the existing course rules – with a structure of 16 compulsory units and 8 elective units (or, for the JD degree, 17 compulsory and 7 elective units);
- entering into 2009, there will be two categories of existing students with respect to LS 210 *Civil Procedure and Evidence*:
  - i. students who have already passed LS 210; and
  - ii. students who have yet to pass LS 210.
- students who have already passed LS 210 have no need, and are not eligible to undertake, the new units LS 111 *Civil Procedure* and LS 212 *Evidence and Proof*.
- students who have not already taken or passed LS 210 have the choice to:
  - i. enrol in and complete LS 210 *Civil Procedure and Evidence* (to last be offered in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, 2009); or
  - ii. enrol in and complete both LS 111 *Civil Procedure* (to first be offered in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2009) and LS 212 *Evidence and Proof* (to first be offered in 1<sup>st</sup> semester, 2010) – with the effect that one less elective unit would be taken towards completing the credit-point requirements of the degree

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**LS 210 *Civil Procedure and Evidence*  
will be offered for the last time in semester 2, 2009**

**Returning students who have not already passed  
this unit can choose whether to:**

**(a) Enrol in LS 210 *Civil Procedure and Evidence*  
and seek to pass\*;**

**(b) Alternatively, enrol in and seek to pass the two  
new units, LS 111 *Civil Procedure* and LS 212  
*Evidence and Proof***

\* students who fail the unit in its final offering will be given  
one further chance to pass by sitting a 'special exam'

### 3. Other Unit Changes

- for information, following the review process and wide consultations, the following Legal Studies units have been withdrawn as either unviable (eg too few enrolments) or insufficiently distinct from existing, related units:
  - i. LS 368 *Commercial Transactions* (students can choose LS379 *Commercial Law* and/or LS 334 *Banking & Finance Law*);
  - ii. LS 403 *Research Topic in Legal Studies* (unviable);
  - iii. LS 478 *Advanced Criminal Law* (superseded by LS 315 *Criminal Process, Sentencing and Punishment*).
  
- pre-requisites for some law units have been revised, with effect from 2009 and consistently with the new recommended course pathways, although **flexibility will be allowed to pre-2009 students** where they are seeking to pursue and complete their study pathways under the existing rules:

Unit	Current Pre-requisites	From 2009
LS 281 Property I	LS 372 (Contracts II)	Co-req: LS 100
LS 220 Constitutional	Co-req LS 100	Pre-req LS 100
LS 351 Corporations Law	LS 372 (Contracts II)	Pre-req. 36 cp LS
LS 240 Equity & Trusts	LS 372 (Contracts II)	Pre-req. 36 cp LS
LS 320 Professional Conduct	Pre-req. 48 cp LS	Pre-req. 48 cp LS
LS 355 Jurisprudence	Pre-req. 24 cp LS	Pre-req. 60 cp LS
LS Electives with 24 cp Pre-req	Pre-req. 24 cp LS	Pre-req. 48 cp LS

- please note that, in order to provide a better balance of compulsory law units across semesters, we intend to change the semester offerings for the following two units, **with effect from 2010**:

Unit	Current and 2009	From 2010
LS 351 Corporations Law	Semester 1	Semester 2
LS 320 Professional Conduct	Semester 1	Semester 2

- for LS 400, Honours in Law, there is a change (effective from 2009) to the word limit for the thesis component (worth 75% of the unit assessment) – the existing position is a ‘suggested’ word length of 12,000 words but with a maximum of 15,000 words; but the new limit will be fixed at a maximum of 10,000 words.

#### 4. Core and Elective Law Units

- for LLB degrees (including the LLB component of double degrees), students are required to pass 24 law units, comprising:
  - i. for students who first enrolled pre-2009: 16 compulsory and 8 elective law units (or, for the JD degree, 17 compulsory and 7 elective units);
  - ii. for students commencing from 2009: 18 compulsory and 6 elective law units (or, for the JD degree, 19 compulsory and 5 elective law units).

### LIST OF LAW UNITS

#### Compulsory Law Units:

Unit No.	Unit Name
LS 100	Introduction to Legal Systems and Methods
LS 101	Law in Context ( <b>students commencing from 2009 only</b> )
LS 111	Civil Procedure ( <b>for students not completing LS210</b> )
LS 160	Criminal Law and Procedure
LS 200	Administrative Law
LS 210	Civil Procedure and Evidence ( <b>pre-2009 students only</b> )
LS 212	Evidence and Proof ( <b>for students not completing LS210</b> )
LS 220	Constitutional Law
LS 231	Law of Torts I
LS 232	Law of Torts II
LS 240	Equity and Trusts
LS 281	Property Law I
LS 282	Property Law II
LS 320	Ethics, Trust Accounting and Professional Conduct
LS 351	Corporations Law
LS 355	Jurisprudence
LS 371	Law of Contract I
LS 372	Law of Contract II
LS 480	Advanced Research, Writing and Advocacy
LLM 600	Research Methodology and Theory ( <b>JD students only</b> )

#### Elective Law Units:

Unit No.	Unit Name
ELS 378	Law and Literature
LS 301	Succession
LS 315	Criminal Process, Sentencing and Punishment
LS 321	Conveyancing
LS 331	Intellectual Property Law
LS 332	Industrial Law
LS 334	Banking & Finance Law
LS 335	Human Rights
LS 336	Local Government Law
LS 341	Introduction to Environmental Law
LS 342	Medico Legal Issues
LS 352	Taxation Law
LS 357	Alternative Dispute Resolution
LS 358	Natural Resources Law
LS 360	Conflict of Laws
LS 361	Public International Law
LS 364	Indigenous Australians and Law

LS 370	Family Law
LS 377	Information Technology Law
LS 378	Media Law
LS 379	Commercial Law
LS 400	Honours in Law
LS 459	Advanced Torts
LS 471	Trade Practices and Consumer Protection

## 5. Recommended LLB Study Pathways

- Students may or may not be following the study pathways recommended by the School of Law for completing their degree, depending upon their circumstances and such things as the granting of advanced-standing;
- Students who have embarked upon a recommended study pathway should generally still be able to complete their course by following that pathway, notwithstanding the unit changes identified above – and flexibility may be allowed for this to occur;
- However, the study pathway recommended by the School may be revised from time to time as unit and course structures are updated;
- For existing (pre-2009) students, the pathways recommended for the purposes of 2009 are set out below

### Full-Time LLB Double Degree (1<sup>st</sup> semester commencement – Pre-2009 Students)

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	<b>LS100</b> Legal Systems & Methods	<b>Non- Law Unit 1</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 2</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 3</b>
	<b>LS160</b> Criminal Law & Procedure	<b>Non- Law Unit 4</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 5</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 6</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	<b>LS231</b> Law of Torts I	<b>Non- Law Unit 7</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 8</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 9</b>
	<b>LS232</b> Law of Torts II	<b>Non- Law Unit 10</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 11</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 12</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	<b>LS281</b> Property Law I	<b>LS371</b> Contract I	<b>Non- Law Unit 12</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 13</b>
	<b>LS282</b> Property Law II	<b>LS372</b> Contract II	<b>Non- Law Unit 14</b>	<b>Non- Law Unit 15</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Year	<b>LS320</b> Professional Conduct*	<b>LS220</b> Constitutional Law	<b>LS240</b> Equity and Trusts	<b>LS351</b> Corporation Law*
	<b>LS210</b> Civil Procedure and Evidence #	<b>LS200</b> Administrative Law	<b>LS Elective 1</b>	<b>LS Elective 2</b>
	<b>LS355</b> Jurisprudence	<b>LS Elective 3</b>	<b>LS Elective 4</b>	<b>LS Elective 5</b>

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Year</b>				
	<b>LS480</b> Advanced Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy	<b>LS Elective 6</b>	<b>LS Elective 7</b>	<b>LS Elective 8</b>

**Full-Time LLB  
(1<sup>st</sup> semester commencement – Pre 2009 Students)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS100</b> Legal Systems & Methods	<b>LS231</b> Law of Torts I	<b>LS371</b> Contract I	<b>LS220</b> Constitutional Law
	<b>LS160</b> Criminal Law & Procedure	<b>LS232</b> Law of Torts II	<b>LS372</b> Law of Contract II	<b>LS200</b> Administrative Law
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS351</b> Corporations Law*	<b>LS281</b> Property Law I	<b>LS240</b> Equity and Trusts	<b>LS320</b> Professional Conduct
	<b>LS210</b> Civil Procedure and Evidence #	<b>LS282</b> Property Law II	<b>LS Elective 1</b>	<b>LS Elective 2</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS355</b> Jurisprudence	<b>LS Elective 3</b>	<b>LS Elective 4</b>	<b>LS Elective 5</b>
	<b>LS480</b> Advanced Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy	<b>LS Elective 6</b>	<b>LS Elective 7</b>	<b>LS Elective 8</b>

**Part-Time LLB  
(1<sup>st</sup> semester commencement – Pre-2009 Students)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS100</b> Legal Systems & Methods	<b>LS231</b> Law of Torts I
	<b>LS160</b> Criminal Law & Procedure	<b>LS232</b> Law of Torts II
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS281</b> Property Law I	<b>LS371</b> Contract I
	<b>LS282</b> Property Law II	<b>LS372</b> Contract II
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS220</b> Constitutional Law	<b>LS240</b> Equity and Trusts
	<b>LS200</b> Administrative Law	<b>LS Elective 1</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS320</b> Professional Conduct	<b>LS351</b> Corporations Law
	<b>LS210</b> Civil Procedure and Evidence #	<b>LS Elective 2</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS355</b> Jurisprudence	<b>LS Elective 3</b>
	<b>LS480</b> Advanced Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy	<b>LS Elective 4</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS Elective 5</b>	<b>LS Elective 6</b>

	<b>LS Elective 7</b>	<b>LS Elective 8</b>
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**Full-Time JD  
(1<sup>st</sup> semester commencement – Pre 2009 Students)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS100</b> Legal Systems & Methods	<b>LS231</b> Law of Torts I	<b>LS371</b> Contract I	<b>LS220</b> Constitutional Law
	<b>LS160</b> Criminal Law & Procedure	<b>LS232</b> Law of Torts II	<b>LS372</b> Law of Contract II	<b>LS200</b> Administrative Law
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS351</b> Corporations Law*	<b>LS281</b> Property Law I	<b>LS240</b> Equity and Trusts	<b>LS320</b> Professional Conduct
	<b>LS210</b> Civil Procedure and Evidence #	<b>LS282</b> Property Law II	<b>LS Elective 1</b>	<b>LS Elective 2</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS355</b> Jurisprudence	<b>LLM600</b> Research Methodology and Theory	<b>LS Elective 3</b>	<b>LS Elective 4</b>
	<b>LS480</b> Advanced Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy	<b>LLM Elective 1</b>	<b>LLM Elective 2</b>	<b>LLM Elective 3</b>

**Part-Time JD  
(1<sup>st</sup> semester commencement – Pre-2009 Students)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS100</b> Legal Systems & Methods	<b>LS231</b> Law of Torts I
	<b>LS160</b> Criminal Law & Procedure	<b>LS232</b> Law of Torts II
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS281</b> Property Law I	<b>LS371</b> Contract I
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	<b>LS200</b> Administrative Law	<b>LS Elective 1</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS320</b> Professional Conduct	<b>LS351</b> Corporations Law
	<b>LS210</b> Civil Procedure and Evidence	<b>LS Elective 2</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>LS355</b> Jurisprudence	<b>LS Elective 3</b>
	<b>LS480</b> Advanced Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy	<b>LS Elective 4</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Year</b>	<b>LLM600</b> Research Methodology and Theory	<b>LLM Elective 1</b>
	<b>LLM Elective 2</b>	<b>LLM Elective 3</b>

\* Offered in semester 1 for 2009 but, from 2010, in semester 2.

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