

Course Title: **Agency Law**

Course Code: **LAWG907**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2026**

POINTS: **30.00**

LEVEL: **9**

PREREQUISITE/S: **None**

COREQUISITE/S: **LAWS901**

RESTRICTION/S: **None**

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 300

PRESCRIPTOR

An advanced study of the general principles of the law of agency in the context of contracts. Includes an introduction to conceptual issues, including but not limited to, “what is an agent?” and a critical examination of topics of privity and agency, including reflections on the rationale of agency in common law.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Explain the core principles and key concepts of agency law.
2. Critically examine the legal and economic impact of agency law in the commercial contexts.
3. Analyse the different types of authority arising in agency.
4. Apply the principles of agency law to a variety of different commercial contexts.
5. Create a research paper that adds to the understanding of a selected aspect of agency.

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CONTENT

- Introduction: Agency law
- Definitions, scope and comparative relationships
- Formation of agency
- Types
- Contracts made by agents
- Authority
- Obligations
- Effects of agency - Rights of third party against principal and Rights of third party against agent
- Partnership
- Termination
- Conclusion and summary reflections

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.
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ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Seminar presentation (Individual)	20.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Legal Writing - Research paper (Individual)	80.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Grade Map

MAP1

A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
B+ B B- Pass with Merit
C+ C C- Pass
D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

50% overall

LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: www.ubs.co.nz For further information, contact: Te Ara Pakihi, Te Ohanga Me Te Ture - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

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Related Programme/s: AK1050

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