

Course Title:	<b>Legal Reasoning and Writing</b>
Course Code:	<b>LAWS509</b>
Descriptor Start Date:	<b>01/01/2022</b>
Descriptor End Date:	<b>31/12/2023</b>
POINTS:	<b>30.00</b>
LEVEL:	<b>5</b>
PREREQUISITE/S:	<b>None</b>
COREQUISITE/S:	<b>None</b>
RESTRICTION/S:	<b>415102</b>

## LEARNING HOURS

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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

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Examines the judicial process and legal reasoning including case analysis and statutory interpretation; introduces the essential skills of critical reasoning, legal writing, problem solving, mooting and advocacy.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Interpret and examine statutes.
2. Analyse cases and apply precedents.
3. Undertake research into legal issues using a range of domestic and international resources.
4. Develop and engage in effective written and oral argument.

## CONTENT

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Case method and precedent;  
Principles, rules and discretions;  
Rules of statutory interpretation;  
Electronic legal databases;  
Research, writing and citation;  
Lawyerly skills - mooting and advocacy.

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## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Workshop participation/exercises (Individual)	10.00	1-4
Mid-year exam (Individual)	20.00	1-4
Essay (Opinion piece) (Individual)	20.00	1-4
Final Exam (Individual)	50.00	1-4

### 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:

## 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](http://www.ubs.co.nz)

**For further information, contact:** Te Ara Pakihi, Te Ohanga Me Te Ture - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

**Principal Programme:** AK1008, Bachelor of Laws

**Related Programme/s:** AK1009 LLB(Hons), AK2601 CertLegalSt

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