

Course Title: **Legal Reasoning and Writing**

Course Code: **LAWS509**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2024**

POINTS: **30.00**

LEVEL: **5**

PREREQUISITE/S: **None**

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

RESTRICTION/S: **415102**

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

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

1. Develop and apply both the collaborative and individual learning skills fundamental to success in the study of law.
2. Develop and engage in effective oral and written argument.
3. Analyse cases and apply legal rules to resolve legal problems.
4. Examine and apply principles of statutory interpretation to resolve legal problems.
5. Undertake research into legal issues utilising appropriate library and data base skills.

CONTENT

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-based exercises (Individual)	10.00	1 - 5
Mid-year exam (Individual)	20.00	1 - 5
Essay (Opinion piece) (Individual)	20.00	1 - 5
Final Exam (Individual)	50.00	1 - 5

Grade Map

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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

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Principal Programme: AK1008, Bachelor of Laws

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

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