

Course Title: **Tikanga Maori and the Legal Systems of Aotearoa New Zealand**

Course Code: **LAWS510**

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

Descriptor End Date: **31/12/2024**

POINTS: **30.00**

LEVEL: **5**

PREREQUISITE/S: **None**

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

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 introduction to the legal systems of Aotearoa New Zealand. Considers fundamental concepts of tikanga Māori and the legal and constitutional significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi. Examines Tikanga Māori as first law of Aotearoa New Zealand and settler state recognition of tikanga Māori concepts. Identifies Parliamentary and judicial processes for making and implementing laws.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Discuss and describe tikanga Māori concepts and principles.
2. Describe and discuss Constitutional arrangements in Aotearoa New Zealand.
3. Explain legal and constitutional significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi.
4. Identify processes for making laws in bijural, bicultural legal system of Aotearoa New Zealand.
5. Examine ways in which tikanga Māori interacts with settler state imposed legal system of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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CONTENT

- Tikanga Māori fundamental concepts
- He Whakaputanga
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi /The Treaty of Waitangi
- Current expectations of bijural, bicultural legal system of Aotearoa New Zealand
- Contemporary legal and constitutional recognition of The Treaty of Waitangi
- Current constitutional arrangements in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Parliamentary processes for making laws
- Court system and judicial decision making

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

A range of lectures, small group discussions and wananga style learning will be used.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Oral presentation (individual)	20.00	1
Draft essay (individual)	15.00	2 and 3
Final essay (individual)	15.00	2 and 3
Examination (individual)	50.00	4 and 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:

Aggregate C- grade, taking account of grades in all instruments of summative assessment

LEARNING RESOURCES

Tangata whenua will assist Law School to develop learning resources and delivery methods

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

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