

Course Title: **Climate Change Law**

Course Code: **LAWS712**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2022**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **7**

PREREQUISITE/S: **75 points from Part II**

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: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

An introduction to international and domestic climate change law relevant to public and private actors in New Zealand. Key sources of treaty, customary and other international law are examined, together with a critical assessment of New Zealand climate change law including zero-carbon legislation and the emissions trading framework.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically examine key components of the international and domestic legal framework concerning climate change.
2. Explain and analyse the role of international institutions in regulating and co-ordinating climate change mitigation and adaptation activities.
3. Identify and explain the core elements of New Zealand's domestic climate change law and policy, including its institutions.
4. Critically examine the operation of the New Zealand zero-carbon legislation and emissions trading scheme.
5. Analyse and explain climate change obligations which apply to the various categories of New Zealand emitters.
6. Research authoritative materials concerning climate change-related obligations and liability.

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CONTENT

Origins, evolution and structure of international climate change law;
History of the evolution of climate change law and policy in New Zealand;
Zero-carbon legislation and the role of the independent climate change commission;
Structure and operation of the domestic emissions trading framework;
Key aspects of the climate change framework relevant to businesses in New Zealand;
Critical assessment of the role and impact of climate change litigation at the domestic and international level;
Examination of international-trade related aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation;
Issues of international state responsibility for climate change-related harm.

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Research Paper (individual)	60.00	1,6
Final Exam (individual)	40.00	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:

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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