

Course Title: **Media Law**

Course Code: **LAWS729**

Descriptor Start Date: **26/02/2024**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **7**

PREREQUISITE/S: **75 points from Part II including LAWS623**

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

RESTRICTION/S: **417533**

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 analysis of the common law and statutory framework and self-regulatory regimes relevant to print, broadcast and online media.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate understanding of and explain the variety of legal issues surrounding the operation of the media in New Zealand.
2. Apply relevant principles to a range of issues.
3. Research relevant legal principles.
4. Demonstrate a sound capacity for legal analysis and problem solving in resolving a variety of situational problems arising in the operation of the media.

CONTENT

Freedom to communicate, protection of the individual and the public interest;
Reputation and privacy;
Copyright and related rights;
Confidential information;
Obscenity and indecency;
Racial hatred and blasphemy;
Contempt;
Self-regulation in the media;
Reporting current affairs.

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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 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Final Examination (Individual)** | 30.00 | 1 - 4 |
| Legal Writing (Individual)* | 50.00 | 1 - 4 |
| In-Class Quiz (Individual) | 20.00 | 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:

*An appropriate piece of legal writing which may include (but is not restricted to) a research essay, paper or report, a case analysis, an opinion, a letter of advice to a client, a memorandum of legal advice, a submission, a judgment.

**The final exam for this course may be an on-campus invigilated exam, an online time-constrained assessment, or a take-home exam. Details will be provided on Canvas.

To pass a course, students must:

- Obtain an overall grade of at least 50% C-; and
- Obtain a mark of at least 40% in the Final Exam (if the course has a Final Exam);
- Complete any compulsory pieces of assessment (if applicable).

Plussage may operate in some courses. If plussage applies in this course, details will be provided on Canvas.

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

Principal Programme: AK1008, Bachelor of Laws

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

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