

Course Title: **Legal Research Methods**

Course Code: **LAWS751**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2021**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **7**

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

COREQUISITE/S: **None**

RESTRICTION/S: **417563**

## 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

A detailed examination of legal research knowledge and skills including the legal research process, doctrinal and non-doctrinal research methodologies, comparative legal systems, and the researching of comparative and international law. The practicalities of choosing and refining a research topic and advanced multi-jurisdictional research techniques are considered and differing frameworks for conducting legal research are explored.

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## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Critically examine the nature and complexity of the legal research process.
2. Differentiate between the varying legal research paradigms.
3. Recognise and use the appropriate research methodology for academic legal research.
4. Demonstrate understanding of the nature of comparative legal systems.
5. Demonstrate development of critical, analytical, problem-solving, and reflective thinking skills.
6. Demonstrate capabilities in researching across multi-jurisdictions.
7. Critically evaluate information sources.
8. Design a detailed roadmap of their research process, documenting each step, accompanied by critical evaluation.
9. Produce a significant piece of legal writing which demonstrates a logical structure, clarity in expression, and coherence in argument.
- 10 Apply appropriate rules of presentation, referencing and citation.

## CONTENT

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Standard doctrinal research methodologies;  
Legal research frameworks;  
Research ethics;  
Comparative legal systems;  
Formulating the research topic;  
Multi-jurisdictional research;  
Common Law jurisdictions;  
Selected foreign law jurisdictions;  
Research techniques;  
Legislation;  
Case law;  
Secondary materials.

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

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Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Coursework	100.00	-

<b>Grade Map</b>	<b>MAP1</b>
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

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## Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

### LEARNING RESOURCES

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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

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

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

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