

Course Title: **Social Justice, Law and Society**

Course Code: **LAWS939**

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

POINTS: **30.00**

LEVEL: **9**

PREREQUISITE/S: **None**

COREQUISITE/S: **LAWS901**

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

Provides an introduction to social studies of the operation of law in society and its role in responding to contemporary social justice issues facing Aotearoa. Explores the way law responds to and creates social problems, and the role of legal professionals in seeking social justice. Includes case studies of legal advocacy and activism in relation to race and ethnicity; science and the law; poverty; addiction and mental distress; disability rights; gender, sexuality and the law; and climate change.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically appraise major theories and ways of doing social justice.
2. Apply social science tools used to study social problems, social change and its effectiveness.
3. Adopt social science evidence to evaluate the role of law and legal processes in creating and responding to core social justice issues facing Aotearoa.
4. Create and plan solutions that legal professionals can use to facilitate social justice outcomes.

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CONTENT

- Relevant social justice theories
- Doing social justice
- Current social studies of law and social research and methods
- Law and policy development and social justice
- Legal advocacy and activism in a variety of contexts
- Case studies of race and ethnicity; poverty; gender and sexuality; climate change; mental distress and addiction; disability rights; law and science.

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Online discussion (Individual)	10.00	1,2,3
Presentation (Individual)	20.00	1,2,3,4
Research project (Individual)	70.00	1,2,3,4

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:

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: AK1044, Master of Laws

Related Programme/s: AK1050 PgCertLaw

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