

Course Title: **Media Law**

Course Code: **LAWS942**

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

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

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

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically evaluate the policy considerations and legal framework impacting on specific aspects of print, broadcast and online media and its operation in Aotearoa New Zealand.
2. Analyse and apply relevant principles of to a range of issues arising in the media.
3. Apply critical and analytical legal writing skills.
4. Conduct an up-to-date literature review and produce a research paper that adds to the understanding of a selected aspect of media law policy and/or practice in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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## 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.

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

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

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Research paper of 10,000 words (+/- 10%) Individual	100.00	1-4

<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

### Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

50% overall

Students are encouraged to submit a draft for formative feedback.

## 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](http://www.ubs.co.nz)

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

**Principal Programme:** AK1044, Master of Laws

**Related Programme/s:** AK1050 PgCertLaw

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