

Course Title: **Private International Law**

Course Code: **LAWS958**

Descriptor Start Date: **17/07/2023**

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

A critical examination of private international law covering the general principles of jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and decrees, and choice of law.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically examine the principles of the law of domicile and the application of foreign law in New Zealand courts.
2. Evaluate the limits of jurisdiction of New Zealand courts.
3. Assess the validity, operation and enforcement of foreign judgments.
4. Demonstrate capability for advanced legal reasoning and writing.
5. Conduct an up-to-date literature review and produce a research paper that adds to the understanding of a selected aspect of private international law.

CONTENT

- General principles of jurisdiction in personam.
- The bases of jurisdiction, protest to jurisdiction, limitations to jurisdiction, as well as forum non-convenience.
- Jurisdictional competence of the New Zealand courts.
- Choice of Law process (including problems of application of the lex causae);
- Selection of Choice of Law problems such as suing in New Zealand on foreign contracts and torts.

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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
Research Paper of 10,000 words (+/- 10%) Individual	100.00	1 - 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:

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

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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