

Course Title: **South Pacific Law**

Course Code: **LAWS992**

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

Examines the historical development of the laws in legally pluralistic states of the South Pacific and its impact on contemporary understandings of laws, topical issues, the Asia-Pacific region and considers the collective influence on the development of a national and regional Pacific jurisprudence.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically examine the historical development of legal pluralism in law reform across the Pacific.
2. Evaluate the diverse Pacific-specific customs, norms and traditions that holistically form a customary legal system and jurisprudence.
3. Produce a research paper that applies a self-reflective critique and adds to the understanding of a selected aspect of South Pacific Law.

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## CONTENT

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Introduction to South Pacific Law;  
Law Reform and Legal Pluralism;  
The Legal System;  
State Laws and State Courts;  
Customary Law;  
Constitutional Law;  
Administrative Law;  
Family Law;  
Land Law;  
Contemporary issues.

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

Students are encouraged to submit a draft for formative feedback.

## 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

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

**Related Programme/s:** AK1050 PgCertLaw

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