

T3 2024

TRIMESTER GUIDE

Listed (Elective) Unit information

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Message from
Jordanna D'cruz
LSS President

Dear fellow law students,

As President of the University of New England Law Students' Society (UNELSS), I am excited to introduce you to our Trimester 3 Guide. This is a valuable resource designed specifically for you.

Within the pages of this guide you will discover:

- Expert advice from industry professionals, sharing their experiences and insights on the legal profession.
- Detailed unit information, including course outlines and assessment requirements.
- Comments from unit coordinators, providing valuable tips and guidance on how to get the most out of your studies.
- Insights from students who have previously studied the units, offering a student's perspective of what to expect and how to succeed.

As you get ready to embark on what is sure to be a trimester that is equal parts exciting and challenging, I encourage you to explore this guide. I truly believe engaging fully with the law student experience at UNE is an excellent way to build strong networks and set yourself up for success in this degree.

This comprehensive guide is your go-to resource for staying ahead of the game, gaining valuable insights, and making informed decisions about your academic journey. Our goal is to empower you with the knowledge and confidence you need to excel in your studies and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the various collaborators, including students, staff, industry professionals, and our valuable sponsors. The UNELSS projects and publications are organised and put together by a group of dedicated volunteers whose primary goal is to build strong networks and enhance the law student experience at UNE. Without this incredibly talented and dedicated group of people the various opportunities for law students to network and learn about navigating law school would not exist.

We love hearing from our members, so if you would like to provide feedback about this guide or learn more about contributing to our future publications, feel free to reach out to us. Check out our social media pages, and subscribe to receive up to date information about the UNELSS' activities and publications. Consider this a treasure trove of information and opportunities, you will likely never encounter in the classroom setting.

I hope you all have a wonderful trimester ahead. I wish you all the best with your studies and hope you make the most of this incredible experience at law school.

Sincerely,

Jordanna D'cruz
2025 UNELSS President



Message from

Deb Russell

LSS Publications Director

Welcome to the T3 2024 Trimester Guide! I'm truly delighted to bring you my first edition of the Guide as LSS Publications Director.

The main purpose of the Trimester Guide is to help you plan your Listed (Elective) Units for the coming trimester. To that end, the Guide brings together information about each of these units in one place.

There are also links to resources including the Law School Unit Offerings site, for your longer-term planning. I'd like to acknowledge Nola Holmes and the School of Law for their valuable input at this busy time of the year. While we enjoy a break between trimesters, they are working behind the scenes to wrap up the previous trimester and prepare the next one.

Secondly, the Guide highlights upcoming events and key trimester dates to help you plan your time and join events online or in person. A key event each trimester is Common Law Week, organised by the School of Law. Read on to find out what Common Law Week is all about, and mark 4-5 December in your diaries!

Finally, we aim to profile students and members of the profession to offer a little inspiration for your journey towards graduation and beyond, and support a feeling of being connected to each other and the profession. I was thrilled to invite Judge Troy Anderson SC (who is teaching into LAW316 Commonwealth Criminal Law) to talk about his career path, study strategies and hypothetically pick some T3 electives to study. Can you guess what they might be?

I am grateful for all our contributors' time and generosity. My sincere thanks goes to them for being a part of this edition and to the School of Law, for making the magic happen. Look out in the coming weeks for a survey to find out about what you value and would like to see more of in LSS publications. I welcome your feedback and ideas to help direct our efforts into publications that respond to your needs and interests.

The next edition of the Trimester Guide, for T1 2025, will be out in January. I'd love to find out whether you'd like to see a 'Social pages' section kick off in that edition. If you'd like to share a photo from an event or milestone (graduation, birthday, holidays, etc.) please send it to us at lss@myune.edu.au.

Whether this trimester is your first, last, or somewhere in between — I hope you have a good one.

See you out there!

Deb

ESSENTIALS

T3 Law School Student Essentials

https://www.une.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/503778/Law_Essentials_T3_OCTOBER_2024_WEB_Compressed.pdf

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<https://handbook.une.edu.au/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**DEC
4-5**

Common Law Week

Wednesday 4–Thursday 5 December 2024

**DEC
6**

Summer Graduation

Friday 6 December 2024

**DEC
13**

Trivia Night — Christmas theme!

6:30pm AEDT, Friday 13 December 2024

What is Common Law Week?

Common Law Week is organised by the School of Law over the course of 2–3 days each Trimester. Attendees learn, engage and participate in presentations and social networking.

All members of the Law School staff (permanent and casual) participate in Common Law Week. For some sessions, students in all year groups including Masters and PhD, adjunct and honorary staff, as well as community members and guests are welcomed to attend in person or online. The program and focus for each Common Law Week is publicised in advance, indicating which sessions are open to students to attend.

Law Experiential Learning

Unit Coordinators:

Kip Werren, Bronwen Jackman

Credit points: 6

Pre-requisites:

Permission of Head of School and minimum GPA of 5.0: and candidature in LLB or BArts/LLB or BBus/LLB or BCrim/LLB or BCompSci/LLB or BEcon/LLB or BEnvSci/LLB or BSci/LLB and 72cps in Law units OR candidature in GradCertNDISBusDEV and LAW447.

About this unit:

This unit provides you with an opportunity to refine your knowledge of the law or related policy in a practical setting.

With supervision from an experienced academic and plenty of opportunities to reflect on your experience, you have the choice of a range of practical settings. These include, but are not limited to, internship or partnered research involving an industry, community or government partner, clinical legal work or industry placement, team applied research projects, competitions (for example, client interviewing, negotiations, paper presentations, witness examinations) and editing a law journal.

This experiential learning unit will expose you to networking opportunities and help you to develop a range of key skills and knowledge. This includes legal research, presentation and communications skills, alongside professional ethics, teamwork, bargaining, mediation, writing, time management, planning, problem solving and critical thinking.

Message from the UC:

In this unit it is expected that students will exercise independence, initiative, and flexibility. Experiential learning considers errors as an opportunity for learning and for this reason the process of reflection on the whole learning process is crucial. The reflective journal represents an opportunity to record and reflect on possible errors or successes and the whole learning process and its outcomes. For the oral presentation students present on an area of interest that arises from their placement. The aim is to produce a quality presentation with a clear argument.

50%

Participation
(assessed by
supervisor)

30%

Written reflective
journal (2,000 words
equivalent)

20%

Oral presentation
(2,000 words
equivalent)



'This subject has been a wonderful practical experience. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with my supervisor and learned so much. I will not hesitate in recommending this as a subject.'

— Former student

Law Experiential Learning (continued)

Unit Coordinators:

Kip Werren, Bronwen Jackman

Credit points: 6

Student recommendation:

LAW306 isn't your typical unit. You find a workplace that is willing to have you for 8–10 hours a week or more, you apply to do the subject and then you work for them, fulfilling the duties you have agreed to. If you are working in the industry already you can use your own workplace, but the tasks you do during your placement hours have to be above and beyond your normal role. This can be difficult to maintain for the trimester in your own workplace.

I really enjoyed the research undertakings and the reflection assignment in this unit. You have a broad scope to work with for the research project. Any topic that arises during your work placement could be a viable topic. I liked the freedom and flexibility I had within the unit to explore an area of interest, even though it was a bit of a challenge to pin down my research topic.

This subject doesn't have a study workload. There are no lectures or tutorials for the subject — just the agreed work hours and the two assessments. All assessments are due later in the trimester.

I did my placement at my workplace with UNE Life in Advocacy & Welfare. My duty statement was to research how to establish a Community Legal Centre (CLC) and develop a business case for legal support for UNE students. During the research phase, family law was identified as the most common legal problem, so I did my research project in this area of law because that seemed more interesting than legal centre stuff I was researching for a project. In hindsight, I might have been better off choosing the CLC research I was doing already for the assessment as well.

— Lara Glasson



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— **Lara Glasson**

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equivalent)

Unit Coordinator:*Ottavio Quirico***Credit points: 6****40%***Assignment
research exercise
(2,000 words)***60%***Take home exam***Pre-requisites:**

24cp including LAW100 or LSU100.

About this unit:

This unit aims to provide you with a comprehensive and critical knowledge of international law, including 'public' international law and the fundamentals of 'private' international law.

The unit explains the different areas of international relations, including sovereignty, the law of the sea and outer space, peace and war, diplomatic and consular relations, international economic law, international environmental law, human rights and international criminal law.

You will be familiarised with the functioning of the principles governing different international legal regimes, including international legal personality, the sources of international law and international responsibility.

The reflective element of this unit will build your problem solving and communication skills as well as your technical vocabulary, with opportunities to explore and demonstrate your understanding of international law in various contemporary scenarios.

Message from the UC:

I like helping students to develop a systemic understanding of international law mechanisms and its different subject-areas, which is tested via targeted questions, particularly problem questions that facilitate a practical application of theoretical notions. Feedback has been very positive over years, underscoring that the unit is targeted and thorough.



'I found the unit fascinating in how international law is applied on both an international level, and domestically on a state level. It is a rather topical unit and provides an excellent intro to the various aspects of international law and regulation.'

— Jordanna D'cruz

International Law (continued)

Unit Coordinator:

Ottavio Quirico

Credit points: 6

40%

Assignment
research exercise
(2,000 words)

60%

Take home exam

Student recommendation:

International law is an excellent elective to pursue as a means of understanding how the sources of law regulate legal persons, states and international corporations, where matters of international law are concerned. Topics for this unit include, understanding the division of space, diplomatic relations and the validity of use of force, international economic law, international environmental law, human rights and international criminal law.

I found the unit fascinating in how international law is applied on both an international level, and domestically on a state level. It is a rather topical unit and provides an excellent intro to the various aspects of international law and regulation.

In terms of the assessment, the main areas of research that I enjoyed included an understanding of how states may be formed, including the requirements for Statehood and the right to self-determination of peoples. The validity of the use of military force and the formation of international treaties was also considered. The examination covered international criminal law, including illegal occupation of a state and genocide.

I personally found the workload quite manageable, with 2 main assessments – an essay and a 24-hour take-home examination. Ottavio is an incredibly knowledgeable unit coordinator who provides comprehensive lecture notes which complement the textbook. The tutorials are excellently curated to cover each topic, and I'd highly recommend attending these to set yourself up for success in this unit. I would recommend doing this unit in your 2nd or 3rd year, alongside a Priestley unit, since its relatively easy workload acts a balance to some of the tougher units.

— Jordanna D'cruz

Unit Coordinator:

Bronwen Jackman

Credit points: 6

40%

*Research essay
(2,000 words)*

60%

Open book exam

Pre-requisites:

36cp in Law including (LS100 or LAW100).

About this unit:

The changing nature of society's interpretation of a family, as well as the constantly changing nature and composition of Australian society in the last few decades, makes family law a volatile and complex subject.

In practice, it is a highly procedural area of law requiring a good knowledge of both case law and statute. It is also an area subject to vigorous policy debates.

Whether you're interested in legal practice in general or specialist firms, this unit will equip you with a broad and highly developed knowledge of family law. Throughout, you will also develop your ability to think critically, to undertake your own research, and to find solutions to issues relating to often complex legal relationships.

Message from the UC:

This unit is always a joy to teach because of its relevance to most people's lives. When students engage with the topic we always have a great trimester. The unit covers all aspects of family law from its foundations, the changing legislation that is politically and socially responsive and various topics that are of interest to most of us. Included in the 'journey' we cover marriage and divorce, de facto relationships, assisted conception and surrogacy, parentage and the law around parenting children and its complexities, property law and third party property interests and of course the Child Support Scheme. The Family Law Act 1975 (Cth) has recently been structurally amended especially in relation to children, parenting arrangements and family violence. All the topics invite discussion and interest and it becomes rewarding when we all switch on and participate. What makes it particularly relevant this trimester is the guest lecturers we will have teaching and running the tutorials that go for two hours each week.

Family Law (continued)

Unit Coordinator:

Bronwen Jackman

Credit points: 6

40%

*Research essay
(2,000 words)*

60%

Open book exam

The feedback in this unit, despite my occasional shortcomings, is always encouraging and positive and sound. I have attempted to amend any shortcomings on my part and have worked hard to ensure this trimester is enjoyable, rewarding and useful. Many students will go on to practice in this area and with a great teaching team it should be a satisfying trimester for everyone.

The assessment for the unit will be slightly different this trimester as it will be a more practical exercise with a written (essay) component. More to come... Naturally there is also the final invigilated exam.

If you can envisage yourselves practising in this area I am certain that studying this area of law will be worthwhile.

Student recommendation:

The most enjoyable aspect of Family Law was the collaborative discussions that we engaged in during the tutorials. Many of us came from various backgrounds in life and had either experienced or known someone who has gone through the family court and understanding the processes of how the family court worked was really interesting. For a listed unit, Family Law had a heavy workload. Although the readings from the textbook and the cases were interesting there was a lot to cover in such a short space of time. The assessment was a problem question which was quite methodical and straightforward. I enjoy problem questions, and following the Family Law Act and relevant cases made it easier to work through the assignment and cemented what we had learned prior to completing the assignment. Bronwen is an absolute brilliant unit coordinator who goes above and beyond to ensure every student has the best experience possible studying the unit and will help you in any capacity she can.

— Evelyn Raso



'The most enjoyable aspect of Family Law was the collaborative discussions that we engaged in during the tutorials.'

— Evelyn Raso

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Pamela at work aboard HMAS Supply.

Meet Pamela Mery

2nd year student

My name is Pamela and I lived in Melbourne until I joined the Royal Australian Navy in 2015 where I moved to Sydney. I am coming up to my 10th year in the RAN and I have been studying at UNE since 2021 after a deployment on HMAS Sydney. I began in Paralegal Studies and transferred to the Bachelor of Laws last year and enjoy studying part time while serving the King full time. I love balancing my life with study, work and socialising with the friends I have made through UNE. I am excited to see what the future holds for me, potentially as a Legal Officer in the RAN.

*'...it is okay to make mistakes,
and your first few assignments
will never be perfect.'*

Why did you choose law?

Some would say I am spontaneous, but I will give 110% effort into personal development and fulfilment. I have enjoyed the contrast between Naval life and studying law in my downtime. A change of direction from a very hands-on job to opening career opportunities. I look up to my fellow students and PASS leaders! They have helped me come a very long way.

Something I wish I knew at the start of my degree...

That it is okay to make mistakes, and your first few assignments will never be perfect. There are lots of resources that can assist in understanding the processes and I should have used more of them.

What are your study strategies?

I am still finding my groove with every subject I complete. I find that conducting the readings and watching the lectures while typing in-depth notes is useful to retain information and important for exams. I enjoy using OneNote to organise the topics and revise problem questions.

Most importantly, to balance study and recreational/personal time – looking after yourself mentally. I enjoy CrossFit classes with friends, participating in PASS sessions with friends and I guess sailing sometimes!

What are some of your favourite units so far?

Torts and ADR have been highlights for me. Somehow Torts seemed a little messy, but with persistence it all came together in the end! I enjoyed the exam and with the assistance from study groups and PASS I was confident going into the exam.

ADR gives me insight on how to approach conflict that I found helpful for work in the Navy. I find that I am more patient and understanding in scenarios at work after completing this unit.

Something I'm looking forward to is...

Never having to sail again! The accomplishment I feel completing one unit at a time is something I always look forward to.



Pamela and online classmates at UNE Sydney for a LAW172 Contract Law intensive in T2 2024.

Corporate Social Responsibility and the Law

Unit Coordinator:

Mia Rahim

Credit points: 6

Pre-requisites:

24cp.

Co-requisites:

(LS100 or LAW100) or (LS101 or LAW101).

About this unit:

In an era of rapid change, Australian and global business environments are driven by a range of corporate social responsibility issues.

An important issue is whether corporations should be regulated through legislative frameworks or voluntary codes of conduct. With that in mind, this unit explores the interplay of hard law, soft law, self-regulation, and ethical norms and initiatives that aim to make business more responsible towards communities, employees and consumers.

You'll consider the role played by business, non-governmental organisations, standards organisations, home countries of foreign investors, and others in corporate social responsibility.

In doing so, you'll develop your ability to critically assess corporate codes of conduct in comparison to legislative regulatory frameworks and identify the features of effective policy tools. The unit covers CSR in Australian and international contexts.

15%

Forum discussion
(500 words
minimum)

60%

Long essay (3,000
words maximum)

25%

Short paper (1,500
words maximum)

World Legal Systems

Unit Coordinator:

Imelda Deinla

Credit points: 6

40%

Assignment
(2,000 words)

60%

Take home exam

Pre-requisites:

24cp including LAW100.

About this unit:

This unit aims to develop and extend your understanding of common law legal systems, such as Australia's, with civil law legal systems, hybrid legal systems and the international law system.

The unit critically examines the roles of key institutions, including parliaments and the courts, as well as the processes of dispute resolution within and across the respective systems. Which may differ in different iterations.

While this is an introductory unit, it aims to significantly enhance your critical thinking skills as well as your ability to evaluate and compare legal systems, including the roles and functioning of key institutions and dispute resolution processes. You will also construct your own persuasive written advice or analysis, further developing your judgement, research and persuasive writing skills.

Message from the UC:

I've been working on different legal systems for my research and so this unit is really a perfect fit for my interests and competencies. I have enjoyed teaching this unit since last year as I also get to learn more about different legal systems and traditions of countries and regions. Students can expect to learn and compare civil law, common law, international law, regional law, religious law, and customary law as they are practised or embedded in various legal systems of the world. They will encounter and experience not just the laws but also the institutions and peoples who comprise these systems. We do a comparative approach in this unit adding more depth and reflection to why countries, despite having almost similar laws and institutions, perform or operate differently and yield different outcomes. In this unit, we will also experience how different types of laws co-exist, cooperate, or compete in each jurisdiction and how countries treat pluralism in various ways and means.

World Legal Systems (continued)

Unit Coordinator:

Imelda Deinla

Credit points: 6

40%

*Assignment
(2,000 words)*

60%

Take home exam

This unit should make us reflect on our law's strengths and how we can correct its weaknesses, by looking at how other countries have dealt with their own challenges. World Legal Systems will demonstrate that our legal system has been enriched by others and by the people who came and interacted, and that no country can be an island on its own.

I believe our students last year have had a fantastic experience not only in learning the substance of the unit but also in the way they interacted with me and with their classmates. Each module has been designed to take them through history and cultures that shaped or influenced the development of laws. I hope people will have an open mind, be respectful, leave biases behind, and just enjoy the journey. They can expect to meet guest speakers who are experts in their fields and be able to interact with them. We have scheduled some face-to-face or hybrid sessions in the Parramatta campus in Sydney so that students who live in this area are able to come by and meet me and some of the guest speakers. Students are also encouraged to contribute to make this unit a happy and safe place for everyone to express their views or opinions.

As an elective unit, students can expect two types of assessments, a 2,000-word essay (40%) and a final examination (60%) where they are expected to deliver responses to short questions over a 24-hour period. They are expected to critically analyse a given question or situation and to demonstrate their capacity for extensive research. I am expecting that given advances in AI that students exercise balance and responsibility in the use of this technology. UNE takes academic integrity seriously and employs sophisticated software that detects plagiarism and substantial use of AI. I am confident that this unit will be another success and that students, at the end of the trimester, will gain confidence in using knowledge of various types of legal systems in their work or in choosing their professional journey when they finish law school.

World Legal Systems (continued)

Unit Coordinator:

Imelda Deinla

Credit points: 6

40%

Assignment
(2,000 words)

60%

Take home exam

Student recommendation:

World Legal Systems provided a comprehensive introduction to legal systems beyond the Australian common law, with a focus on civil law, hybrid systems, and international law. I appreciated how the unit critically examined the roles of key institutions like parliaments and courts, as well as the different dispute resolution processes across these systems. The content was well-structured, and UCs made complex topics easy to understand, which greatly supported my learning. The workload was manageable, especially since the assignments were spread out, allowing ample time to dive deeply into each area.

One aspect I particularly enjoyed was researching the principles that govern jurisdiction in both domestic and international law. This gave me insight into how legal systems interact globally, and the assessments encouraged me to think critically about the functioning of key institutions. Constructing persuasive written advice really enhanced my legal writing and research skills, helping me to develop a well-rounded perspective on international legal cultures. Overall, the unit not only broadened my understanding of legal systems but also sharpened my critical thinking and judgment.

— Alana Carter



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— Alana Carter



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His Honour Judge Troy Anderson SC.

A chat with His Honour Judge Troy Anderson SC

His Honour Judge Troy Anderson joined the Bench of the NSW District Court in November 2023. He began his career as a solicitor in 1998, where he practised civil litigation with a focus on international law, maritime law and aviation law. He was called to the Bar in 2007, took silk in 2021 and became Deputy Senior Public Defender in 2022.

His Honour is teaching into LAW316: Commonwealth Criminal Law in T3.

'The moral to the story is that there is no one path. The more experience you get in other areas the better.'

Why did you study law?

When I first went to university I obtained a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in psychology. At the end of the degree I decided that I didn't really want to be a psychologist – that and the fact that I was hopeless at statistics. I started working in a building company in an admin role and then a friend suggested studying law and I enjoyed it, so began to focus on that. I didn't get admitted as a solicitor until I was 26 years old.

What do you enjoy about your work?

I definitely like the stories. As a solicitor I largely practiced in commercial litigation which is fairly dry, but when I got to the Bar I started doing crime and realised that not only are the factual scenarios much more interesting, but crime is an area of law that effects everyone.

Can you tell us about your career path after uni?

As above, it wasn't a direct path. Once I had almost finished studying I became a paralegal, then a solicitor at a mid-tier insurance firm. That was largely personal injury. I started studying for my Masters in International Law and then got me a job at a big firm doing international transport and trade law, which was largely maritime and aviation litigation. I was a solicitor for 9 years before becoming a barrister. I went to the Bar for two reasons. Firstly, because I didn't want to be a partner at the firm I was working at. Secondly, I had just instructed in a criminal trial involving the Commonwealth Criminal Code and I thought it was very interesting and something I wanted to do more of down the track. However, my firm wasn't that keen on criminal law. I thought the Bar would give me the flexibility to do both crime and commercial work.

What advice would you give to students thinking about a similar path?

The moral to the story is that there is no one path. The more experience you get in other areas the better.

What were your study strategies?

Everyone studies differently, but I found trying to explain concepts to someone else to be very useful. It made me realise where I didn't understand things and it also helped me remember what I knew.

If you were a student, which of these Trimester 3 electives might catch your attention?

International Law, Commonwealth Criminal Law (of course!), and International Trade Law.

I am not sure what the difference is between International Law and International Trade Law, but they sound interesting. However, the funniest and most interesting lecturers are definitely teaching Commonwealth Criminal Law. If you are interested in practicing in criminal law or just interested in knowing something more than the average law student, Commonwealth criminal law is a must. It is a unique topic that combines commercial law and crime and deals with the laws that often get reported in the media such as terrorism, drug importation and fraud, to just name a few areas.

'As a barrister I loved developing the narrative, telling the story, it is why I always loved trials over appellate work. Perhaps I am biased but to me what could be a better test of your skills as an advocate than persuading 12 randoms off the street that your client's case should succeed.'

Extract from His Honour's swearing in remarks, 17 November 2023.

Commonwealth Criminal Law

Unit Coordinator:

Jonathon Emmett

Credit points: 6

40%

*Assignment
(2,000 words)*

60%

Take home exam

Pre-requisites:

48cp in Law including LAW161 or LAW162.

About this unit:

UNE is one of the few Australian Law Schools to offer an elective in Commonwealth Criminal Law.

Terrorism, foreign fighters, drug importation, child exploitation and fraud: these are some of the fascinating areas of criminality that come within the scope of Commonwealth criminal law.

This unit introduces you to substantive offences and the principles of criminal responsibility under the Commonwealth Criminal Code (Criminal Code Act 1995) and investigates its unique features and interaction with State and Territory law.

This unit will be of significant benefit to lawyers who wish to specialise in criminal law, to practising law enforcement officers and to others interested in this growing area of law.

Message from the UC:

I really enjoy teaching this unit as I've been working as a federal prosecutor since 2009. I've seen Commonwealth criminal law change in many ways over that time, and it's great to be able to work with students to develop their knowledge about what is a really interesting area of law. It's a privilege to be able to teach with Judge Troy Anderson SC. I worked with him in a few matters in his time while at the bar, and we both bring our own perspectives to the topic.

Previous students have provided really positive feedback to us. They enjoyed how Judge Anderson and I engage with each other and the students, sharing our experiences and working through practical examples to assist them in their learning. Students will get to focus on a range of difference modern offence types which feature regularly in the media, including terrorism, foreign incursions, online child abuse, and money laundering.

Commonwealth Criminal Law (continued)

Unit Coordinator:
Jonathon Emmett
Credit points: 6

40%

Assignment
(2,000 words)

60%

Take home exam

Student recommendation:

I have found that the best way to select listed units is to enrol in units that I have a genuine interest in. This has meant that even when a listed unit is not "light" I still find time to study the content as it interests me. I would not say that Commonwealth Criminal Law is a light unit, but it is very manageable. I also found the content and teaching very engaging and this unit is a must-do for any criminal law enthusiast.

The teaching was definitely a highlight for me. The unit coordinator and lecturer were both very knowledgeable, had many years of experience, and were very approachable. I found that I built many lifelong friendships in this unit, some of whom I still speak to on a daily basis! As I mentioned before, the content is also very engaging, especially for someone who has an interest in criminal law.

I found the terrorism topic to be very interesting as I learnt so much. I also found speaking with the unit coordinator and lecturer about the cases they worked on personally made the whole unit very enjoyable. The case law is always very interesting to read as well.

— Stephanie Hupfeld



'I recommend this unit to everyone. It's interesting, one of its kind in Australia, and taught by experts in Commonwealth criminal law. It's simply the vibe.'

— **Former student**

Intellectual Property Law

Unit Coordinator:

Wellett Potter

Credit points: 6

Pre-requisites:

36cp in Law including LS100 or LAW100; or candidature in LLM from 2015 (rule b – Australian); or candidature in LLM from 2015 (rule b – non-Australian) and LLM533; or candidature in LLM from 2015 (rule c) and 36cp including LLM533.

About this unit:

Intellectual property law is fast moving and controversial. It underpins high technology industries as well as supports the expression of culture. Issues arise anywhere from Nike shoes to Harry Potter films, from computer games to the recipe for Coke, from a grain of wheat to vaccines, from YouTube mashups to the machinations of global geo-politics.

This unit introduces you to the complex and dynamic world of intellectual property. You will study the national and international framework of intellectual property laws together with current public policy and law reform controversies.

You will also focus on the main branches of intellectual property law, namely copyright, patents, trademarks and designs. Build your understanding of a highly topical legal issue and gain transferable skills in critical thinking, legal reasoning and analysis.

Message from the UC:

Hello everyone,

I'm so excited to welcome you to Intellectual Property Law. One of the many things I enjoy most about teaching and discussing this subject is the opportunity to dive into the dynamic world of IP and explore how it intersects with creative industries, technology, and cultural practices. It's a fascinating area that's constantly evolving, which means there's always something new to learn and discuss. I love IP because it is so relevant to our lives and it is very interesting.

40%

Research essay
(2,400 words)

60%

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'LAW323 is trialling a six-week rollout, but we also have prepared a schedule for the 13-week trimester. We are running seminars each week for the entire trimester. Students can choose whatever schedule suits them.'

— Wellett Potter

Intellectual Property Law (continued)

Unit Coordinator:

Wellett Potter

Credit points: 6

40%

*Research essay
(2,400 words)*

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When I have talked to past students who studied IP at UNE, they say that they like the practical focus of the unit and the chance to engage deeply with real-world examples. They've found it particularly rewarding to see how the principles we cover in our unit apply to contemporary issues, from the protection (or lack thereof) of digital content in the sphere of AI to the complexities of managing IP in collaborative and digital work environments.

This trimester the assessment will pertain to a topical issue in copyright law, but I'm not going to tell you what it is – you need to join the unit to find out more!

Each week we will be holding a class seminar and I'm eager to hear the unique perspectives and insights that students will bring to these discussions.

I'm looking forward to a great trimester ahead. Let's have a good one.

Student recommendation:

Intellectual Property Law is a surprisingly fascinating area of study. The unit focuses on copyright, trademarks, and patents, all of which are useful in practice. The standout topic is copyright, where the cases include familiar musical and brand name copyright battles played out in the courtroom. It is so interesting to learn the details of what actually transpired between the parties and the considerations of the court. Also, in the age of AI, the focus is now shifting to how copyright protection can be enforced within AI programs and how its use impacts copyright ownership. I did not find it to be a particularly heavy unit, and would highly recommend it. It ended up being one of my favourite units in the degree.

— Claudia Barbosa



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— **Claudia Barbosa**



Meet Tupe Matauaina

1st year student

My name is Tupe and I am a first year law student. I work full time as a Communications and Informations Systems Manager in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). A big reason for choosing to study law is my desire to help people and to make meaningful contributions to communities.

Having doubted my ability to achieve this goal for many years, it wasn't until I watched my own mum graduate from university with Honours in a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology, that I realised the only limitation to achieving anything was my own self-belief. While my inspirations to keep pushing through the law degree have certainly been helpful, I've learned that commitment and prior planning are big parts of being able to juggle full-time work and part-time studying. My job requires that I regularly deploy away from home onboard Royal Australian Navy ships.

Living at my workplace has meant battling rough sea states, days without internet connectivity, months of limited bandwidth amongst other operational requirements; and it adds pressure when studying online. If your job is anything like mine, make sure you download as much content as you can before you go "off grid". ADF deployments are notorious for short notice changes to dates, locations etc. But pre-planning my subjects to align lighter subjects with busy deployment periods has certainly mitigated some stress during times of uncertainty.

I've been really fortunate to have the support of my organisation and UNE staff who have been accommodating of my work and study life. Having said that, you won't know what support is out there if you don't put your hand up to ask for it. Your First Year Advisor will be really helpful as a starting point. I was introduced to the Student Accessibility and Wellbeing Office (SAWO) by my First Year Advisor in my second trimester of studies. Their support came in the clutch of time in my last trimester!

I look forward to being on the brink of finishing this long campaign to a law degree. But in the meantime, the trimester breaks also bring a bit of normalcy and a chance to breathe.

Happy studying!

International Trade Law

Unit Coordinator:

Ottavio Quirico

Credit points: 6

40%

*Assignment
(2,000 words)*

60%

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Pre-requisites:

24cp.

About this unit:

This unit is designed to provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the fundamentals of international trade law and institutions.

The main emphasis is on the global perspective of international trade, including its transactional aspects.

You will explore a range of topics including the sources, theory and policy of international trade and investment law, as well as the fundamental principles of the WTO and rules governing commercial transactions.

Message from the UC:

I like helping students to develop sound theoretical and practical competence in the area of international trade law and its different procedures, particularly via select readings as well as interaction through lectures and practical tutorials. Feedback has been very positive over years, underscoring that the unit is topical and thorough.

Unit Coordinator:

Bronwen Jackman

Credit points: 6

Pre-requisites:

24cp in Law including (LS100 or LAW100) and (LS372 or LAW272 or LAW172) and (LS281 or LAW281 or LAW283).

About this unit:

Commercial law looks closely at the statutory and common law regimes relating to consumer transactions and consumer protection.

Throughout this unit, you will examine the Sale of Goods Act 1923 (NSW) and its implication for business and private consumers as well as traders.

You will also examine the Australian Consumer Law regime under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) from a consumer's perspective. This includes the law relating to misleading and deceptive conduct, consumer guarantees and manufacturer's liability. Additionally, you will examine the law applying to electronic commerce, credit, insurance, bankruptcy, agency and guarantees.

10%

Online quiz

40%

*Assignment
(2,000 words)*

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KEY DATES

**OCT
21**

T3 starts

Monday 21 October 2024

**OCT
28**

Last day to add units

Monday 28 October 2024 (Week 2)

**NOV
18**

Census Date

Monday 18 November 2024 (Week 5)

**DEC 2
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JAN 5**

Mid-trimester Break

Monday 2 December 2024–Sunday 5 January 2025

**FEB
3**

T3 ends

Monday 3 February 2025



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— Tom Bingham, *The Rule of Law* (Penguin Books, 2011) 48, quoting Lord Hewart of Bury, *The New Despotism* (Ernest Benn, 1929) 13.