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### Semester One Intensive courses | 1st March–4th June

Course	Description	Lecturer	Delivery method	Points	Dates ▼	Class time	Room
LAW 700 <b>Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing</b>	The course is designed to provide students with up to date research and academic writing skills. The different components of the legal research and writing process including initial analysis, research ethics, writing style and writing a legal research essay are canvassed in this course. New students are provided with information about the Davis Law Library, its collections and resources and legal data base training.	Bronwyn Davies, University of Auckland	In person	0	24–26 Feb	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWPUBL 749 <b>Special topic: Indigenous Persons: Law and Policy</b>	The course explores international and comparative law and policy relevant to Indigenous peoples. Beginning with an examination of the United Nations system as it relates to Indigenous peoples, the course will also analyse the groundbreaking jurisprudence of the Inter-American and African regional human rights systems. Moving to comparative jurisdictions, it will examine the United States, Brazil and Namibia with respect to their laws and policies relevant to Indigenous peoples.	Professor Robert A Williams Jr, University of Arizona	Online	30	15–25 Mar & 19–30 Apr	6–8 pm	Online
LAWCOMM 736 <b>Special topic: Comparative Company Law</b>	Globalization has rendered the practice, and study, of corporate law international. An understanding of the approaches taken by different jurisdictions to resolving fundamental challenges faced by business organisations is therefore highly instructive. This course examines a selection of company law topics in comparative context, drawing in particular on the laws of the UK, continental Europe and the United States. The three jurisdictions selected for comparative study have significantly impacted on the development of company law throughout the world. The course looks at a series of core problems with which any system of company law must deal, and analysing, from a functional and a comparative perspective, the solutions adopted by the systems in question.	John Armour, University of Oxford	Online	30	17–23 Mar	9am–5pm	Online
COMLAW 740A <b>Tax Base</b>	New Zealand income tax base. The course examines income timing and recognition, comparisons between the nature of capital and income, the differing treatment of each, and provides a deeper understanding of the policy behind the New Zealand income tax regime. It provides both a theoretical background and detailed technical knowledge of the scope and application of the most significant regimes for income, deduction and timing in the Income Tax Act 2007.	Professor Craig Elliffe, University of Auckland	In person	15	25–27 Mar	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 775A <b>International Tax Law</b>	The role and functions of Double Tax Agreements (DTA's), their history and purpose, how to use a DTA and interpret it as part of international public law and the Vienna Conventions are considered in this course. The role of specific articles in the DTA's, the international law rules for foreign investment funds, controlled foreign companies, foreign dividend withholding payments, conduit relief, underlying foreign tax credits, and foreign investor tax credits are examined along with international trusts and how tax havens work.	Professor Craig Elliffe, University of Auckland	In person/online	15	8–10 Apr	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWPUBL 747 <b>Patients' Rights</b>	This wide-ranging course examines key current issues in patients' rights including access, quality and information. What rights do patients have to access health care? How is the quality of health care assessed? What are the limits of information disclosure, e.g. competence information, outcomes data, complaint history? How well does New Zealand's HDC and ACC system resolve patient concerns? How effectively does the HDC Act and Code provide access to justice for aggrieved patients? How are patients protected from incompetent or abusive practitioners? What is the role of professional discipline in affirming patients' rights? Have legislated patients' rights improved the safety and quality of health care?	Professor Jo Manning, University of Auckland	In person	15	14–16 Apr	9am–5 pm	810–340

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LAWPUBL 752 <b>Special topic: Contemporary Issues in International Law</b>	This course will canvass a series of issues in contemporary international law, but will begin by providing an overview of the history, doctrines and institutions of international law. In doing so, students will develop a critical understanding of public international law. In choosing our particular issues for close study, care will be taken to avoid topics which are covered in other courses. Thus, specific topics are likely to include: an assessment of the United Nations at 75, corporate responsibility for breaches of human rights, the Iran Nuclear dispute and the legacy of two decades of the “War on Terror”.	Associate Professor Treasa Dunworth University of Auckland	In person	30	28–30 Apr and 26–28 May	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 732 <b>Special topic: Financial Markets Regulation</b>	This course covers the law and regulation of financial markets, both in theory and practice. Topics may include mandatory disclosure, securities fraud, insider trading, shareholder activism and investment crowdfunding.	Professor Andrew Schwartz University of Colorado	In person	30	5–11 May	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 788 <b>Special topic: Asia Pacific Tax</b>	This course provides a solid grounding in how multinational corporations (MNCs) seek to structure their business models from a taxation and operating perspective in Asia (being both ASEAN and North Asian jurisdictions). It necessarily covers a range of core tax topics in the post OECD Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) world, and how the unilateral application of the BEPS Actions in Asian jurisdictions is impacting the operating models of MNCs. The course will seek to consolidate the students’ conceptual knowledge on this subject, while providing the practical experience needed to apply the knowledge to real-life cases.	Matt Andrew, University of Auckland	In person	15	13–15 May	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 783 <b>Avoidance Provisions</b>	This course offers an advanced study of all aspects of the general anti-avoidance provisions (GAAR) contained in the Income Tax Act 2007 and Goods and Services Act 1985. It provides a detailed analysis of the structure, function and application of the general anti-avoidance provisions and their relationship to the “black-letter” tax law. The course is designed to equip the student with the skills required to be able to analyse and apply the GAAR regimes to business transactions for the purposes of providing advice and administering the tax system. Comparisons with responses to tax avoidance in other jurisdictions, including Australia and the United Kingdom, provide a deeper understanding of the policy behind New Zealand’s general anti-avoidance provision.	Professor Julie Cassidy, University of Auckland	In person	15	2–4 Jun	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWGENRL 715 <b>Special topic: Law of Not-for-Profits</b>	The subject will look in depth at key elements of not-for-profit law, in light of the relationship of the not-for-profit sector with the state and commercial sectors and the not-for-profit sector’s increasing importance to social, economic and political life. We will reflect on important questions raised by not-for-profit law in a contemporary setting, including questions relating to the legal definition of charity, the taxation of not-for-profits, and not-for-profit regulation. We will adopt comparative, theoretical and practical perspectives in working through these questions.	Professor Matthew Harding, University of Melbourne	Online	30	30 Jun–6 July	9am–5pm	Online

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LAWCOMM 796 <b>Trade Mark and Related Rights</b>	This course provides a detailed examination of the Australian and New Zealand laws that govern the protection of commercial symbols and indicia. A significant part of the course is devoted to the protection of registered trade marks under the Australian Trade Marks Act 1995 and New Zealand's Trade Marks Act 2002. However, the course also covers various other methods of protecting unregistered or unregistrable trade marks or commercial symbols and indicia, including the law of passing off, consumer protection legislation, special events legislation, domain name protection and the protection of geographical indications.	Rob Batty, University of Auckland	In person	15	Tuesday 1 Mar–19 Apr	4–8pm	810–225
LAW 701 <b>The Legal System: Sources, Structures and Method</b>	An introduction to the New Zealand legal system and the process of legal reasoning. The course will consider the core substantive components of the New Zealand legal system, the sources of New Zealand law including statute, case law and custom. It will examine the influence of international law, legal methodology in theory and practice (including judicial reasoning and the doctrine of precedent), techniques of statutory interpretation, and the resolution of disputes. The course will be offered in both semesters.	Dr Edward Willis, University of Auckland (UoA), Fleur Te Aho, UoA and Bronwyn Davies, UoA	In person	30	Monday 1 Mar–4 Jun	2–5 pm	810–332
LAWGENRL 713 <b>Selected Issues on Family Law</b>	Family law constantly changes. This course will discuss and analyse cutting edge family law issues through legal and multi-disciplinary lenses. Topics to be covered are complex parenting disputes, complex guardianship disputes, and solutions for family violence, relationship property cases, and developments in maintenance cases, reforming family law and adoption and surrogacy.	Professor Mark Henaghan, University of Auckland	In person	30	Tuesday 1 Mar–4 Jun	5–8 pm	810–340
LAWENVIR 710 <b>International Environmental Law</b>	The course examines environmental law and governance from the international, regional and national levels. The global coverage includes international environmental law and draws on experiences from the European Union, United States, Canada, South America, Australia and New Zealand. The topics include state sovereignty, the UN system, principles and sources of international environmental law, climate change, biodiversity, human rights and current developments in global and domestic environmental governance.	Professor Klaus Bosselmann, University of Auckland	In person	30	Thursday 1 Mar–4 Jun	5–8 pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 772 <b>Intellectual Property Law and Practice</b>	This course is designed for those with little or no background knowledge in intellectual property law. The course aims to provide a general outline of intellectual property law in the context of New Zealand and Australian legal systems. The course is intended to provide an introduction to the main intellectual property laws encountered in practice and to provide a foundation for further specialised study into particular areas of intellectual property law.	Rob Batty, University of Auckland	In person	15	Tuesday 26 Apr–31 May	4–8 pm	810–225

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Law 700 <b>Legal Research Methodology and Advanced Writing</b>	The course is designed to provide students with up to date research and academic writing skills. The different components of the legal research and writing process including initial analysis, research ethics, writing style and writing a legal research essay are canvassed in this course. New students are provided with information about the Davis Law Library, its collections and resources and legal data base training.	Bronwyn Davies, University of Auckland	In person	0	14–16 Jul	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 768 <b>Special topic: Economic Analysis of the Law</b>	This course introduces students to the economic analysis of law as a set of tools for analysing laws and understanding the effect legal rules have on the way people behave. This course also explores the extent to which the principles of economics can be used to explain the workings of the legal system and political institutions. Particular attention is paid to apply economic analysis to contemporaneous law and policy controversies in Pacific Asia (including Australia and New Zealand).	Associate Professor Jianlin Chen, University of Melbourne	Online	15	22–24 Jul	9am–5pm	Online
COMLAW 747 <b>Goods and Services Tax</b>	An advanced study of Goods and Services Tax (GST): both a theoretical background and high level of technical knowledge of the GST Act 1985. Comparisons with other indirect taxes and overseas variations of GST (notably Australian GST and the United Kingdom VAT) provide a deeper understanding of the policy behind the New Zealand GST regime.	Alan Bullot, Deloitte New Zealand and Jared Otto Inland Revenue Department	In person	15	29–31 Jul	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWPUBL 744 <b>Special topic: Human Rights and Technology</b>	Two fundamental questions will be explored in the course: how technologies challenge our understanding on human rights concepts from a legal perspective and if there should be limits to the use of such technologies. Students are invited to re-conceive our understanding on dignity, autonomy, equality, privacy and freedom of expression mainly in the use of artificial intelligence and big data analytics. The legal, social and ethical dimensions in the debate will be highlighted throughout the course.	Professor Anne Cheung, University of Hong Kong	In person	30	2–6 and 9–13 Aug	3–7 pm	810–332
LAWGENRL 721 <b>Mediation</b>	The course covers the nature and process of mediation, its strategic advantages and disadvantages (including assessing suitability of a dispute for mediation), the jurisprudential debates about the proper role of mediation in the civil justice system, the legal framework of mediation (including the limits of confidentiality and privilege, enforcement of agreements to mediate and settlement agreements), practical skills in effective mediation advocacy (including preparation for mediation and negotiation strategy), the legal and ethical controls on mediators and lawyers engaged in mediation, and selected aspects of mediation theory such as power dynamics in mediation and online mediation.	Nina Khouri, University of Auckland.	In person	30	18–20 Aug and 22–24 Sept	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWPUBL 753 <b>Special topic: International and Comparative Health Law</b>	International and comparative health law introduces, contextualises and examines the development and coordination of health policy through international and domestic law globally with particular reference to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as an exploration of broader topics in global health and national health care systems and health care delivery.	Associate Professor Caroline Foster and Professor Jaime King, University of Auckland	In person	30	25–28 Aug, 4 & 11 Sept	9am–5pm	810–340

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LAWCOMM 767 <b>Special topic: Transfer Pricing</b>	The course provides a solid grounding of how the international transfer pricing framework applies to set intercompany transactions between members of a Multinational Companies (MNCs). It will cover the core aspects of selecting and applying transfer pricing methods to set transfer prices, and some of the key challenges and complexities in doing so. A number of case studies will be used to analyze the real world controversies and areas of audit focus associated with transfer pricing. The course necessarily covers a range of core transfer pricing topics in the post OECD Action plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (Actions 8-12 and 13), including MNC business restructuring and government multilateral and unilateral reactions to transfer pricing planning. The course will seek to consolidate the student's conceptual knowledge on these subjects while providing the practical experience needed to apply the knowledge to real-life cases.	Matt Andrews, University of Auckland.	In person	15	2–4 Sep	9am–5pm	2 & 3 Sept in 810-340  4 Sept in 810-332
LAWENVIR 729 <b>Special topic: Comparative Environmental Law</b>	This is a study of environmental law from a comparative perspective, with a primary focus on common law and EU law jurisdictions. Environmental law is now an important structural feature of the regulatory environment of most jurisdictions and affects many aspects of business and legal practice. It explores how different regimes reconfigure understandings of administration and markets. The course focus on some of the most high profile and distinctive features of environmental law, each case study shining light on key factors and concepts in environmental law; environmental principles (courts), emission trading schemes (markets and property), chemicals regulation (markets and trade), and environmental impact assessment/ nature conservation (the public and scientists).	Professor Martin Kment, University of Ausburg	Online	30	8–14 Sep	9am–5pm	Online
LAWPUBL 754 <b>Comparative Human Rights Law</b>	The course deals with rights protected by bills and charters of rights in the domestic law of common law countries. The focus is on the operation of bills and charters and analysing the substance of human rights in relation to various controversies. It will consider the outcomes in rights cases, and understanding the scope and purposes of comparative legal studies. The course will focus on New Zealand, comparable jurisdictions and Pacific Island states.	Professor Paul Rishworth, University of Auckland	In person	30	29 Sep–5 Oct	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 749 <b>Special topic: International Litigation</b>	An introduction to private international law (i.e. the body of law dealing with civil and commercial issues that have an international element or aspect), including a study of the jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts, conflicts theory and choice of law.	Professor Mary Keyes, Griffith University	Online	15	6–8 Oct	9am–5pm	Online
LAWGENRL 724 <b>Miscarriages of Justice</b>	An exploration of the definition, detection, and causes of miscarriages of justice, both in New Zealand and internationally. Topics covered include under-validated scientific testimony, eyewitness misidentification, false confessions, ineffective assistance of defence counsel, official misconduct, the use of incentivized informants, unnecessary remand, and the failure to preserve evidence for additional testing after conviction, as well as the relationship between culture, social psychology, and the identification and remedy of miscarriages of justice.	Associate Professor Carrie Leonetti, University of Auckland	In person	15	16, 23 & 30 Oct	9am–5 pm	810–332
COMLAW 740B <b>Tax Base</b>	A study of the New Zealand income tax base. The course examines income timing and recognition, comparisons between the nature of capital and income, the differing treatment of each, and provides a deeper understanding of the policy behind the New Zealand income tax regime. It provides both a theoretical background and detailed technical knowledge of the scope and application of the most significant regimes for income, deduction and timing in the Income Tax Act 2007.	Professor Craig Elliffe, University of Auckland	In person	15	14–16 Oct	9am–5pm	810–340

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LAWCOMM 775B <b>International Tax Law</b>	The role and functions of Double Tax Agreements (DTA's), their history and purpose, how to use a DTA and interpret it as part of international public law and the Vienna Conventions are considered in this course. The role of specific articles in the DTA's, the international law rules for foreign investment funds, controlled foreign companies, foreign dividend withholding payments, conduit relief, underlying foreign tax credits, and foreign investor tax credits are examined along with international trusts and how tax havens work.	Professor Craig Elliffe, University of Auckland	In person/ online	15	28–30 Oct	9am–5pm	810–340
LAWCOMM 731 <b>Special topic: Global Commercial Contract Law</b>	This course provides an introduction to the global law relating to international commercial contracts. This is an emerging area of law that responds to the spectacular rise in global trade that has occurred over the past 50 years. It aims to replace the traditional system of national contract laws, co-ordinated by national conflict of laws rules and administered by national courts. A major focus will be on contracts of sales, as codified by the Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG). However, some issues of the general law of contract will also be covered in detail (eg formation, interpretation, third party rights, the duty of good faith and fair dealing). The treatment of some of these topics will be based on an examination of the 2010 UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (PICC). The approach is comparative. Examples will be drawn from the decisions of national courts as well as arbitral awards.	Professor Stefan Vogenauer, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt	Online	30	17–23 Nov	9am–5pm	Online

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LAWCOMM 795 <b>Copyright and Design</b>	This course is about how Australia and New Zealand law can be utilised to protect product design. As such, it first examines the law of copyright, which in New Zealand is the primary mechanism that can be, and is, used to protect the design of products. The course then addresses the requirements and process for obtaining registered design protection in Australia and New Zealand, and interrogates the nature and scope of such protection. The course also examines how both jurisdictions seek to deal with overlaps between copyright and design protection.	Rob Batty, University of Auckland	In person	15	Tuesday 19 Jul–27 Aug	4–8pm	810–225
LAWCOMM 779 <b>Special topic: Regulation of International Trade</b>	The course aims to provide students with significant knowledge of the breadth and depth of the Regulation of International Trade, and critical analytical abilities to spot issues and develop constructive solutions to those issues. It covers theoretical and practical issues in multilateral (WTO) and regional (FTA) level law relevant to the practice of trade law in countries around the world.	Associate Professor Chris Noonan	In person	15	Thursday 19 Jul–27 Aug	5–8pm	810–340
LAW 701 <b>The Legal System: Sources, Structures and Method</b>	An introduction to the New Zealand legal system and the process of legal reasoning. The course will consider the core substantive components of the New Zealand legal system, the sources of New Zealand law including statute, case law and custom. It will examine the influence of international law, legal methodology in theory and practice (including judicial reasoning and the doctrine of precedent), techniques of statutory interpretation, and the resolution of disputes. The course will be offered in both semesters.	Dr Edward Willis, University of Auckland (UoA), Fleur Te Aho, UoA and Bronwyn Davies, UoA	Online	30	Monday 19 Jul–22 Oct	2–5pm	810–332
LAWGENRL 711 <b>Special topic: Corruption: Comparative and International Approaches</b>	Corruption is one of the most important emerging topics in law and public affairs. It is often cited as a leading cause of rising economic and political inequalities, human rights violations, environmental degradation, and the failure of development programmes. To this well recognised list of corruption's effects, we may now add the rise of illiberal and authoritarian populism across the world, another stage in liberal democracy's decline. National governments and international organisations have responded with a variety of anti-corruption initiatives. Motivated by corruption's serious consequences and its independent intrigue as an area of law, this course offers students the chance to critically engage with a sample of domestic and international approaches to combatting corruption.	Associate Professor Timothy Kuhner, University of Auckland	In person	30	Wednesday 19 Jul–22 Oct	5–8 pm	810–340
LAWENVIR 777 <b>Special topic: Resource Management Law</b>	This course will critically examine the Resource Management Act, its institutions and actors before assessing how it has addressed key environmental challenges facing New Zealand such as water quality, conservation and biodiversity, urban development and climate change. In particular, the course will consider and critically examine options for reform that have been recommended by the New Directions for Resource Management Law in New Zealand report and/or are currently being promoted by government agencies and other stakeholders.	Suzanne Janissen, Barrister	In person	15	Thursday 13 Sept–22 Oct	5–8 pm	810–340