

SBM3104 - Introduction to Business Law

Unit Description

This unit introduces students to the fundamentals of business law and the Australian legal environment. It begins with an overview of the sources of law in society and the Australian law-making process, before examining topics such as the formation, operation, and termination of contracts, the nature of consumer law, trade practises law, and the law as it applies to different business structures. The unit also introduces the concept of agency.

This unit places emphasis on logical and critical thinking and requires students to apply these skills to the identification and resolution of legal problems through case study analysis and as they apply to business.

Unit Learning Outcomes (ULOs)

On successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:

- [ULO1] Describe and discuss the Australian legal system and the legal context in which businesses operate.
- [ULO2] Describe and discuss how Australian laws are created, changed, and applied.
- [ULO3] Identify and explain the laws that relate to the establishment of legal entities and that relate to the formulation, operation, and termination of contracts.
- [ULO4] Assess the advantages and disadvantages of various types of legal structures and business entities.
- [ULO5] Identify and analyse legal issues and problems as they apply to businesses and recommend appropriate courses of action with particular emphasis on legal precedent.

Summary

Credit Points	6
Courses	BBUS, BBIS
Total Credit Points	BBUS: 144 credit points, BBIS: 144 credit points
Pre-Requisites	N/A
Co-Requisites	N/A
Other Requirements	N/A
Unit Level	Core (BBUS), elective (BBIS)
Duration	14 weeks (12 teaching weeks; 1 study week; 1 final assessment week)
Mode of Delivery	On-campus
Assessment	Quiz: 10%; Case study: 20%; Critical review: 30%; Examination: 40%
Prescribed Textbook	Gibson, Andy (2017) Business Law, 10th Edition, Pearson Publishers
Expected student workload	Students should expect to spend approximately 132 hours on learning activities across the study period, approximately 12 hours per week.