



Legal Studies
Human Society and Its Environment

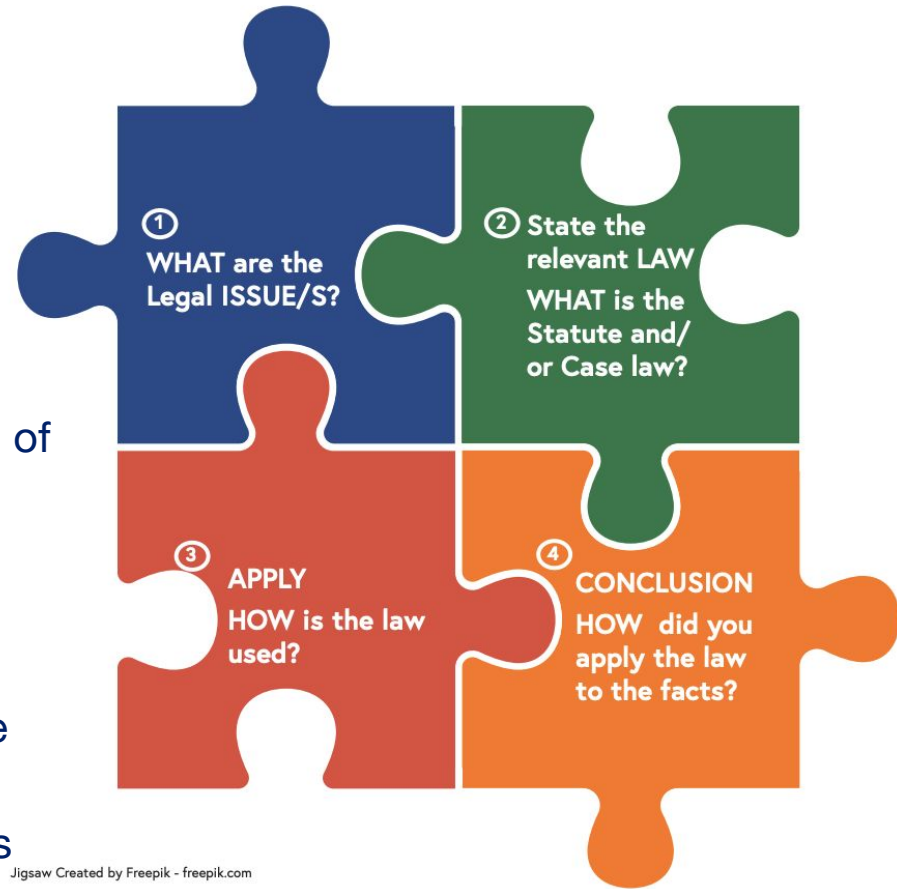


What is Legal Studies ?

Legal Studies is social (human) science.

Legal Studies explores the nature and functions of law and law-making, the development of Australian and international legal systems, the Australian constitution and law reform.

Students investigate the key areas of law, justice and human rights through a variety of focus studies which consider how changes in societies influence law reform.





Who can Study Legal Studies?

Legal Studies is suited to students studying a HSC plus ATAR pathway.

Students that have an ability to write high order extended responses, incorporating evidence-based research. Awareness of current events and specialised reading is required.

Prerequisites: English - top 30%



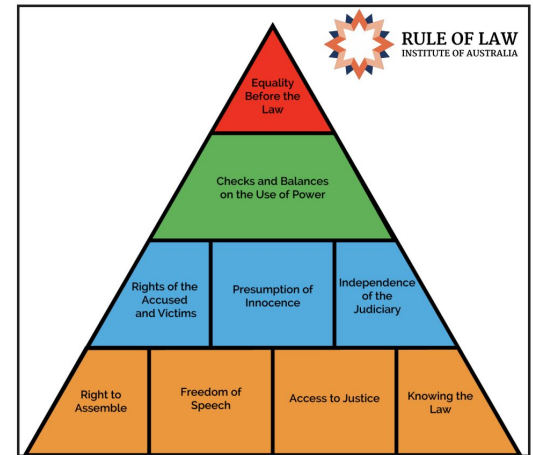


The Preliminary Course: Foundations

Legal Studies covers:

- the nature and functions of law and law-making
- the development of Australian and international legal systems
- the Australian constitution and law reform.
- individual's rights and responsibilities
- how disputes are resolved
- contemporary issue concerning the individual and technology.

Students have the opportunity to investigate issues that illustrate how the law operates in practice; analysing issues from a variety of perspectives.





Preliminary Course Outline

Part I – The Legal System (40% of course time)

Part II – The Individual and the Law (30% of course time)

Part III – The Law in Practice (30% of course time)

The Law in Practice unit is designed to provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the principles of law covered in the first sections of the course. This section may be integrated with Part I and Part II.

**Ineffective
one-punch
mandatory
sentences should be
scrapped, says Law
Council**

Source: SMH April 16 2016



An example
of law reform....
one punch law

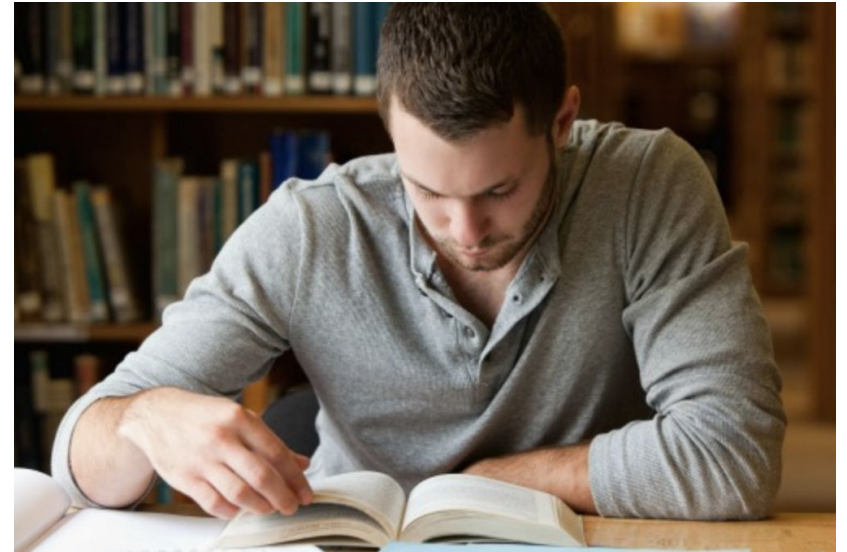


HSC Course

HSC Course:

The HSC course investigates the key areas of law, justice and human rights through a variety of focus studies which consider how changes in societies influence law reform.

- Core Part I: Crime (30% of course time)
- Core Part II: Human Rights (20% of course time)
- Part III: Two options (50% of course time)
- World order
- Shelter



[Legal Studies Syllabus](#)



Themes and Challenges

Year 11

- the need for law in the operation of society
- the relationship between different legal institutions and jurisdictions
- influences on the Australian legal system.
- effectiveness of legal mechanisms for achieving justice for individuals and society.

Year 12

- the extent to which law reflects moral and ethical standards
 - the role of law reform in the criminal justice system
 - the extent to which the law balances the rights of victims, offenders and society
 - the effectiveness of legal and non-legal measures in achieving justice.
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Was the law that killed bin Laden legal under International Law?

- Was bin Laden responsible for 9 / 11?
- Was the true intent to capture or kill bin Laden?
- Did Pakistan offer covert assistance with the raid?
- What really happened within the compound e.g did those killed offer resistance, and did US personnel follow orders?





The HSC Exam

- Section 1: 20 Multiple choice questions (20 marks)
- Section 2: Short answer + extended response questions (30 marks)
- Section 3: Essay. Answer 2 options questions. (50 marks)

Total = 100 marks



Students sit HSC exams.



Why Study Legal Studies.... Civil Law?





Legal Studies & Life after Waverley College

NESA Employability skills statement. Students will develop skills in:

- higher-order thinking for further education
- planning and organising
- learning and communication
- self-management
- information technologies
- initiative and enterprise
- investigating and proposing solutions to legal problems





Questions?

Thank you for viewing this presentation.
If you have any further questions please
get in contact.

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Links

- [NESA Syllabus and assessment](#)
 - [NESA HSC Papers](#)
 - [Rule of Law Education](#)
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