This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.
**Unit Name**: BS270 Business Law  

**Nominal Duration**: 14 weeks  

**Delivery Mode**: Internal and External  

**Workload**  
- Class contact (Internal mode) or Review of materials (External mode): 42 hours  
- Reading and private study: 48 hours  
- Assignment preparation: 50 hours  
- **TOTAL**: 140 hours  

**Weight**: 10 credit points  

**Unit Coordinator**: Peter Wilkinson  

**Teaching Staff**: Peter Wilkinson  

**Co / Prerequisite Units**: Second year standing (Full-time equivalent)  

**Core / Elective**  
- Diploma of Business: Not available  
- Associate Degree in Business: Not available  
- Bachelor of Business: Core for all majors  

**Rationale**: This unit introduces students to the legal framework within which commerce is carried on in Australia. It examines basic legal concepts and legal reasoning, the major institutions of the Australian legal system, and some areas of substantive law which are fundamental to the conduct of business, namely contract law and the law of torts.

As an aim of the undergraduate Bachelor courses is to provide students with a foundational understanding of business principles and practice in Australia, an introduction to the legal framework within which business is conducted plays an important supporting role in the program. The unit thus provides an understanding of the legal context for other areas of study within the courses.

A full appreciation of the legal framework of business activity will also relate legal concepts and reasoning to ethical concepts of honesty, integrity, and stewardship.

**Text Requirements**: Gibson and Fraser 2007 *Business Law* 3rd edn Pearson  

**Outcomes**: On completion of this unit, students will have provided evidence that they are able to:
1. Discuss the institutions, concepts and reasoning which make up the legal framework governing Australia business activity.  
2. Describe the role of precedent.  
3. Discuss key concepts in the law of contract.  
4. Discuss key concepts of the law of torts.  
5. Understand the functions of corporate regulatory bodies in Australia business.  
6. Appreciate the importance of foundational legal principles and concepts for ethical business activity.  

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Assessment

**Assessment Task #1 – Topic Tests** (Relates to Outcomes 1-6)

Four tests will be administered which address material covered in the respective section of the lectures.

Weighting: 20%  
Due Date: As scheduled

**Assessment Task #2 – Assignment** (Relates to Outcomes 1-6)

Students will conduct in-depth research on a legal topic, with an oral presentation in Weeks 13-14.

Weighting: 40%  
Due Date: Week 13

Please note:
1. External students are to submit a DVD or a Video of their oral presentation.
2. Both Internal and External students are to submit a PowerPoint presentation.

**Assessment Task #3 – Final Exam** (Relates to Outcomes 1-6)

The exam will draw upon material covered over the whole unit.

Weighting: 40%  
Due Date: Week 16 (Examination Week)

Academic & General Resource Requirements


**Journals**

*ABA Journal* [ISSN 0747-0088]

*Employee Relations Law Journal* [ISSN 0098-8898]

Unit Summary

This unit introduces students to the legal framework within which commerce is carried on in Australia. It examines basic legal concepts and legal reasoning, the major institutions of the Australian legal system, areas of substantive law including contract and torts, and the relationship between law and business ethics.