

| Unit Description | Unit Objectives |
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| <p>In Unit 1, students are introduced to the Australian legal system, the sources of law, and the roles of parliament and the courts. The unit focuses on legal principles and criteria, for example just and equitable outcomes. Students will consider how criminal law attempts to safeguard individuals' right to freedom from interference, with society's need for order. They examine the consequences of alleged criminal behaviour in terms of trial processes, punishment and sentences.</p> <p>Where appropriate and possible, current contexts based on relevant and contemporary issues are used in this unit. Examples of issues include acts causing injury or death; property offences (for example, extortion and theft), wilful damage (for example, graffiti and arson), and environmental pollution; cybercrime; business, credit card and social security fraud and deception; drug and public order offences; and traffic and vehicle regulatory offences.</p> | <p>Unit objectives are drawn from the syllabus objectives and are contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of the unit. Each unit objective must be assessed at least once.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. comprehend legal concepts, principles and processes of the Australian and Queensland legal systems, with a focus on criminal law 2. select legal information from sources relevant to the Australian and/or Queensland criminal justice systems 3. analyse legal issues involving the Australian and/or Queensland criminal justice systems 4. evaluate legal situations relevant to the Australian and/or Queensland criminal justice systems 5. create responses that communicate meaning to suit the intended purpose. |

| Assessment Plan: | | | | |
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| Task | % | Objectives to be assessed | Conditions | Date |
| Examination – Combination Response Topic 1: Legal Foundations Topic 2: Criminal Investigation Process | 25% | 1, 3, 4 | -2 hours + 15 minutes planning time -Short Response Items 50 - 100 words per item -Extended Response Item 400-500 words -Overall 800-1000 words | At the completion of Topic 2. (Term 1, Week 9) |
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| Investigation - Inquiry Report Topic 3: Criminal Trial Process Topic 4: Punishment and Sentencing | 25% | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | -4 weeks (including 10 hours of time allocated for Unit 1) -Use class time and student own time to develop a response -1500-2000 words | At the completion of Topic 4. (Term 2, Week 6) |