BUS101 INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS LAW T326 BRIEF

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Information contained within this Subject Outline applies to students enrolled in the trimester as indicated

1. General Information

1.1 Administrative Details

Associated HE Award(s)	Duration	Level	Subject Coordinator
B Bus (Accg); B Bus (Mgt & Finance) Dip Accg; Dip Mgt	1 trimester	Level 1	John Lanser john.lanser@koi.edu.au P: +61 (2) 9283 3583 L: Level 7-11, 11 York Street. Consultation: via Moodle or by appointment.

1.2 Core / Elective
This is a core subject for the above courses.

1.3 Subject Weighting

Indicated below is the weighting of this subject and the total course points.

Subject Credit Points	Total Course Credit Points
4	Dip Accg 32; Dip Mgt 32; BBus (Accg) 96; BBus (Mgt & Finance) 96

1.4 Student Workload

Indicated below is the expected student workload per week for this subject

No. timetabled hours/week*	No. personal study hours/week**	Total workload hours/week***
4 hours/week (2 hour Lecture + 2 hour Tutorial)	6 hours/week	10 hours/week

* Total time spent per week at lectures and tutorials
** Total time students are expected to spend per week in studying, completing assignments, etc.
*** Combination of timetable hours and personal study.

1.5 Mode of Delivery Classes will be face-to-face or hybrid. Certain classes will be online (e.g., special arrangements).

1.6 Pre-requisites Nil

1.7 General Study and Resource Requirements

- Students are expected to attend classes with the weekly worksheets and subject support material provided in Moodle. Students should read this material before coming to class to improve their ability to participate in the weekly activities.

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- Students will require access to the internet and their KOI email and should have basic skills in word processing software such as MS Word, spreadsheet software such as MS Excel and visual presentation software such as MS PowerPoint.

- Computers and WIFI facilities are extensively available for student use throughout KOI. Students are encouraged to make use of the campus Library for reference materials.

Resource requirements specific to this subject: There are no specific resources for this subject.

1.8 Academic Advising

Academic advising is available to students throughout teaching periods including the exam weeks. As well as requesting help during scheduled class times, students have the following options:

- Consultation times: A list of consultation hours is provided on the homepage of Moodle where appointments can be booked.

- Subject coordinator: Subject coordinators are available for contact via email. The email address of the subject coordinator is provided at the top of this subject outline.

- Academic staff: Lecturers and Tutors provide their contact details in Moodle for the specific subject. In most cases, this will be via email. Some subjects may also provide a discussion forum where questions can be raised.

- Head of Program: The Head of Program is available to all students in the program if they need advice about their studies and KOI procedures.

- Vice President (Academic): The Vice President (Academic) will assist students to resolve complex issues (but may refer students to the relevant lecturers for detailed academic advice).

2. Academic Details

2.1 Overview of the Subject

This subject is an introductory level examination of the law regulating business in Australia today for accountants, business managers and other non-legal professionals. The subject provides an overview of the Australian legal system and develops the skills to solve simple legal problems involving torts, contracts, consumer protection, competition regulation, intellectual property, agency and business entities.

2.2 Graduate Attributes for Undergraduate Courses

Graduates of the *Bachelor of Business (Accounting),* and the *Bachelor of Business (Management and Finance)* courses from King's Own Institute will achieve the graduate attributes expected from successful completion of a Bachelor's degree under the Australian Qualifications Framework (2nd edition, January 2013). Graduates at this level will be able to apply an advanced body of knowledge from their major area of study in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning.

King's Own Institute's generic graduate attributes for a bachelor's level degree are summarised below::

	KOI Bachelor Degree Graduate Attributes	**Detailed Description**
	Knowledge	Current, comprehensive and coherent knowledge
	Critical Thinking	Critical thinking and creative skills to analyse and synthesise information and evaluate new problems

	Communication	Communication skills for effective reading, writing, listening and presenting in varied modes and contexts and for transferring knowledge and skills to a variety of audiences
	Information Literacy	Information and technological skills for accessing, evaluating, managing and using information professionally
	Problem Solving Skills	Skills to apply logical and creative thinking to solve problems and evaluate solutions
	Ethical and Cultural Sensitivity	Appreciation of ethical principles, cultural sensitivity and social responsibility, both personally and professionally
	Teamwork	Leadership and teamwork skills to collaborate, inspire colleagues and manage responsibly with positive results
	Professional Skills	Professional skills to exercise judgement in planning, problem solving and decision making

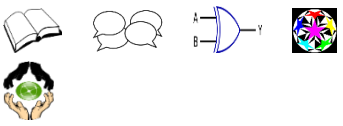
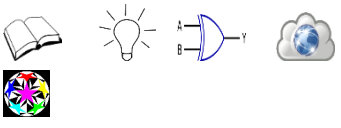
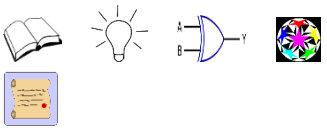
Across the course, these skills are developed progressively at three levels:

- **Level 1 Foundation –** Students learn the basic skills, theories and techniques of the subject and apply them in basic, stand-alone contexts.
- **Level 2 Intermediate –** Students further develop skills, theories and techniques of the subject and apply them in more complex contexts, beginning to integrate the application with other subjects.
- **Level 3 Advanced** – Students have a demonstrated ability to plan, research and apply the skills, theories and techniques of the subject in complex situations, integrating the subject content with a range of other subject disciplines within the context of the course.

2.3 Subject Learning Outcomes

This is a Level 1 subject.

Listed below, are key knowledge and skills students are expected to attain by successfully completing this subject:

Subject Learning Outcomes	Contribution to Graduate Attributes
a) Explain the Australian legal system, how laws are made and the distinction between legislated and judge-made law	
b) Use legal research terminology	
c) Identify potential legal issues in factual business settings and events, potential causes of action and appropriate legal remedies	
d) Explain and justify the legal principles which apply to commercial legal relationships in contract (including consumer law) and tort and recognise the legal rules applicable in particular cases	
e) Work in a team to solve legal problems likely to arise in a business setting.	

2.4 Subject Content and Structure

Below are details of the subject content and how it is structured, including specific topics covered in lectures and tutorials. Reading refers to the text unless otherwise indicated.

Weekly Planner:

Week (beginning)	Topic covered in each week's lecture	Reading(s)	Expected work as listed in Moodle
Week 1 26 October	Legal rights	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises, including a demonstration about the use of Gen-AI in tutorial activities.
Week 2 02 November	Contracts – forming contracts	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 3 09 November	Contracts – avoidance, terms and termination	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 4 16 November	Special contracts, agency, insurance, electronic commerce	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 5 23 November	Special contracts, agency, insurance, electronic commerce	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 6 30 November	Statutory consumer law **Mid trimester exam**	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	**Mid trimester exam (20%)**
Week 7 07 December	Torts - negligence	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 8 14 December	Torts – negligence and torts involving property	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 9 04 January	Introduction to property law	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Assessment progress **Deferred mid trimester exams** - see Section 2.6 below for more information.
Week 10 11 January	Taking security over property	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises **Workbook Assessment 2 (30%) – Contracts problems answered in class**
Week 11 18 January	Introduction to trusts	Learning materials on Moodle for the week	Tutorial exercises
Week 12 25 January	Dispute resolution & Revision for the Final Exam	Revision materials on Moodle	Revision activities

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Week 13 01 February	Study Review Week and Final Exam Week	
Week 14 08 February	- Final Exam Week - Continuing students - enrolments for T127 open	Please see the exam timetable for the exam date, time and location
Week 15 15 February	- Student Vacation begins - New students - enrolments for T127 open	
Week 16 22 February	• Results Released • Review of Grade Day for T326 – see Sections 2.6 and 3.2 below for relevant information. • Certification of Grades NOTE: More information about the dates will be provided at a later date through Moodle/KOI email.	
T127 01 March 2027		
Week 1 01 March	Week 1 of classes for T127	

2.5 Teaching Methods/Strategies

Briefly described below are the teaching methods/strategies used in this subject:

- *Lectures* (2 hours/week) are conducted in seminar style and address the subject content, provide motivation and context and draw on the students' experience and preparatory reading.
- *Tutorials* (2 hours/week) include class discussion of case studies and research papers, practice sets and problem-solving and syndicate work on group projects. Tutorials often include group exercises and so contribute to the development of teamwork skills and cultural understanding. Tutorial participation is an essential component of the subject and contributes to the development of many of the graduate attributes (see section 2.2 above). Tutorial participation contributes towards the assessment in many subjects (see details in Section 3.1 for this subject). Supplementary tutorial material such as case studies, recommended readings, review questions etc. will be made available each week in Moodle.
- *Online* teaching resources include class materials, readings, model answers to assignments and exercises and discussion boards. All online materials for this subject as provided by KOI will be found in the Moodle page for this subject. Students should access Moodle regularly as material may be updated at any time during the trimester
- *Other contact* - academic staff may also contact students either via Moodle messaging, or via email to the email address provided to KOI on enrolment.

2.6 Student Assessment

Provided below is a schedule of formal assessment tasks and major examinations for the subject.

Assessment Type	When assessed	Weighting	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Assessment 1: Mid trimester test	Week 6	20%	a, b, d,
Assessment 2: Workbook – Contracts Problems. Individual work in class	Week 10	30%	a, b, c, d, e
Assessment 3: Final examination On-campus:	Final Exam Period	50%	a, b, c, d,

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2 hours + 10 mins reading time			

Requirements to Pass the Subject:

To gain a pass or better in this subject, students must gain a *minimum of 50%* of the total available subject marks.

2.7 Prescribed and Recommended Readings

Provided below, in formal reference format, is a list of the prescribed and recommended readings.

Prescribed Text:

James, N, & Thomas, T 2021, 6th edition. *Business Law*, 6th Edition, Wiley, Melbourne. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 June 2020].

Recommended Readings:

Franklin, J. (2021). Sydney, 1803: When Catholics were tolerated and freemasons banned. *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society*, *107*(2), 135-155.

Gray, A., & Copley, J. (2023). Possessory title: Its salience to the Torrens systems of Australian states. *AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL*, *30*(3), 235-260.

Hardy, T., & McCrystal, S. (2022). The importance of competition and consumer law in regulating gig work and beyond. *Journal of Industrial Relations*, *64*(5), 785-800.

Murphy, J. R., & Arban, E. (2021). Assessing the performance of Australian federalism in responding to the pandemic. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *51*(4), 627-649.

Taggart, J. & Squire, M., 2020. *Contemporary Business Law*. 5th ed, Tekniks Pty Ltd

Turner, C and Trone, J 2019. *Australian Commercial Law* 32nd Ed. Australia Lawbook Co.

***Periodicals Available*:**

A list of all Australasian law journals can be found at the *Australasian Legal Scholarship Library* http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/

Useful Websites:

The following websites are useful sources covering a range of information useful for this subject. If your assessments require *academic peer reviewed journal articles* as sources, you need to access such sources using the Library database, Ebscohost, or Google Scholar. Please ask in the Library if you are unsure how to access Ebscohost. Instructions can also be found in Moodle.

- NSW legislation: http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/
- Commonwealth legislation: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/

Caselaw:

- AUSTLII http://www.austlii.edu.au *Note* AUSTLII is not to be used for Australian

legislation

- Lawlink: http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/caselaw/ll_caselaw.nsf/pages/cl_index
- NSW Parliament: http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/
- NSW Government Directory: http://www.directory.nsw.gov.au/
- Parliament of Australia: http://www.aph.gov.au/index.htm
- Commonwealth Government: http://australia.gov.au/
- Parliament An Overview: http://www.aph.gov.au/parl.htm
- Parliament of NSW: http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/key/ResourcesSystemParliamentTheLegislature
- How law is made (NSW): http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/key/BillsAbout

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