



Help! I'm Teaching Legal Studies for the First Time

SUMMARY

The New South Wales Legal studies syllabus provides students in their Preliminary Stage 6 year with opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the nature and functions of law and law-making, the development of Australian and international legal systems, the Australian constitution and law reform. In the HSC course, students consider the core topics of crime and human rights, and study two option topics from a range of seven: consumers, global environmental protection, family, Indigenous peoples, shelter, workplace and world order.

The Help! I'm Teaching Legal Studies for the First Time microcredential provides a comprehensive overview of the Legal studies syllabus for secondary teachers new to teaching the subject. You'll gain an understanding of the content covered as well as an appreciation of how to manage the timing of topic delivery; how to locate useful resources and case studies; the importance of building student literacy capacity so that they're able to communicate their understanding of legal concepts; and how to design and mark assessment tasks, including formative assessments.

KEY FEATURES

- **Develop a broad understanding of the Legal studies syllabus**
Explore key components, themes and objectives and then identify how to best apply them in practical contexts.
- **Deliver exercises that foster a deep understanding of the material**
Reflect on and implement a range of engaging and relevant activities within the classroom that enhance student participation.
- **Build practical skills and learn from experts**
Enhance your teaching proficiency by acquiring a range of subject-specific instructional tools that support meaningful learning.

KEY DETAILS



MODE

Online asynchronous, self-paced learning



DURATION

25 hours
Recommended five hours per week
(one module per week)



DESIGNED FOR

High school teachers new to the subject (Legal studies)



**SYDNEY #1: POSTGRADUATE
TEACHING QUALITY**
QILT Student Experience
Survey, 2023



**SYDNEY #1: GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT
IN TEACHER EDUCATION**
QILT Graduate Outcomes,
Survey 2021–2023



**SYDNEY #1: POSTGRADUATE
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**
QILT Student Experience,
Survey 2023

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the Legal studies syllabus.
- Feel confident in sourcing materials to support the teaching of syllabus content.
- Understand how to improve student literacy.
- Understand how to design robust and authentic assessment tasks, both formative and summative.
- Be able to apply the concepts learned throughout this microcredential.

AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

Completing this microcredential will provide you with skills relevant to the following AITSL teacher standards:

- 2 – Know the content and how to teach it
- 3 – Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning
- 4 – Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments
- 6 – Engage in professional learning.

HOW YOU'LL LEARN

ONLINE



You'll engage in independent learning, and be able to structure your learning around your own schedule and timeline.



This flexible approach enables you to access a wide range of resources and materials at your own pace, which promotes deeper understanding and retention of knowledge. The modules are designed to maximise engagement through interactive content and personalised reflection.

WHO YOU'LL LEARN FROM



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Natasha Isbel is an experienced HSC Legal studies teacher. Having come to teaching as a second career, she brings a wealth of legal knowledge and passion, with a special interest in building student capacity to write well. She also actively contributes to the broader educational community by working alongside teachers new to the profession.

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