Course Information System - University of Canterbury - New Zealand

LAWS362-12S2 (C) Semester Two 2012

Special Topic

15 points, 0.1250 EFTS
09 Jul 2012 - 11 Nov 2012

Description

Special Topic: Natural Disasters and the Law

The course will cover two core areas in Term 3:
(a) the constitutional, administrative and legislative framework for coping with natural disasters in New Zealand (6 hours); and
(b) the legal impact of natural disasters on contractual relationships generally and on employment contracts, residential tenancies and insurance contracts.

In Term 4 the course will consider – through lectures and presentations by guests lecturers or panellists - a range of particular issues raised by natural disasters.

The topics to be covered will be selected from the following list:
environmental issues and the Resource Management Act;
family law;
international humanitarian organisations and the handling of natural disasters;
Maori perspectives on handling of disasters and Treaty of Waitangi issues;
media law;
medical law;
policing and criminal justice issues;
privacy;
social welfare issues.

Learning Outcomes

This course will enable you to:
• acquire knowledge and understanding of the core legal issues arising from natural disasters and which affect recovery from such disasters
• understand and apply those principles to different kinds of disasters and to particular situations.
• consider critically issues of principle and policy raised by the present law and its operation in practice, and, consequently, to consider whether reform is desirable.
• further develop skills in legal research, analysis and writing

Pre-requisites

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(i) **LAWS101** and (ii) **LAWS110** from 2013.

**Co-requisites**

**LAWS202-206**

**Timetable**

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<td><strong>A6 Lecture Theatre</strong></td>
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**Course Coordinator / Lecturer**

Jeremy Finn

**Lecturers**

Natalie Baird, Ursula Cheer, John Hopkins, Sascha Mueller and Debra Wilson

**Guest Lecturers**

Kathryn Dalziel (Taylor Shaw) and Duncan Webb (Lane Neave Lawyers)

**Assessment**

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**Course links**

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**Fees**

- **Domestic fee** $655.00
- **International fee** $3,138.00

For further information see [School of Law](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/).

**All LAWS362 Occurrences**

- **LAWS362-12S1 (C) Semester One 2012**
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