

# LAWS11062 Contract B

Term 2 - 2018

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# **General Information**

#### Overview

LAWS11062 Contract B builds on and develops knowledge acquired in LAWS11061 Contract A. In this unit you will examine contracts with a vitiating element such as a mistake; misrepresentation; duress; undue influence; unconscionable contracts and illegal and void contracts. The unit also covers the ways in which a contract may be assigned, discharged, terminated; promissory estoppel; and the remedies available for non-performance of a contract. This unit together with LAWS11061 Contract A meets the LPAB requirements for contracts.

# **Details**

Career Level: Undergraduate

Unit Level: Level 1 Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

# Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite: LAWS11061

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the <u>Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)</u>.

# Offerings For Term 2 - 2018

Distance

# Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

## Website

This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.

# Class and Assessment Overview

#### Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

# Class Timetable

#### **Regional Campuses**

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

#### **Metropolitan Campuses**

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

### **Assessment Overview**

1. Written Assessment

Weighting: 20% 2. **Presentation** Weighting: 30% 3. **Examination** Weighting: 50%

# Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the <u>University's Grades and Results Policy</u> for more details of interim results and final grades.

# **CQUniversity Policies**

#### All University policies are available on the CQUniversity Policy site.

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the <u>CQUniversity Policy site</u>.

# Previous Student Feedback

# Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

### Feedback from survey

#### **Feedback**

Students asked for more unit-related content to be cross-posted to the Facebook Closed Group for participation and discussion by students.

#### Recommendation

Recommend continue to cross-post more unit-related content to the Facebook Closed Group for greater participation via social media.

# **Unit Learning Outcomes**

### On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- 1. Understand the legal concepts and consequences of vitiating factors in contract law
- 2. Identify and apply corresponding statutory, common law and equitable remedies in resolving contractual disputes
- 3. Research and apply legal principles from statute and case law to the analysis of contractual disputes
- 4. Compare the operation of Australian contract law with overseas contract law, particularly in relation to online commerce
- 5. Demonstrate skills in communication, critical legal thinking, and reasoning
- 6. Demonstrate an understanding of how contracts are assigned, discharged or terminated.

# Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

N/A Level	Introductory Level	•	Intermediate Level	•	Graduate Level	0	Professional Level	0	Advanced Level
Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes									

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•	•	
2 - Presentation - 30%		•	•		•	
3 - Examination - 50%	•	•	•	•	•	•

# Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•	•		

Graduate Attributes					Lea	rning	) Out	come	S	
					1	2	3	4	5	6
2 - Problem Solving					•	•	•	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking					•	•	•	•	•	
4 - Information Literacy					•	•	•	•	•	
5 - Team Work										
6 - Information Technology Competence							•	•	•	
7 - Cross Cultural Competence										
8 - Ethical practice									•	
9 - Social Innovation										
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures										
Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Gradu	ate Attri	bute	es							
Assessment Tasks	Gra	duat	e Att	ribut	es					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
2 - Presentation - 30%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
3 - Examination - 50%	•									

# Textbooks and Resources

# **Textbooks**

LAWS11062

#### **Prescribed**

#### **Contract Law**

Edition: 4th (2013)

Authors: Willmott, Christensen, Butler, Dixon

OUP

South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

ISBN: 9780195578461 Binding: Hardcover LAWS11062

## **Prescribed**

#### **Contract Law Case Book**

Edition: 4th (2013)

Authors: Butler, Christensen, Dixon, Willmott

OUP

South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

ISBN: 9780195578478 Binding: Hardcover

#### **Additional Textbook Information**

Both of the above books come packaged together at a reduced cost to students. See the CQUni Bookshop for details: <a href="http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au/texts.asp">http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au/texts.asp</a>

#### View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop

## IT Resources

# You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

# Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: <u>Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 3rd ed</u> For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

# **Teaching Contacts**

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## Schedule

# Week 1 - 09 Jul 2018

Module/Topic

Chapter

**Events and Submissions/Topic** 

Prescribed text book \*\*\*Please note\*\*\* I will NOT be using the old 2013 text, so please DISREGARD the "Textbooks and Resources" section above. I will be using the new 2018 text. This is available online through the CQU

library (see access options in the next

box to the right).

The two editions are substantially

similar except for: \*Week 2 readings on

misrepresentation/misleading or

deceptive conduct, and

\*Week 7 readings on termination, and \*Week 10 readings on restitution.

Please check out those chapters online (see box to the right).

**This week** read: Chapter 14 (of either

2013 or 2018 edition) Total reading at this point only 28

pages\* so ... \*Make a start on Week 2, Chapter

13 of the 2018 text (see box to

right), Common law

Misrepresentation (pp463-492), 28 pages: brings total reading for the

week to 56 pages

TO ACCESS THE WILLMOTT ET AL.

2018 TEXT:

Go to the CQUniversity Library catalogue entry for Willmott et al, and

access the 2018 text HERE!! OR login with your CQUniversity student details and view the new 2018 text here via ProQuest: Willmott et al,

2018 [online version through CQU

OR see the pdf version of Willmott et al, Chapter 13 for Week 2 HERE!!

#### Week 2 - 16 Jul 2018

Misrepresentation and

misleading and deceptive

Mistake

\*Start on Misrepresentation

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** 

Prescribed text book

Chapter 13 of 2018 text (see access options under "Events and Submissions/Topic" in Week 1 **above)**, finish this chapter (Misleading or Deceptive Conduct **pp492-565**) Total reading for this week 73 pages\* so if you didn't start this last week ...

\*You can finish the last 16pgs next week (from 13.19.6 on p549 to **p565**), brings total reading for this

week to 57 pages

Read Chapter 13 online if necessary,

**Problem assignment due NEXT** 

see notes to Week 1 above.

Week 3 - 23 Jul 2018

conduct

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** 

Prescribed text book

Chapter 7 (of either 2013 and 2018

edition)

Total reading this week only 20 pages\*

Estoppel\* \*If you haven't finished the

Misrepresentation chapter (13) do so this week, brings total reading for this

week to 36 pages

\*And then you still have time to get cracking on your first assessment (!)

Week 4 - 30 Jul 2018

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** 

Equitable concepts: unconscionability, duress

Prescribed text book

Chapters 15, 16, 17 (of either 2013 or

2018 edition) WEEK!

and undue influence Total reading for the week 50 pages

Week 5 - 06 Aug 2018

Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Prescribed text book Chapter 18 (of either 2013 or 2018 **Problem assignment** Due: Week 5 Illegality edition) Tuesday (7 Aug 2018) 11:59 pm AEST Total reading the week 50 pages Vacation Week - 13 Aug 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** [If you have time, why not get started on Assessment 2!] Week 6 - 20 Aug 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Prescribed text book Chapters 19 and 21 (of either 2013 or 2018 edition) Total reading to this point only 27 pages\* so ... Read Chapters 19 and 21 (either \*Make a start on next week's edition) then start Chapter 20, 2018 Discharge by performance reading, Discharge by Termination. edition. See access options under or agreement Chapter 20 (2018 edition, p717 to Week 1, above. OR see the online pdf **20.10 on p735**. See access options in of Chapter 20, <u>HERE!!</u> Week 1 above or see the pdf of Chapter 20 in the box to the right), 18 pages, brings total reading for the week to 45 pages Week 7 - 27 Aug 2018 Chapter Module/Topic **Events and Submissions/Topic** Prescribed text book Chapter 20 (read 2018 edition). See access options under Week 1 above, Discharge by termination: or pdf of Chapter 20 in Week 6 above. breach, repudiation Total reading for the week 67 pages\* (hopefully you started the first 18 pages last week!) Week 8 - 03 Sep 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Prescribed text book Chapter 22 (of either 2013 or 2018 edition) Total reading for the week only 20 pages\* so ... Court presentation due NEXT Frustration \*Why not finish off last week's reading WEEK! on Discharge by Termination, OR \*Why not get started on next week's reading on Remedies, OR \*Why not spend some time on Assessment 2? Week 9 - 10 Sep 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Prescribed text book Chapter 23 (of either 2013 or 2018 text. If reading from 2013 text, Court (video) presentation Due: Remedies (Part I: Damages) Week 9 Monday (10 Sept 2018) 11:59 \*\*please read p869 [23.13.5] to p871 (3 pages) of 2018 text as pm AEST this is NOT in 2013 edition\*\* Total reading for the week 50 pages Week 10 - 17 Sep 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** 

Prescribed text book Chapter 24 of 2018 edition, AND Chapter 24, **2018 edition**. See access Chapter 25 (of either 2013 or 2018 options under Week 1, above. No pdf Remedies (Part II: edition) available for this chapter for copyright Total reading from text for the week Restitution, Equity, ACL) reasons. Also read Chapter 25 (either 59 pages\* edition). \*Also need to read relevant provisions of the Australian Consumer Law Week 11 - 24 Sep 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Prescribed text book (2013 edition)\* Chapter 28\* (see box to right for .pdf version) See pdf of Chapter 28 HERE!! International aspects of \*Only read selected portions Malbon, J 'Online Cross-Border [28.05-95], [28.280-415] contract law Consumer Transactions', [2013] Malbon, J 'Online Cross-Border UWALawRw 3 access it HERE!! Consumer Transactions', [2013] UWALawRw 3 access it HERE!! Week 12 - 01 Oct 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic** Revision and Q&A session ... and ... we're done ...! Review/Exam Week - 08 Oct 2018 Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic Exam Week - 15 Oct 2018** Module/Topic Chapter **Events and Submissions/Topic Centrally Scheduled Examination** 

# **Assessment Tasks**

# 1 Problem assignment

#### **Assessment Type**

Written Assessment

#### **Task Description**

This assessment is designed to reinforce student learning in relation to the early-unit material covering the various means of vitiation of contracts. The assessment also requires students to undertake basic research tasks, including the use of textbooks and other sources of information, to understand the basis for the vitiation of contracts. Students will be provided with problem questions based upon vitiating factors.

The specific questions will be provided to students during Week 1 of the semester. The assessment will be 2000 words maximum in length.

\*Please note all submissions must adhere to the citation method used in the Australian Guide to Legal

Citation, 3rd ed referencing style. See further the AGLC website here.

#### **Assessment Due Date**

Week 5 Tuesday (7 Aug 2018) 11:59 pm AEST Submissions will be uploaded via Moodle

#### **Return Date to Students**

Marks will be returned via Moodle within 2 weeks

### Weighting

20%

#### **Assessment Criteria**

The following graduate attributes are assessed in the assignment (worth 20%):

1. Communication

- 2. Information Literacy
- 3. Information Technology Competence
- 4. Research
- 5. Critical Thinking
- 6. Ethical practice

# Assessment Criteria/Rubric

Criteria Basic goals (10%):	Excellent	Good	Poor
Identification of primary issues	Identification of all major issues.	Identification of most major issues.	Identification of some major issues.
Demonstrated understanding of the subject matter	Excellent demonstrated understanding of the subject matter.	Good understanding of the subject matter.	Lacks understanding of the subject matter.
Structured argument	Superbly structured arguments.	Well-structured argument.	Poorly structured argument.
Higher order goal (5%):	-	•	•
Analytical ability	Demonstrated high level of analysis.	Some analytical errors or omissions.	Numerous analytical errors or omissions.
Skills (5%):			
Demonstrated clear and concise written expression	Clear and concise writter expression.	Some unclear or verbose written expression.	Numerous examples of unclear or verbose written expression.
Spelling and grammar	No identifiable spelling o grammatical issues.	rMinor spelling or grammatical issues.	Numerous spelling or grammatical issues.
Plain English drafting	No Plain English drafting errors.	Some Plain English drafting errors.	Numerous Plain English drafting errors.

#### **Referencing Style**

• Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 3rd ed

#### **Submission**

Online

#### **Submission Instructions**

Instructions on Moodle

#### **Learning Outcomes Assessed**

- Understand the legal concepts and consequences of vitiating factors in contract law
- Identify and apply corresponding statutory, common law and equitable remedies in resolving contractual disputes
- Research and apply legal principles from statute and case law to the analysis of contractual disputes
- Compare the operation of Australian contract law with overseas contract law, particularly in relation to online commerce
- Demonstrate skills in communication, critical legal thinking, and reasoning

## **Graduate Attributes**

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

# 2 Court (video) presentation

#### **Assessment Type**

Presentation

## **Task Description**

The video presentation assesses Unit Objectives and the University Graduate Attributes of communication, problem

solving, critical thinking, information literacy, IT competence and ethical practice.

Students will be provided with a problem scenario in relation to a contract matter. Students will then be required to analyse the problem and develop oral submissions in response. The student must create a video recording of themselves delivering their response and submit the video recording. While a courtroom setting will not be required, students should make an effort to present themselves professionally for the video (male: jacket and tie; female jacket and skirt or pants; neat hair and otherwise presentable) and to deliver their submissions clearly and effectively. The submissions will cover unit material as instructed.

#### **Assessment Due Date**

Week 9 Monday (10 Sept 2018) 11:59 pm AEST

Submissions will be uploaded to YouTube as unlisted videos - detailed instructions will be provided

#### **Return Date to Students**

Comments will be provided via Moodle within 2 weeks

#### Weighting

Criteria

30%

## **Assessment Criteria**

# Assessment Criteria for the Assessment/Rubric

**Excellent** 

Basic goals:	LXCellellt	doou	FOOI	
Identification of primary issues	Identification of all major issues.	Identification of most major issues.	Identification of some major issues.	
Demonstrated understanding of the subject matter	Excellent demonstrated understanding of the subject matter.	Good understanding of the subject matter.	Lacks understanding of the subject matter.	
Structured argument	Superbly structured arguments.	Well-structured argument.	Poorly structured argument.	
Higher order goal:				
Analytical ability	Demonstrated high level of analysis.	Some analytical errors or omissions.	Numerous analytical errors or omissions.	
Skills:				
Demonstrated clear and concise oral presentation	Clear and concise oral expression.	verbose oral expression.	Numerous examples of unclear or verbose oral expression.	
Pace, diction and persuasiveness	Pace, diction and persuasiveness at a high level.	Generally effective delibery with some lapses in pace, diction or persuasiveness	Poor, unpersuasive, difficult-to-follow presentation	
General presentation	Presentation at a professional level	Some effort made at professional presentation	Poor professional presentation	

Good

#### **Referencing Style**

• Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 3rd ed

### Submission

Online

#### **Learning Outcomes Assessed**

- Identify and apply corresponding statutory, common law and equitable remedies in resolving contractual disputes
- Research and apply legal principles from statute and case law to the analysis of contractual disputes
- Demonstrate skills in communication, critical legal thinking, and reasoning

### **Graduate Attributes**

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence

• Ethical practice

# Examination

## Outline

Complete an invigilated examination.

## Date

During the examination period at a CQUniversity examination centre.

# Weighting

50%

# Length

180 minutes

## **Exam Conditions**

Open Book.

## **Materials**

Dictionary - non-electronic, concise, direct translation only (dictionary must not contain any notes or comments). Law dictionaries, Business and Law dictionaries (discipline specific dictionaries) are authorised. No calculators permitted

# **Academic Integrity Statement**

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the **Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure**. This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

#### What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

#### Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

#### Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the <u>Academic Learning Centre (ALC)</u> can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

#### What can you do to act with integrity?



#### **Be Honest**

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



#### Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



#### **Produce Original Work**

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem