



LAWS13009 Corporations Law

Term 1 - 2023

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General Information

Overview

LAWS13009 Corporations Law examines the various business structures available under Australian law, with a particular focus on companies. Topics include partnerships, corporate personality; the incorporation process; the corporate constitution; company contracts; administration of companies and management of the business of companies; duties and liabilities of directors and officers; share capital and membership; members' remedies; company credit and security arrangements; and winding up of companies. This unit meets the LPAB requirements for company law.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: *6*

Student Contribution Band: *10*

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: *0.125*

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite: 48 credit point of law

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 [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2023

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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. Group Discussion

Weighting: 10%

2. Written Assessment

Weighting: 30%

3. Take Home Exam

Weighting: 60%

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 [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) 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 [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

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 Student feedback and emails.

Feedback

Students have been unaware of the availability of past exams when preparing for the final exam.

Recommendation

The unit coordinator should ensure that students are aware of how to find past exams in order to prepare for the final exam.

Feedback from Student feedback.

Feedback

Students have difficulty identifying from the textbook the key topics each week.

Recommendation

The unit coordinator should use tutorial time to clarify what topics are important in each module, and to emphasise the importance of studying the textbook.

Unit Learning Outcomes

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

1. Advise on different forms of business organisation in Australia
2. Research business structures in foreign jurisdictions and compare them to Australian business structures
3. Understand and explain the rules and ethics of internal governance of companies, directors' duties and members' rights, and apply these principles to problem scenarios
4. Advise on the civil and criminal responsibility of a company for the actions of individuals purporting to act on its behalf
5. Understand and explain the different forms of financing for companies and the regulation of securities markets
6. Advise on various forms of external administration of companies.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 - Group Discussion - 10%		•				
2 - Written Assessment - 30%	•		•	•		
3 - Take Home Exam - 60%			•	•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

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

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Group Discussion - 10%	•		•	•		•	•			
2 - Written Assessment - 30%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
3 - Take Home Exam - 60%	•	•	•	•				•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

LAWS13009

Prescribed

Australian Corporate Law

7th edition (2020)

Authors: Anil Hargovan, Michael Adams, Catherine Brown

LexisNexis

Chatswood, NSW, Australia

ISBN: 9780409350739

Binding: Paperback

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Camera and microphone for attending Zoom tutorials

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 Business Structures, Corporate Personality and Regulation - 06 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Corporations and Other Business Organisations	Prescribed readings	

Week 2 Nature of a Company and its Promoters - 13 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The Nature of the Company and its Promoters	Prescribed readings	

Week 3 Internal Governance and Management Structures - 20 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Internal Governance and Management Structures	Prescribed readings	

Week 4 Company Liabilities - 27 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Company Liabilities

Prescribed readings

Group Discussion Forum Due: Week 4 Friday (31 Mar 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 5 Directors Role and Fiduciary Duties - 03 Apr 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Directors' Role and Fiduciary Duties

Prescribed readings

Vacation Week - 10 Apr 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Revision

Week 6 Directors Duty of Care and Insolvent Trading - 17 Apr 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Directors' Duty of Care and Insolvent Trading

Prescribed readings

Week 7 Members Rights and Remedies - 24 Apr 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Members and their Remedies

Prescribed readings

Week 8 Corporate Reporting, Record Keeping and Auditing - 01 May 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Corporate Reporting, Record Keeping and Auditing

Prescribed readings

Assignment Due: Week 8 Friday (5 May 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 9 Corporate Financing - 08 May 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Corporate Financing

Prescribed readings

Week 10 Receivership and Voluntary Administration - 15 May 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

External Administration: Schemes, Receivership, Restructure and Administration

Prescribed readings

Week 11 External Administration and Liquidation - 22 May 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

External Administration: Liquidation

Prescribed readings

Week 12 Securities Trading and Takeovers - 29 May 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Securities Trading and Takeovers

Prescribed readings

Review/Exam Week - 05 Jun 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Exam Week - 12 Jun 2023

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Take-Home Examination Due: Exam Week Monday (12 June 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Assessment Tasks

1 Group Discussion Forum

Assessment Type

Group Discussion

Task Description

This assessment is a team project using a Group Discussion Forum as the medium by which students collaborate on each other's research tasks. (A full description of the assessment task will be provided on the Moodle site).

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Friday (31 Mar 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2023)

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

Your contributions will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- demonstrated accuracy of content, based on proper referencing
- interesting comparison of foreign and Australian law
- intelligent consideration of the practical ramifications of laws
- thoughtfulness and insight of comments and arguments

Referencing Style

- [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Research business structures in foreign jurisdictions and compare them to Australian business structures

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence

2 Assignment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This assignment involves:

- Solving Company Law Problem Questions

Details of what is required for the assessment will be provided on the Moodle site at the start of term.

Assessment Due Date

Week 8 Friday (5 May 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 10 Friday (19 May 2023)

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

The assignment will involve a range of tasks and the requirements for each task will differ. More guidance will be provided on the Moodle site at the start of term.

The following criteria are indicative:

- Knowledge of law, especially core concepts
- Where research is required, effectiveness of research in acquiring such knowledge
- Correctness of referencing
- Analysis and critical thinking, including application of law to facts and/or projecting possible fact scenarios arising from the law
- Logical and coherent presentation of facts, arguments and/or analysis with appropriate logical structure
- Effective use of cases and/or hypothetical fact scenarios to illustrate legal reasoning
- Attention to the requirements of the question, including addressing the questions as specified and avoiding irrelevant diversions or regurgitation of law without any connection with the question or the analysis.

Referencing Style

- [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Advise on different forms of business organisation in Australia
- Understand and explain the rules and ethics of internal governance of companies, directors' duties and members' rights, and apply these principles to problem scenarios
- Advise on the civil and criminal responsibility of a company for the actions of individuals purporting to act on its behalf

Graduate Attributes

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

3 Take-Home Examination

Assessment Type

Take Home Exam

Task Description

The take-home examination will be set to take place in or around the standard examination week at the end of term. You will be advised of the exact date and time once the timetable for all law exams is published, which will be towards the end of the teaching weeks. The paper will be available during a specific time period of 4 hours duration and must be submitted (online via Moodle as an MS Word document) before the end of that time period. Like normal examinations, no extensions of time are allowed for a take-home examination.

Bachelor of Accounting students will need to be invigilated for this examination, which will require that they have an operational camera and microphone.

Please be sure to note the following:

- Submissions after the deadline has passed will not be accepted.

- Failure to submit by the deadline will result in a mark of zero for this assessment as the paper will not be marked.
- Extensions of time are not available for this take-home paper.
- Exam conditions apply to all take-home papers.

The examination will be designed to assess your learning of the unit as a whole. You will be given a little more information about the format of the examination on the Moodle site during the term.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Monday (12 June 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Marks for the exam will not be released until certification of grades by the university.

Weighting

60%

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be relevant to the take-home examination:

- Knowledge of law, especially core concepts
- Where research is required, effectiveness of research in acquiring such knowledge
- Correctness of referencing to the standard required by the assessment (This will be specified in the guidance for the exam)
- Analysis and critical thinking, including application of law to facts and/or projecting possible fact scenarios arising from the law
- Logical and coherent presentation of arguments/analysis with appropriate structure
- Effective use of cases and/or hypothetical fact scenarios to illustrate legal reasoning
- Attention to the requirements of the question, including addressing the questions as specified and avoiding irrelevant diversions or regurgitation of law without any connection with the question or the analysis.

Referencing Style

- [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Understand and explain the rules and ethics of internal governance of companies, directors' duties and members' rights, and apply these principles to problem scenarios
- Advise on the civil and criminal responsibility of a company for the actions of individuals purporting to act on its behalf
- Understand and explain the different forms of financing for companies and the regulation of securities markets
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Graduate Attributes

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

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 [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) 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