



UNSW Business School
**School of Taxation &
Business Law**

**TABL 2790
LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF
ASIAN BUSINESS**

**Course Outline
Abridged
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PART A: COURSE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1 STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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Consultation Times – **by appointment**

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2 COURSE DETAILS

2.1 Teaching Times and Locations

Lectures and Tutorials start in Week 1 (to Week 13):

Lecture: 2 - 4pm (Tuesday)

Tutorial: 4 - 5pm (Tuesday)

Location: Colombo LG02

2.2 Units of Credit

The course is worth 6 units of credit.

This course is taught in parallel to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Course materials will be the same for both levels of study, but assessment regimes are different. Please see assessment section for details.

2.3 Summary of Course

This course is designed to respond to the growing employers' demand for commerce graduates who have a general understanding of how business is conducted within different commercial legal frameworks in Asia; to enhance students' marketability, and to acquire a basic legal knowledge for Asian trade that is imperative for students' future careers as entrepreneurs.

This course introduces students to the legal environment of doing business in the major and established Asian markets for Australia, including China, Japan, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Indonesia and Malaysia (not all jurisdictions are dealt

with every semester; particular focus would be placed in certain jurisdictions with reference to the latest development between Australian and Asian businesses).

This course covers legal system and judicial system, in general, of selected Asian jurisdictions. This course also studies a range of specific topics including contract law, criminal law (within a business context), competition law, consumer law, business association law, tort law and dispute resolutions in those particular regimes.

2.4 Course Aims and Relationship to Other Courses

2.4.1 Course Aims:

The specific objectives of the course are:

1. To provide students with the basic legal knowledge necessary for doing business with different Asian countries
2. To enable students to appreciate the distinctive features of an Asia legal system
3. To facilitate students in their understanding of the interrelationship of economic, political and societal contexts within the selected Asian legal regimes
4. To develop students' research skills in doing comparative study of Asian laws

2.4.2 Relationship to Other Courses:

This course is focused on Asian law. It has no special pre-requisite but a basic understanding of a legal system and substantive areas of law such as materials covered in Business and the Law (TABL 1710), Business Entities (TABL 2741), Marketing and Distribution Law (TABL 2731), and Legal Foundations of Business (TABL 5511) would be useful.

2.5 Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand the fundamental elements of Asian legal systems
2. Identify the legal implications and potential legal risks of a business activity in different Asian markets
3. Appreciate the diversity in Asian legal system and respond to them with relevant business strategies development
4. Recognise the significant nexus amongst law, economics, and politics in Asian countries
5. Attain basic skill in conducting comparative research and communicate the research outcome

The Course Learning Outcomes are what you should be able to DO by the end of this course if you participate fully in learning activities and successfully complete the assessment items.

The Learning Outcomes in this course also help you to achieve some of the overall Program Learning Goals and Outcomes for all undergraduate or postgraduate students in the UNSW BUSINESS. Program Learning Goals are what we want you to BE or HAVE by the time you successfully complete your degree (e.g. 'be an effective team player'). You

demonstrate this by achieving specific Program Learning Outcomes - what you are able to DO by the end of your degree (e.g. 'participate collaboratively and responsibly in teams').

Business Undergraduate Program Learning Goals and Outcomes

1. Knowledge: Our graduates will have in-depth disciplinary knowledge applicable in local and global contexts.

You should be able to select and apply disciplinary knowledge to business situations in a local and global environment.

2. Critical thinking and problem solving: Our graduates will be critical thinkers and effective problem solvers.

You should be able to identify and research issues in business situations, analyse the issues, and propose appropriate and well-justified solutions.

3. Communication: Our graduates will be effective professional communicators.

You should be able to:

- a. Prepare written documents that are clear and concise, using appropriate style and presentation for the intended audience, purpose and context, and
- b. Prepare and deliver oral presentations that are clear, focused, well-structured, and delivered in a professional manner.

4. Teamwork: Our graduates will be effective team participants.

You should be able to participate collaboratively and responsibly in teams, and reflect on your own teamwork, and on the team's processes and ability to achieve outcomes.

5. Ethical, social and environmental responsibility: Our graduates will have a sound awareness of the ethical, social, cultural and environmental implications of business practice.

You will be able to:

- a. Identify and assess ethical, environmental and/or sustainability considerations in business decision-making and practice, and
- b. Identify social and cultural implications of business situations.

3 ASSESSMENT

3.1 Formal Requirements

In order to pass this course, you must:

- achieve a composite mark of at least 50; and
- make a satisfactory attempt at all assessment tasks (see below).

3.2 Assessment Details

UNDERGRADUATE

Assessment Task	Weighting	Length	Due Date
PARTICIPATION 1. Online 2. Tutorial	10% 20%		On-going
RESEARCH 1. Topic presentation 2. Project proposal 3. Project	5% 15% 40%	2 mins Maximum 1000 words Maximum 3000 words	Week 3 14 March 2017 Week 5 28 March 2017 by 5pm Week 10 9 May 2017 by 5pm
TEST	10%	20-25 minutes	Week 7 11 April 2017
TOTAL	100%		

4 COURSE RESOURCES

The textbooks for this course are:

Vai lo Lo and Xiaowen Tian *Law for Foreign Business and Investment in China* 2009 Routledge
 – Hard or Electronic copy)
 (An electronic copy is available in UNSW library category - LCCN: KNQ78.B87 L64 2009)

Ravi Chandran *Introduction to Business Law in Singapore* 2010 McGraw Hill
 (UNSW Freehills Law Library, High Use Collection (L/ KT3689/C1/4) and Compactus Ground
 Floor (L/ KT3689/C1/4)

Other resources:-

Reference texts, online sources and supplementary readings will be available on Moodle in due course.

The website for this course is on UNSW Moodle at:
<https://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au/login/index.php>

5 COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Lecture Topic	Tutorial Topic	Other Activities/ Assessment
Week 1 28 February	Introduction : An overview of the course : Course administrative matters Lecture Singapore Government, Legislature and Judiciary	Explanation and discussion of the assessment regime.	
Week 2 7 March	China Government, Legislature, and Judiciary	Discussion of Research Skills	
Week 3 14 March	Singapore Contract law	Presentation of Individual Research Topic	In class - 2 minutes
Week 4 21 March	China Contract law	Singapore Contract law	Tutorial and Engagement activities – start from week 4-13.
Week 5 28 March	Singapore Consumer law	Chinese Contract law	Research Proposal due – 28 March by 5pm
Week 6 4 April	China Consumer law	Singapore Consumer law	
Week 7 11 April	China Consumer law	In-class Test	Test will take place in the first hour of the lecture time and followed by lecture

Semester Break 14 April – 23 April			
Week 8 25 April [ANZAC DAY]	Research Paper writing		
Week 9 2 May	Singapore Competition law	Chinese Consumer law	
Week 10 9 May	China Competition law	Singapore Competition law	Research Paper due – 9 May by 5pm
Week 11 16 May	Singapore Tort law	Chinese Competition law	
Week 12 23 May	China Tort law	Singapore Tort law	
Week 13 30 May	Concluding lecture	Chinese Tort law	