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GOVERNMENT, LAW and BUSINESS

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COURSE OUTLINE

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TRIMESTER ONE
Beginning 2 MARCH 2009

Welcome to FCOM 111, Government, Law and Business. Please refer to this Course Outline where you have queries relating to the course. If anything cannot be found in the Course Outline, please contact the Course Administrator.

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AN OVERVIEW OF FCOM 111		
Weeks	Lectures & Assignment Due Dates	Important Notes
Week 1 <i>2nd March</i>	Lectures Begin on (M)onday and (W)ednesday (M) Introductory Lecture (W) State and Market See Page 14 for times and locations of lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMPORTANT: Enrol for your tutorials this week. Details on page 19 of the Course outline. • Purchase Book of Readings from Student Notes.
Week 2 <i>9th March</i>	(M) Constitution (W) Executive and Legislative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Blackboard for tutorial confirmation and other course information • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #1
Week 3 <i>16th March</i>	(M) The Public Service/Sector (W) Election 2008 (MMP etc) • Tutorial Assignment 1 Due in tutorials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #2 • TUTORIALS BEGIN THIS WEEK
Week 4 <i>23rd March</i>	(M) What is Law? (W) Map of the Legal World • Tutorial Assignment 2 Due in tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #3 • Reminder: Government Assignment Due next week
Week 5 <i>30th March</i>	(M) Process of Making Law 1 (W) Process of Making Law 2 • Government Assignment Due Thursday 2nd April by 10:30am • Tutorial Assignment 3 Due in tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #4
Week 6 <i>6th April</i>	(M) How Law Develops and Changes 1 (W)How Law Develops and Changes 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO TUTORIALS THIS WEEK
	EASTER BREAK 11-26 th April	
Week 7 <i>27th April</i>	(M) Is there a Legal Duty to Honour Promises? 1 (W) Is there a Legal Duty to Honour Promises? 2 • Tutorial Assignment 4 Due in tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #5
Week 8 <i>4th May</i>	(M) Is there a Legal Duty to take care? 1 (W) Is there a Legal Duty to take care? 2 • Tutorial Assignment 5 Due in tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #6 • Check Blackboard for information on the Legal Test to be held next week
Week 9 <i>11th May</i>	(M) Statutory Interventions and Ethics 1 (W) Statutory Interventions and Ethics 2 • Legal Test - Tuesday 12th May 6.15pm – • Tutorial Assignment 6 Due in tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #7
Week 10 <i>18th May</i>	(M) Ethics and Trust (W) Public Policy / Process • Tutorial Assignment 7 Due in tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your readings for Tutorial Assignment Worksheet #8
Week 11 <i>25th May</i>	(M) Politics, Economics and Business (W) Case Study • Tutorial Assignment 8 Due in tutorials	
Week 12 <i>1st June</i>	(M) NO LECTURE – Queen’s Birthday (W) Conclusion and Exam Discussion CHECK BLACKBOARD FOR DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE EXAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the final lecture – it WILL help you with your exam • Check your grades on Blackboard NOW and contact the Course Administrator if you have any questions

PART A: ALL ABOUT THE COURSE...

Course Objectives

Rationale and Reach

Perhaps the underlying rationale for a course of this kind can be captured by a speech given by a New Zealand politician back in 2003. At that time he said the following:

There is a certain timelessness about the core functions of government: what governments do. They create the nation state and ensure the safety and security of the citizenry. They create internal order, and they create markets through which the citizens can specialise in economic production and exchange the rewards from their labour and the returns to their capital.

I make this rather obvious point because debate on the role of government sometimes sees the state as the enemy of the market. The reality is that the market is a product of the state. Without a government to define property rights, and establish and enforce the terms under which property rights transfer, there is anarchy, not markets.

I will come back to this, because the fundamental role of the government in defining property rights is potentially one of the more contentious roles it has to carry out. We see this in arguments about foreign investment, access to land, and the seabed and foreshore issue in the high public profile cases. But governments are constantly aligning property rights and market rules as different participants feel that existing laws disadvantage them. Competition laws and rules around the issuing of securities, on takeovers and the like all fall into this category.

How governments do these things evolves slowly and continuously. As an example, the notion of the safety and security of the population can be limited to safety of life and limb, or it can extend to cradle-to-grave welfare. History tells us that we move along a continuum over time, rather than redefine the role of the state through episodic but dramatic ideological repositioning.

The politician was Dr Michael Cullen, then Minister of Finance, but the personality and more to the point the political preferences of that particular politician are less important than the substance of what he had to say. In many respects his comments capture the overall theme for this course, and that theme is ‘governing the market’.

Of course the state of the international economy is such that we would not have to go far to find other more recent illustrative examples of statements that go to the relationship between state and market. The past year has seen unprecedented levels of market instability, and – in historical terms – unprecedented levels of state or government action designed to remedy that instability.

Here are some extracts from a more recent speech:

Nor is the question before us whether the market is a force for good or ill. Its power to generate wealth and expand freedom is unmatched, but this crisis has reminded us that without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control — and that a nation cannot prosper long when it favours only the prosperous. The success of our economy has always depended not just on the size of our gross domestic product, but on the reach of our prosperity; on our ability to extend opportunity to every willing heart — not out of charity, but because it is the surest route to our common good.

And here are some more recent remarks by the same man made on 4 February 2009

But in order to restore trust in our financial system, we're going to have to do more than just put forward our plans. In order to restore trust, we've got to make certain that taxpayer funds are not subsidizing excessive compensation packages on Wall Street.

We all need to take responsibility. And this includes executives at major financial firms who turned to the American people, hat in hand, when they were in trouble, even as they paid themselves customary lavish bonuses. As I said last week, this is the height of irresponsibility. It's shameful. And that's exactly the kind of disregard of the costs and consequences of their actions that brought about this crisis: a culture of narrow self-interest and short-term gain at the expense of everything else.

This is America. We don't disparage wealth. We don't begrudge anybody for achieving success. And we certainly believe that success should be rewarded. But what gets people upset -- and rightfully so -- are executives being rewarded for failure, especially when those rewards are subsidized by U.S. taxpayers, many of whom are having a tough time themselves.

For top executives to award themselves these kinds of compensation packages in the midst of this economic crisis isn't just bad taste -- it's bad strategy -- and I will not tolerate it as President. We're going to be demanding some restraint in exchange for federal aid -- so that when firms seek new federal dollars, we won't find them up to the same old tricks

And here is a final and further extract given by another prominent politician on 26 January 2009.

The priorities I believe are clear.

First, as I argued almost ten years ago in Harvard, we need an early warning system so that international financial flows are properly monitored and systemic global imbalances are not allowed to develop and become potential sources of instability. As a first step we must build upon the platform of the Financial Stability Forum to create the framework for international governance that we currently lack. I am therefore keen for the membership of the Financial Stability Forum to be widened, for its role working with the IMF and the Bank of International Settlements to be put on a clearer and stronger footing.

Secondly, we need at a global level to consider the regulatory deficit. For the last decade I have been making the case that the current patchwork of ad hoc international regulation is inadequate. When capital flows are global, but regulators only national, we have to agree a new era of global cooperation and coordination so that we have a common set of principles and new rules for a world of global capital flows. At the G20 in April we should seek to discuss the charter of principles that would guide financial regulation and supervision and one which we can all follow. Under this we need to bring into the regulatory system non-bank financial institutions and complex new markets and products. If financial firms are doing similar things then the principles by which they are regulated must be the same, regardless of their business models and countries of origin.

And third, just as the regulatory system has to accept common standards, so too must financial institutions. We need agreed transparency and agreed standards of corporate governance, including an international standard of best practice for financial institutions. We need to consider how best to strengthen risk management and incentive structures inside banks. Rewards need to be linked, not to short term irresponsible and excessive risk-taking, but to hard work, merit, enterprise and long term and responsible risk-taking. Boards and audit committees backed by auditors who are truly independent must show that they understand the magnitude of the risks being taken because of the complexity of new products. The simple rule of a board must be if you don't understand the risk then don't take it.

These extracts go to many things, but at their core they go to governing the market.

But the formal title of this course is not ‘governing the market’, but ‘Government, Law and Business’ – less catchy perhaps, but accurate nonetheless.

The main rationale for the course is to set out for those who take it – BCA and other students – the governmental and legal context for business in New Zealand. This is not to suggest that the focus will be exclusively on New Zealand, and we hope both that the content will speak to issues and challenges in other jurisdictions, and that the process of teaching and learning will allow those of us who are not originally of this place (Aotearoa/New Zealand) to bring our own knowledge and experience to that learning.

Teaching and Learning Objectives

At the end of this course students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the key elements of New Zealand’s constitutional and political arrangements, explaining the role of formal and conventional institutional arrangements
2. Identify how those constitutional and political arrangements might variously impact on the New Zealand commercial environment
3. Survey and appraise possible changes to those constitutional and political arrangements over the medium to long term
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the nature of the law and the law-making process, and the general operation of the legal system
5. Explain the way in which the law is reformed and developed through legislation and case law to meeting the changing needs of government, business and society, including by the illustrative use of a particular area of law reform
6. Demonstrate the competence to apply legal problem-solving skills in selected case situations
7. Illustrate an understanding of the significance of ethics in the context of the private and the public sectors, the nature of some ethical dilemmas and the various ways in which some ethical problems and issues of control and guidance are dealt with under the law and under other instruments of guidance and control
8. Demonstrate an understanding of the public policy process, including the various stages of the process and the interrelationships between them, and

explain how civil society actors, including business may be able to engage with the policy process and exercise some measure of influence

9. Analyse New Zealand's links with the rest of the world in terms of trade, financial institutions and governance.

Victoria University of Wellington has identified a number of graduate attributes. The intention is that students graduating from Victoria University of Wellington will be able to demonstrate and apply knowledge, skills and competencies in:

- Communication,
- Critical and creative thinking
- and Leadership

To complement these graduate attributes Learning Goals have also been developed for the BCA degree. FCOM 111 is one of the core courses for the Bachelor of Commerce and Administration Degree

The Learning Goals for the BCA are as follows:

- Learning Goal 1 Critical and Creative Thinking
- Learning Goal 2 Communication
- Learning Goal 3 Global and Multicultural Perspectives
- Learning Goal 4 Leadership

Taken together the intention is to ensure that the core of the BCA degree will enable you to meet the learning goals.

Teaching and Learning Objectives and Assessment Mix

The teaching and learning objectives will be assessed using the following instruments:

Teaching and learning objective	Assessment instrument
1, 2, 3	1500 word report due 2 nd April 2009 (Government Assignment)
4, 5, 6	Legal test – Tuesday 12 th May 2009
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Final Course Examination – date TBA

Students should note that additional Mandatory Requirements must be met for a pass in this Course. These include attendance at least six of the eight tutorials, submission of all pieces of assessment and sitting the Final Course Examination. The mandatory course requirements are described in full on page 10 of this Course Outline.

USE OF BLACKBOARD: NOTICES, LECTURE SLIDES AND OVERHEADS

HOW TO GET ONTO BLACKBOARD:

1. Log onto student page: www.student.vuw.ac.nz
2. Click on **Blackboard**
3. This lets you into the sign-up page
4. Enter in your **user id** and **password**
5. You should now be logged in.
6. If you have any trouble with logging onto Blackboard contact SCS helpdesk

All notices will be posted on Blackboard (<http://www.blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>).

Only an OUTLINE of lectures will be posted on Blackboard. Full overheads will only be provided in lectures. It is essential that you attend all lectures and tutorials to gain full benefit from the course. Interaction with the lecturers, tutors and fellow students plays an important part in developing your critical competence.

SENDING EMAILS

All emails sent to the Course Administrator should use the following email address: FCOM111@vuw.ac.nz and contain your full name and Student ID number in the subject line.

All emails sent directly to staff must have the following words at the beginning of the subject line: "FCOM 111". Put your specific subject after that. This is so that your email can be distinguished from 'Spam' (unsolicited email) by staff.

WITHDRAWAL DATES

Information available via :

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

The following is a schedule of percentage marks to grades, which are applicable to your internal assessment and your final result notifications.

Grade	Percentage Range
A+	85% and above
A	80-84%
A-	75-79%
B+	70-74%
B	65-69%
B-	60-64%
C+	55-59%
C	50-54%
D	40-49%
E	39% and under
K	Failed course due to not satisfying mandatory requirements (see BELOW)

In addition to achieving a 50% average across assessments, students must also meet the mandatory course requirements in order to pass the course (see BELOW).

WHAT ARE THE MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the mandatory requirements for this course you must:

- a) Attend at least six of the eight tutorials and be marked off as present by your tutor **AND** submit the relevant Tutorial Assignment Worksheet for the Tutorial. If you arrive late to a tutorial then your tutor may not award you with 'attendance' for that tutorial.

AND

- b) Submit all Assessments.

The Government Assignment must be put into your tutor's marked box in EA005 with your name, Student ID number, your tutor's name, and your tutorial number on the front.

AND

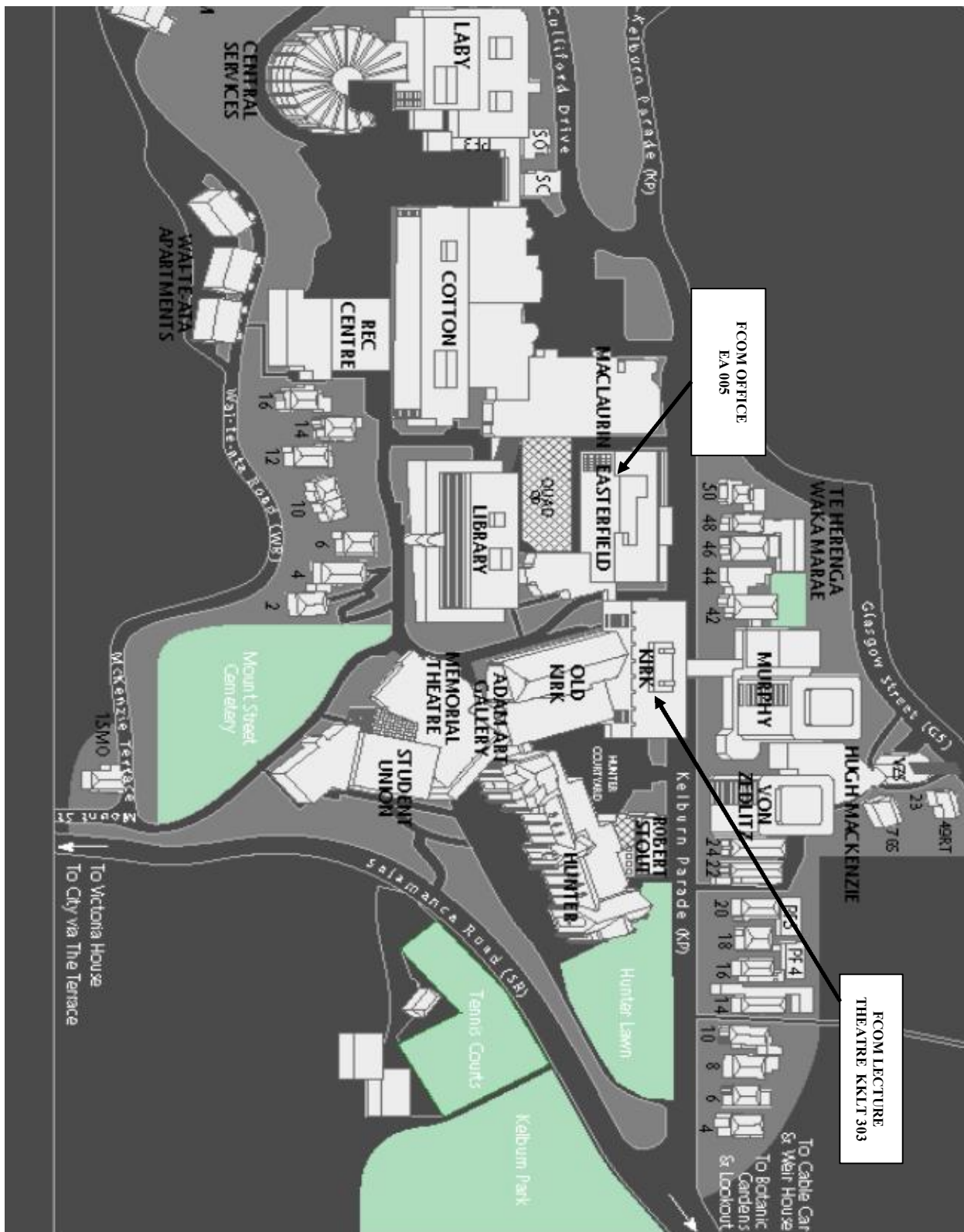
- c) Sit the Legal Test and the Final Course Examination.

Students whose total course marks are greater than 50%, but who do not submit all four pieces of assessment will fail the course. They will not receive a graded result from FCOM 111. Their records will show a "K" (an ungraded fail).

To pass FCOM 111 a student must fulfil all the mandatory requirements and achieve at least an aggregate of 50% over all the assessments.

WHERE IS EVERYTHING LOCATED?

The map below indicates where the FCOM Office (EA 005) and Lecture Theatre (KKLT 303) are. Please refer to this map in order to find these spaces on campus. The FCOM tutorials will be held on the Kelburn campus, specifically within the Easterfield (EA), Old Kirk (OK), Kirk (KK), Murphy (MY) and, Von Zedlitz (VZ) Buildings.



PART B: ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE COURSE...

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GETTING TO RUTHERFORD HOUSE

Please Note that Rutherford House Building, 23 Lambton Quay is at the Pipitea Campus .(which also includes the Old Government Building housing the Law Faculty, and the Railway West Wing).

Students can catch a one section bus (route numbers 17, 23, 20) to the Pipitea campus. Free one section student bus tickets are available to students who have classes at two or more of the Victoria campuses. These can be collected from the VUWSA Office in the Student Union Building.

PART C: ALL ABOUT THE LECTURES...

THE TWO LECTURE STREAMS

You must attend the lecture stream that you are enrolled in unless permitted by the Course Coordinator, who will sign a Change of Course form, to change into another stream. Personal convenience is not an acceptable basis for switching streams.

You have a specifically assigned coloured course outline (see below) that corresponds to the lecture stream that you are enrolled in. There will be regular checks to ensure that those attending the lectures are in their correct lecture stream.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE LECTURES?

	WHEN	WHERE
CRN 17242	Monday: 1.10pm – 2.00pm	KKLT 303
STREAM1	Wednesday: 1.10pm – 2.00pm	KKLT 303
CRN 17243	Monday: 3.10pm - 4pm	KKLT 303
STREAM2	Wednesday: 3.10pm - 4pm	KKLT 303

Students are expected to be in the lecture theatre promptly for their lecture. Because of the size of this class it is important that students be seated before class starts. Please note that the Occupational Health and Safety Act prohibits people sitting in aisles in situations such as this.

COURTESY CODE FOR FCOM 111 LECTURES AND TUTORIALS

The fundamental lesson of a University is that YOU need to be responsible for your own learning. If you engage with the course, then you have a wonderful opportunity for a creative exploration of the ideas presented. As part of this learning experience please be courteous to your lecturers and fellow students by adhering to the following:

1. Turn off all mobile phones while attending the lectures and tutorials. This also includes sending and receiving text messages.
2. Be punctual (lectures start at 1.10pm and 3.10pm respectively). Tutorials start on the hour in the morning and 10 minutes after the hour from 1.10pm.
3. Do not be late for your lectures. If, for some good reason, you do arrive after the lecture has started, enter from the back only and avoid disrupting the lecture and distracting other students.
4. Refrain from talking to your friends during your lectures as this is distracting for the lecturers and other students.
5. Avoid sitting in the aisles.
6. Show respect towards the lecturer/tutor and your fellow students at all times.
7. Lastly - enjoy the course!

EXPECTED WORKLOAD

FCOM 111 is a first year, Introductory Course worth 15 points towards your final degree. As such a total of 150 hours should be devoted to your course of study over the entire Trimester.

These hours should be divided between the following areas of study that are necessary to achieve a passing grade in FCOM 111;

- Lecture Attendance
- Tutorial Attendance and Preparation of Tutorial Assignment Worksheets
- Assignment Research and Writing
- Study for the Legal Test and Final Course Examination

WHAT ARE THE COURSE READINGS?

The essential readings for this course are included in the FCOM 111 Course Readings. This book must be purchased from Student Notes (Ground Floor, Student Union). Additional material and readings may be distributed at lectures or Tutorials or posted on Blackboard. Do not purchase a second-hand book of Readings, as it will not fit this year's course.

Students need to study the readings closely, and make full use of them in their tutorials and written assignments. In marking assignments, it will be assumed that you have studied the relevant readings, reflected on them, and formed a considered view of the issues raised. This is what is meant by "critically" as set out in the Course Objectives. Note that the Course Criteria for marking the Essays in this Course includes marks for "...showing evidence of completing the relevant readings".

Students are reminded that a substantial part of their overall grade is based on tutorials exercises of which the Book of Readings is an integral part.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN LECTURES?

NOTE: Lectures are Held EVERY Monday and Wednesday. Check Page 14 for your stream time and venue

Week 1. 2nd March & 4th March

L1: Course Requirements and Introduction – FCOM 111 Course Outline

Michael Cash & Paul Davies

L1: Introduction.

Chris Eichbaum

L2: State and Market.

Jonathan Boston

Week 2. 9th March & 11th March

L3: Constitution. *Chris Eichbaum*

L4: Executive & Legislative. *Chris Eichbaum*

Readings for Tutorial One (Week 3):

- Keith, Rt Hon Sir Kenneth, (2008), “On the Constitution of New Zealand: An Introduction to the Foundations of the Current Form of Government”, *Cabinet Manual*, Wellington: The Cabinet Office, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Retrieved from <http://www.cabinetmanual.cabinetoffice.govt.nz/node/68>, 1 December 2008)
- Shaw, Richard and Eichbaum, Chris, (2008) “The constitution” in *Public Policy in New Zealand: institutions, processes and outcomes*, Auckland: Pearson Education New Zealand

Week 3. 16th March & 18th March

L5: The Public Sector / Service *Chris Eichbaum*

L6: Election 2008 (MMP) *Chris Eichbaum*

Readings for Tutorial Two (Week 4):

- *From FPP to MMP*, retrieved from http://www.elections.org.nz/democracy/history/history-mmp_plain.html , December 2008
- *Royal Commission criteria for judging voting systems*, retrieved from <http://www.elections.org.nz/study/researchers/rc-voting-system-judging-criteria.html> , 1 December 2008
- Boston, Jonathan, Church, Stephen, and Bale, Tim, (2003), “The Impact of Proportional Representation on Government Effectiveness: The New Zealand Experience”, *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, 62(4), 7-22

Week 4. 23rd March & 25th March

L7: What is Law? *Leslie Brown*

L8: Map of the Legal World *Leslie Brown*

Readings for Tutorial Three (Week 5):

- ‘Media Release’, Supreme Court of New Zealand, 25 November 2004
- ‘Legal Notice’, New York Times, 31 October 1999
- *Knyvett v Christchurch Casinos Ltd* [1999] 2 NZLR 559

Week 5. 30th March & 1st April

L9: Process of Making Law 1 *Leslie Brown*

L10: Process of Making Law 2 *Leslie Brown*

Week 6. 6th April & 8 April

L11: How Law Develops and Changes 1 *Leslie Brown*

L12: How Law Develops and Changes 2 *Leslie Brown*

Readings for Tutorial Four (Week 7):

- Lee v Lee's Air Farming Ltd [1961] NZLR 325
- 'Rumpole and the Tap End', from The Best of Rumpole, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 1993

MIDTERM/EASTER BREAK 11th – 26th April

Week 7 27th & 29th April

L13: Is there a Legal Duty to Honour Promises? 1 *Palitha De Silva*

L14: Is there a Legal Duty to Honour Promises? 2 *Palitha De Silva*

Readings for Tutorial Five (Week 8):

- Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company [1893] 1 Q.B. 256
- Central London Property Trust v High Trees House [1947] K.B. 130
- Donoghue v Stevenson 1932 S.C. (H.L.) 31
- Rylands v Fletcher (1868) LR 3 H.L.330

Week 8. 4th May & 6th May

L15: Is there a Legal Duty to Care? 1 *Palitha De Silva*

L16: Is there a Legal Duty to Care? 2 *Palitha De Silva*

Readings for Tutorial Six (Week 9):

- Sections 1, 9-12 Fair Trading Act 1986
- Griffin & Sons v Regina (1988) Ltd (unreported decision High Court – Dunedin, CP 72/89, 1 August 1989, Fraser J.)
- The American Accounting Association Model (adapted from May, and Langenderfer and Rockness)

Week 9. 11th March & 13th March

L17: Statutory Interventions and Ethics 1 *Leslie Brown*

L18: Statutory Interventions and Ethics 2 *Leslie Brown*

Readings for Tutorial Seven (Week 10):

- Bok, Sissela (1999) *Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life*, New York: Vintage Books, Chapter 12, *Lies for the Public Good*

Week 10. 18th May & 20th May

L19: Ethics and Trust

Russell Harding

L20: Public Policy / Process

Russell Harding

Readings for Tutorial Eight (Week 11):

- Five Blogs on the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-2008. By Tevjan Richard Pettinger. (Retrieved from www.economicshelp.org, 26 November 2008)

Week 11. 25th May & 27 May

L21: Politics, Economics and Business

Antong Victorio

L22: Case Study

Antong Victorio

Week 12. 1st June & 3rd June

L23: NO LECTURE TODAY – QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

L24: Conclusion & Exam Discussion

Chris Eichbaum

Course Evaluation

Michael Cash & Paul Davies

PART D: ALL ABOUT THE TUTORIALS...

IMPORTANT:

- You **MUST** sign up for a tutorial by the end of the second week of lectures
- All FCOM tutorials start in the week beginning Monday 16th March.
- You must **ONLY** sign up for a tutorial in the Stream you are enrolled in.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP FOR TUTORIALS?

- 1 You can start the signup process on Monday 2nd March at 6.00pm. **Signups close at 6.00pm on Sunday 8th March – you must have signed up for a tutorial by then! Be aware most students will enrol early to get maximum choice of tutorials.**
- 2 **Go to the signup website: <https://signups.vuw.ac.nz>**
- 3 **Enter your SCS username and password** to get in.
- 4 The “Signup Home” page opens. It displays all of the courses you are enrolled in that will use the Signups system. **Click on FCOM 111**
- 5 The FCOM 111 course page opens, showing a schedule of tutorials for Stream 1 and Stream 2
- 6 **YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THE CORRECT STREAM. IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A TUTORIAL IN AN INCORRECT STREAM YOU WILL BE REMOVED**
- 7 If there are spaces left in a particular tutorial session, then you will see the “ENROL” button next to it. You can **click the “ENROL” button to enrol in that particular tutorial session.**
- 8 If there are no more spaces left you must enrol in another tutorial!
- 9 You can choose to “WITHDRAW” from a session you have already enrolled for.
- 10 A “FULL” button indicates all seats are full for that particular tutorial session. **You must choose another session.**
- 11 The “KEY” section at the bottom of the page contains information about the buttons.
- 12 You can view/confirm the details of the tutorial sessions that you are enrolled in and waitlisted for by clicking on “My Signups” on the left hand menu. **You should confirm the details on Wednesday 11th March.**
- 13 If you are having problems using the Signups system, then click on the “Support” link on the left hand menu.

TUTORIAL CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of your tutorial group will be posted on signup: <https://signups.vuw.ac.nz>

TUT NUMBER:	TUTORS NAME:
TUTORIAL ROOM:	TUT DAY/TIME:

WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN TUTORIALS?

The tutorials aim to provide you with general assistance with the course requirements. Tutors will give you guidance about how to approach the set assessments, and give you feedback on the essays. You will be expected to think for yourself and develop your own view on the issues raised in the course. Your tutors will help you to debate and discuss these issues.

At the start of each tutorial students are required to hand in the TUTORIAL ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET for that week. These assignments are attached at the back of this course outline and will also be available on the Blackboard site. Students are encouraged to handwrite these assignments but are reminded that their handwriting should be clear and legible.

All Students must attend **AT LEAST 6 TUTORIALS** in order to pass FCOM 111.

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Tutorial One: Week Three

The New Zealand Constitution

Readings:

Keith, Rt Hon Sir Kenneth, (2008), “On the Constitution of New Zealand: An Introduction to the Foundations of the Current Form of Government”, *Cabinet Manual*, Wellington: The Cabinet Office, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Retrieved from <http://www.cabinetmanual.cabinetoffice.govt.nz/node/68>, 1 December 2008)

Shaw, Richard and Eichbaum, Chris, (2008) “The constitution” in *Public Policy in New Zealand: institutions, processes and outcomes*, Auckland: Pearson Education New Zealand

Tutorial Two: Week Four

The New Zealand Electoral System

Readings:

From FPP to MMP, retrieved from http://www.elections.org.nz/democracy/history/history-mmp_plain.html , December 2008

Royal Commission criteria for judging voting systems, retrieved from <http://www.elections.org.nz/study/researchers/rc-voting-system-judging-criteria.html> , 1 December 2008

Boston, Jonathan, Church, Stephen, and Bale, Tim, (2003), “The Impact of Proportional Representation on Government Effectiveness: The New Zealand Experience”, *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, 62(4), 7-22

Tutorial Three: Week Five

What is Law?

Readings:

‘Media Release’, Supreme Court of New Zealand, 25 November 2004

‘Legal Notice’, New York Times, 31 October 1999

Knyvett v Christchurch Casinos Ltd [1999] 2 NZLR 559

Tutorial Four: Week Seven

The Process of Law-Making

Readings:

Lee v Lee’s Air Farming Ltd [1961] NZLR 325

‘Rumpole and the Tap End’, from The Best of Rumpole, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 1993

Tutorial Five: Week Eight

Contracts and Tort

- (a) Is there a legal duty to honour promises?

Readings:

Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company [1893] 1 Q.B. 256

Central London Property Trust v High Trees House [1947] K.B. 130

- (b) Is there a legal duty to take care?

Readings:

Donoghue v Stevenson 1932 S.C. (H.L.) 31

Rylands v Fletcher (1868) LR 3 H.L.330

Tutorial Six: Week Nine

How Law Develops

Readings:

Sections 1, 9-12 Fair Trading Act 1986

Griffin & Sons v Regina (1988) Ltd (unreported decision High Court –Dunedin, CP 72/89, 1 August 1989, Fraser J.)

The American Accounting Association Model (adapted from May, and Langenderfer and Rockness)

Tutorial Seven: Week Ten Ethics – The Noble Lie?

Readings:

Bok, Sissela (1999) *Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life*, New York: Vintage Books, Chapter 12, *Lies for the Public Good*

Tutorial Eight: Week Eleven Government, Globalisation and Business

Readings:

Five Blogs on the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-2008. By Tevjan Richard Pettinger. (Retrieved from www.economicshelp.org, 26 November 2008)

PART E: ALL ABOUT THE COURSE ASSESSMENTS...

THERE ARE FOUR (4) ASSESSMENTS IN THIS COURSE:

Assessment One: **Government Assignment (25%)**
Due: Thursday 2nd April by 10:30am
(Week 5)

Assessment Two: **Legal Test (25%)**
Date: Tuesday 12th May
(Week 9)
A one hour test commencing at 6.15pm.
Rooms will be advised in Tutorials and will be published on Blackboard

Assessment Three: **Tutorial Assignment Worksheets (20%)**
Due: To be handed in at the beginning of tutorials.

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Assessment Four: **Final Course Examination (30%)**
A two hour examination covering the material from the entire course.
Check Blackboard for details.

Please note that marks accorded to the Tutorial Assignment Worksheets and Examination differs from what was published in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration Undergraduate Prospectus.

Details of the Assessments are set out below.

WHO MARKS THE ASSESSMENTS?

Your FCOM tutor will mark and provide appropriate feedback for the Government Assignment and Tutorial Assignment Worksheets. If you feel that the mark or feedback you received is unfair, then you must discuss this matter with your tutor, who may remark your Assessment. If you still feel that you have been treated unfairly then you may ask that your Assessment be reconsidered by the Course Co-ordinator. Your assessment, signed by your tutor, should be taken to the Course Administrator, Paul Davies, who will forward it to Dr. Michael Cash who will review the mark.

Requests for to review the mark must be made within ten (10) days of the Assessment being handed back. Note that both your tutor and Dr. Michael Cash may increase or decrease your grade if you request a remark.

A system of Moderation is in place and all work will be moderated by FCOM 111 Academic Staff.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR MARKING THE GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENT AND TUTORIAL ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEETS?

The criteria for marking the Assignments are that they should:

1. Succeed in answering the Question(s) asked
2. Show a good understanding of the relevant issues
3. Give evidence of knowledge of relevant readings and research
4. Demonstrate the ability to critique ideas
5. Attain a good first-year University level of presentation of academic writing and research.

A sample Assignment marking schedule is included as an appendix to this document. Note that this document may not necessarily be used for FCOM 111, but has been attached to indicate the areas which may be considered when marking an assignment.

REFERENCING AND PLAGIARISM

Your essays will be checked for plagiarism, so you need to carefully read the section on plagiarism and Turnitin usage (page 28). All references from your readings, other research undertaken, or from the Internet must be cited correctly and fully, using the APA referencing system.

Information on the APA Referencing system can be found here:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/slss/studyhub/reference/APA.pdf

REMEMBER: Direct quotes OR paraphrasing (including ideas and concepts) **MUST** be referenced. Plagiarised material will be given 0 marks.

You must ensure to keep an electronic copy of all your submitted work that may be retrieved when requested. Teaching Staff and/or the Course Co-ordinator reserves the right to check for plagiarism using whatever means required, including running work through turnitin.com.

ASSESSMENT ONE: GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENT (25%)

You are employed as an analyst by an international management consultancy. Your firm has a client that is looking at making a long term investment in New Zealand. As part of the advice that you will provide your client you have been tasked with drafting a three part report.

The report will require you to:

- (a) summarise the main features of New Zealand's constitutional and political arrangements, noting the significant formal and informal elements of both;
- (b) assess the strengths and weaknesses of New Zealand's constitutional and political arrangements, and comment on how those strengths and weaknesses may impact on the New Zealand commercial environment;
- (c) indicate where there may be pressure for constitutional and/or political change over the next ten years, the arguments variously advanced for and against the potential changes that you have identified, and the prospects for changes of a constitutional or political kind being successfully made.

While this assignment requires you to draft a report (as distinct from an essay-styled piece of work) you will be required to undertake some library research as well as draw on the material in the course notes.

All references from your readings, other research undertaken, or from the Internet must be cited correctly and fully, using the APA referencing system.

Information on the APA Referencing system can be found here:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/slss/studyhub/reference/APA.pdf

Due: Thursday 2nd April by 10:30am

Word length: No more than 1500 words – PLEASE NOTE THE TOTAL WORD LENGTH OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT ON YOUR COVER SHEET.

NB each section of your report should be of roughly equal length

Place your assignment in the box with your tutor's name on it.

Boxes are located in the Course Administrator's office on the ground floor of EA005

ASSESSMENT TWO: LEGAL TEST (25%)

The Test covers legal material up to the end of week 8, that is up to and including the lectures on 'Is there a legal duty to take care?' and also Tutorial 5.

The Test will consist of a mixture of short to medium length written answer questions.

The rooms allocated for this test will be posted on Blackboard and advised in Lectures and Tutorials.

Date: Tuesday 12th May.

A one hour test commencing at 6.15pm.

ASSESSMENT THREE: TUTORIAL ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEETS (20%)

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Each Assignment worksheet is worth a maximum of 4%. The best 5 marked worksheets will be used to calculate this proportion of your FCOM 111 final grade.

The Worksheets are attached at the back of this Course Outline and will be available on Blackboard

ASSESSMENT FOUR: THE FINAL COURSE EXAMINATION (30%)

A two hour examination covering all the material from the entire course.

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period. **Examination dates for Trimester one: Friday 12th June to Wednesday 1st July 2009 inclusive.**

Check Blackboard for details and the date of this test.

WHAT HAPPENS TO LATE ASSESSMENTS?

Late Assignments and Essays will have their total mark reduced by 1 mark for each day they are overdue unless prior permission has been granted. Late Assignments and Essays are to be brought to Paul Davies in EA 005.

Assignments and Essays submitted over ten (10 days) late will not be marked and you will be awarded 0% for this assessment.

WHAT ARE THE MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the mandatory requirements for this course you must:

- a) Attend at least six of the eight tutorials and be marked off as present by your tutor **AND** submit the relevant Tutorial Assignment Worksheet for the Tutorial. If you arrive late to a tutorial then your tutor may not award you with 'attendance' for that tutorial.

AND

- b) Submit all Assessments.

The Government Assignment must be put into your tutor's marked box in EA005 with your name, Student ID number, your tutor's name, and your tutorial number on the front.

AND

- c) Sit the Legal Test and the Final Course Examination.

Students whose total course marks are greater than 50%, but who do not submit all four pieces of assessment will fail the course. They will not receive a graded result from FCOM 111. Their records will show a "K" (an ungraded fail).

To pass FCOM 111 a student must fulfil all the mandatory requirements and achieve at least an aggregate of 50% over all the assessments.

PART F: AND...GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES

Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

Railway West Wing (RWW) - FCA Student and Academic Services Office

The Faculty's Student and Academic Services Office is located on the ground and first floors of the Railway West Wing. The ground floor counter is the first point of contact for general enquiries and FCA forms. Student Administration Advisers are available to discuss course status and give further advice about FCA qualifications. To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

Easterfield (EA) - FCA/Education/Law Kelburn Office

The Kelburn Campus Office for the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, Education and Law is situated in the Easterfield Building on the ground floor (EA005). This counter is the first point of contact for :

- Duty tutors for student contact and advice.
- Information concerning administrative and academic matters.
- Forms for FCA Student and Academic Services (e.g. application for academic transcripts, requests for degree audit, COP requests).
- Examinations-related information during the examination period.

To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

Notice of Turnitin Use

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <<http://www.turnitin.com>>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources including the Internet, books, journals, periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting misreferencing, misquotation, and the inclusion of unattributed material, which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. *At the discretion of the School, handwritten work may be copy typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin.* You are strongly advised to check with your tutor or the course coordinator if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other sources. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

General University Policies and Statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar or go to www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy/students.aspx

For information on the following topics, go to the Faculty's website www.victoria.ac.nz/fca under Important Information for Students:

- Academic Grievances
- Student and Staff Conduct
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means *no cheating*. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were one's own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.

It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words.

Note: including the work of others will not be considered plagiarism as long as the work is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct and may be penalised severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course
- suspension from the course or the University.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University's website:

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html

Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme

Manaaki Pihipihinga is an academic mentoring programme for undergraduate Māori and Pacific students in the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Sessions are held at the Kelburn and Pipitea Campuses in the Mentoring Rooms, 14 Kelburn Parade (back courtyard), Room 109D, and Room 210, Level 2, Railway West Wing. There is also a Pacific Support Coordinator who assists Pacific students by linking them to the services and support they need while studying at Victoria. Another feature of the programme is a support network for Postgraduate students with links to Postgraduate workshops and activities around Campus.

For further information, or to register with the programme, email manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 6015. To contact the Pacific Support Coordinator, email pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 5842.

APPENDIX: SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT MARKING SHEET

Student Name and ID#:	FCOM 111:
Tutor:	Tutorial Number:

Assessment Criteria and Comment - The student has...	Out of	Marks
...sufficiently answered all of the questions Ideas on topic? Good balance of answers to the sub-questions? To the point? (no 'padding')	4	
...shown a good understanding of the relevant issues Issues clear? Scope of the issues appreciated? Ideas on the issues sufficiently developed?	4	
...shown evidence of completing the relevant readings Readings referred to? Readings used and challenged effectively? Minimal direct quotation?	4	
...provided a critical / personal response to the questions Ideas thought through? Alternative views discussed? Original thought or a personal perspective shown?	4	
...presented the essay appropriately Well structured? Writing clear, accurate, and appropriate? Referenced properly?	4	
	Recommended total	/20
	Less marks for . . . days lateness	
	Plus/Less marks for moderation	
	Actual total	/20

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Tutorial Worksheet #8	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
Readings: Five Blogs on the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-2008. By Tevjan Richard Pettinger. (Retrieved from www.economicshelp.org , 26 November 2008)		
1. There were many causes to the global financial crisis of 2008. Cite at least two of them and provide a short explanation for how they led to a shortage in available loans.		
2. What are some pros and cons to a solution whereby central banks give "bail-out" money to ordinary banks in order that lending can be returned to their normal levels?		
3. Provide some recommendations as to what other else a government can do in order that a financial crisis can either be fixed or prevented from happening again.		
4. List four issues that should be considered if and when New Zealand reviews its constitutional arrangements.		
<u>Mark out of 10</u>	<u>Tutor comment:</u>	

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Tutorial Worksheet #7	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
Readings: Bok, Sissela (1999) <i>Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life</i> , New York: Vintage Books, Chapter 12 <i>Lies for the Public Good</i>		
1. What are the attributes of a Noble Lie?		
2. Using the above attributes, describe a situation in which you believe it is excusable for government officials or elected representatives to lie to the public?		
3. From your example extrapolate three principles that support lying to the public.		
4. What would you do if you become aware of others lying to the public?		
<u>Mark out of 10</u>	<u>Tutor comment:</u>	

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Tutorial Worksheet #6	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
<u>Readings:</u> Sections 1, 9 – 12 Fair Trading Act 1986 <i>Griffin & Sons Ltd v Regina (1988) Ltd</i> The American Accounting Association Model		
1. What is the purpose of section 9 Fair Trading Act?		
2. In what way is section 9 different from the older law about passing off?		
3. Use the AAA ethical decision model to assess the product packaging decision made by Regina. Make a note of the key points.		
4. Now you are about to explain to your Board of Directors whether or not you would you have launched 'Pineapple Chunks' in such packaging? Make a note of the key points you want to tell them.		
<u>Mark out of 10</u>	<u>Tutor comment:</u>	

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Tutorial Worksheet #5	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
<u>Readings (see the Materials Book):</u> <i>Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company</i> <i>Central London Property Trust v High Trees House</i> <i>Donoghue v Stevenson</i> <i>Rylands v Fletcher</i>		
1. When it is generally accepted that there is a moral duty to honour promises, why is there no general legal duty to honour a promise?		
2. Briefly state the legal arguments (objections) raised by the Carbolic Smoke Ball Company against Mrs Carlill's claim that the Company is liable to her in contract? What were the answers given by the court to those arguments?		
3. Why is <i>Donoghue v Stevenson</i> regarded as such an important development in civil liability law?		
4. What are the reasons (defences) that can be used to escape strict liability introduced by <i>Rylands v Fletcher</i> ?		
<u>Mark out of 10</u>	<u>Tutor comment:</u>	

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Tutorial Worksheet #4	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
Readings: <i>Lee v Lee's Air Farming Ltd</i> 'Rumpole and the Tap End'		
1. List the steps proposed new legislation goes through to become law.		
2. Identify and list the different parts of our court system in which different types of disputes are dealt with.		
3. Imagine you are standing in an elevator next to a Member of Parliament. You have 1 minute to express your view of the comments in court by Sir Guthrie Featherstone in Rumpole's case. Note the key points of what you said.		
4. Do you think it is appropriate that sometimes in deciding cases judges can be said to make new law? Why?		
<u>Mark out of 10</u>	<u>Tutor comment:</u>	

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Tutorial Worksheet #3	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>

Readings:

'Media Release', Supreme Court
'Legal Notice', New York Times
Knyvett v Christchurch Casinos Ltd

1. Define what is meant by
'The Rule of Law'?

2. Write a short summary of
the arguments made in court
on behalf on the underage
gambler to support the claim
that he should receive the prize
he won in the Casino?

3. Write a short summary of
the arguments made for the
Casino to support their refusal
to pay the prize to the
underage gambler?

4. Imagine you have the
chance to suggest a change in
the law to make it clear that
underage gamblers can keep
what they win in casinos.
Write a possible new section of
the Casino Control Act to
make this law change. (50
words maximum)

Mark out of 10

Tutor comment:

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Tutorial Worksheet #2	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
Readings: <i>From FPP to MMP</i> , retrieved from http://www.elections.org.nz/democracy/history/history-mmp_plain.html , 1 December 2008 <i>Royal Commission criteria for judging voting systems</i> , retrieved from http://www.elections.org.nz/study/researchers/rc-voting-system-judging-criteria.html , 1 December 2008 Boston, Jonathan, Church, Stephen, and Bale, Tim, (2003), "The Impact of Proportional Representation on Government Effectiveness: The New Zealand Experience", <i>Australian Journal of Public Administration</i> , 62(4), 7-22		
1. What were the principal arguments advanced for changing from the First Past the Post (FPP) to the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) electoral system?		
2. In terms of the criteria used by the Royal Commission, in your assessment on which of these does MMP score highest, and on which does it score lowest?		
3. Has MMP weakened the capacity of New Zealand governments to operate effectively?		
4. Nominate one aspect of New Zealand's present electoral arrangements that you would change, and indicate why.		
Mark out of 10	Tutor comment:	

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Tutorial Worksheet #1	<u>Name of Student:</u>	<u>Tutorial Date and Time:</u>
	<u>Student ID Number:</u>	<u>Tutor:</u>
Readings: Keith, Rt Hon Sir Kenneth, (2008), "On the Constitution of New Zealand: An Introduction to the Foundations of the Current Form of Government", <i>Cabinet Manual</i> , Wellington: The Cabinet Office, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Retrieved from http://www.cabinetmanual.cabinetoffice.govt.nz/node/68 , 1 December 2008) Shaw, Richard and Eichbaum, Chris, (2008) "The constitution" in <i>Public Policy in New Zealand: institutions, processes and outcomes</i> , Auckland: Pearson Education New Zealand		
1. Define what is meant by a constitution.		
2. What are the key elements, and sources of New Zealand's constitutional arrangements?		
3. What was the equation that the Supreme Court of Canada used to summarise the constitutional position of that country? Does it apply to New Zealand?		
4. List four issues that should be considered if and when New Zealand reviews its constitutional arrangements.		
<u>Mark out of 10</u>	<u>Tutor comment:</u>	