TABL 2790/5524
LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF
ASIAN BUSINESS

Course Outline
Abridged
Semester 1, 2016
PART A: COURSE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1 STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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  *Note: message from non-university email system will not be opened and would delay communication with your lecturer.
- Specify the subject TABL5511 as I teach more than one course.
- Sign off by using your name in the enrolment record.

2 COURSE DETAILS

2.1 Teaching Times and Locations

Lectures start in Week 1 (to Week 12):

Time: 2 - 3pm (Tuesday)
Location: MAT 308

Time: 3 - 4pm (Tuesday)
Location: COL LG 02

Tutorials start in Week 2 (to Week 13).

Time: 4 – 5pm (Tuesday)
Location: COL LG 02

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 in the way that would enable students to respond to the growing employers’ demand of commerce graduates who have a general understanding of how business is conducted within different commercial legal frameworks in Asia; to enhance their marketability, and to acquire a basic legal knowledge for Asian trade that is imperative for students’ future careers as entrepreneur.

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 Australia and Asia businesses).

This course covers legal system and judicial system in general of selected Asian jurisdictions. This course also studies a range of specific topics include contract law, criminal law (in 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 a Asia legal system
3. To facilitate students in their understanding of the interrelationship of economic, political and societal context within the selected Asian legal regimes
4. To develop students’ research skill 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’).

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

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### COURSE RESOURCES

The textbooks for this course are:

Vai Io Lo and Xiaowen Tian Law for Foreign Business and Investment in China 2009 Routledge  
(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

4 COURSE SCHEDULE

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<td>Week 1 1 March</td>
<td><strong>Introduction</strong>&lt;br&gt;: <em>An overview of the course&lt;br&gt;: Course administration&lt;br&gt;: How to conduct Chinese legal research</em>*</td>
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<td>Explanation and discussion of the assessment</td>
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17 May | Singapore  
*Tort law* | Chinese competition law | Research paper  
– due on 17 May by 5 pm |
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| Week 12  
24 May | China  
*Tort law* | Singapore tort law | |
| Week 13  
31 May | *Concluding lecture* | Chinese tort law | |