

LW4612: LEGAL PLACEMENT

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Legal Placement

Subject Code

LW - Law

Course Number

4612

Academic Unit

School of Law (FL)

College/School

School of Law (FL)

Course Duration

Non-standard Duration

Other Course Duration

A minimum of 160 contact hours (equivalent to 4-week full time work) for the full time or the part-time legal placement to be done within 2 semesters of an academic year. (Three semesters may be allowed in the same academic year or extension to a 2-year period are subject to Course Leader' s approval)

Credit Units

0-3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

Other Languages

Other Languages for Medium of Instruction

A combination of English and Chinese

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

In order to complete this course, students must have their application approved by the Course Leader prior to commencement of the placement. Only application approved by the Course Leader prior to commencement of the placement will be considered as an eligible basis for this course.

Students must have attended the two mandatory workshops before a student will be approved and allowed to register this course – applicable to both join in and not join in legal placement programmes.

Precursors

N/A

Equivalent Courses

N/A

Exclusive Courses

N/A

Part II Course Details**Abstract**

The aims of this course is:

- to provide students with a structured opportunity to obtain practical experience from working in a law office or a legally related working environment, doing law related work relevant to their level of competence and experience and to enable potential employers to give structured feedback on the student' s potential; and
- to provide students with a structured means to apply their knowledge into a new legal environment and discover solutions in practice;
- to prepare students to practice professionally in the legal field;
- to develop the student' s ability to apply academic knowledge in real life situations.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

	CILOs	Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Suggest and discover reasoned and justifiable solutions to problems using appropriate strategies, principles, values and legal arguments gained at the law firm or legal environment of the placement.		x	x	
2	Describe and understand the operation of the law and its interplay with the society			x	x
3	Discuss verbally and in writing, solutions to an ethical dilemma present in a real life case in the law firm or legal environment in which the student has been placed.		x	x	x

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

	TLAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	The work placement	Students will work full-time or part-time in a law-related working environment for a minimum of 160 contact hours in any one to three semesters of a given academic year. The student must also be allocated an appropriate supervisor in the workplace by their placement employer. The workplace supervisor must be a qualified lawyer and would usually be a lawyer of five years' or more of legal working experience.	1	Minimum 160 hours in total
2	Mandatory Workshop	Students are required to attend two mandatory workshop relating to work ethics and other legal work information.	2, 3	Two 1 hour workshop
3	The reflection paper	Every student will be allocated a member of faculty staff from the School of Law who will act as academic supervisor for that student.	2	
4	The reflection paper	The student would be required to discuss and deal with ethical dilemmas and real life challenges in the context of real clients in the legal placement environment.	3	

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks (e.g. Parameter for GenAI use)
<p>1</p> <p>The work placement: - Students must obtain a reference from their supervisor in the office where the placement is carried out to show they were able discover ways to solve legal problems in a practical legal environment and were able to professionally and ethically accomplish their tasks. - This reference must be received by the Course Leader before the coursework may be assessed</p> <p>The reflective paper: - Provided that the satisfactory reference is obtained, students must then submit an insightful reflective paper on the learning and discovery process of student to professional, - The paper must be of a high scholarly standard where the students challenged the problems in practice , and legal questions and to show gains of practical problems solved and the standard of professional and ethical responsibilities.</p>	1, 2, 3	100	

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Examination (%)

0

Additional Information for ATs

Grading of Student Achievement: Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations (Attachment) and to the Explanatory Notes.

Students will be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

Percentage of coursework, examination, etc.: 100% coursework plus receipt of a satisfactory reference.

This course will be assessed by coursework. The student will complete a paper, with a maximum word limit of 2500 words, to be submitted to the General Office, SLW. The submission deadline will be notified by the Course Leader in due course. The subject of the paper must be agreed in advance with the student's academic supervisor and workplace supervisor and must relate to a substantive aspect of the legal work undertaken by the student during the placement. Before the coursework can be assessed the Course Leader must receive a satisfactory reference from the student's workplace supervisor. Therefore, in order to pass this course the student must achieve a satisfactory reference from the workplace supervisor and must gain a minimum of 40% for the coursework.

Assessment Rubrics (AR)

Assessment Task

Percentage of coursework, examination, etc.: 100% coursework plus receipt of a satisfactory reference.

Criterion

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Pass (P)

In order to pass this course the student must achieve a satisfactory reference from the workplace supervisor and must gain a minimum of 40% for the coursework.

Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Law-related work experience, written reflection upon that work experience.

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	Nil

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Nil