This 6UOC course will be taught in conjunction with the School of Law of the University of the South Pacific (USP) at the Emalus Campus in Port Vila, Vanuatu from Monday 2nd to Thursday 12th February 2015.

Vanuatu Summer School will be offered to all eligible Undergraduate law students, Juris Doctor students, and Postgraduate Masters students.

This course will be taught in English with teachers drawn from University of the South Pacific (USP), UNSW, and local / regional organisations.

USP is a key contributor to the development of South Pacific nations and a primary source of higher education graduates in the region. Founded in 1968, USP serves its 12 member Countries (Cook Islands, Kribati, Nauru, Samoa, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu) through the provision of education, training, research, consultancy services, and technical expertise. Its academic courses are carefully designed to be relevant to the Pacific Island countries’ human resource needs. Its alumni, which number in excess of 30,000, hold influential positions throughout the region.

This course will include a number of field trips which will help students to understand the environment within which local legal systems operate.

This program is scheduled as UNSW Summer Semester (U1B) course.
Course description
As the name suggests, this course will provide an introduction to legal systems of the Pacific region, and to some specific areas of Pacific law. Most Pacific Island states have gained independence only in recent years, and thus their laws and legal systems are still works in progress.

This course will introduce many of the issues arising in developing legal systems, including issues of history and politics, constitutional development, recognition and application of customary law, land tenure regimes, and regional engagement between states, and with outside bodies. Additional specific topics may be covered depending on the availability of teaching expertise.

As the course will be taught on location in Vanuatu, students will gain direct exposure to the key features of a Pacific Island legal system in its own environment. In addition, the location will allow field trips to important legal institutions, such as courts, parliament, government departments, and NGOs. This will greatly help students to appreciate some of the difficulties faced by developing legal systems in the region and to appreciate how and why these laws and legal systems are developing in the way they are. Students will also be exposed to the culture and way of life of the South Pacific, and will have an opportunity to meet and mix with USP students and staff at organized social functions.

The course will run over 2 weeks, and classes will generally be held at the Emalus Campus of the University of the South Pacific from 8.30 am–12.30 week days. The campus is a 5 – 10 minute bus ride from the CBD. The final schedule of classes, field trips, and social functions will be available on commencement of the course.

Text and course materials
Required class materials and readings will be available prior to the commencement of the course.

Support for students in Port Villa
Students should remember that Vanuatu is a developing country and travel here requires a flexible attitude. The course convenor, Carolyn Penfold will accompany students in Vanuatu. While students will be expected to be independent during their stay in Port Vila, Carolyn will be available to offer support to students where needed.

Climate and clothing
February is summer, and cyclone season. Summer is humid, with maximum temperatures around 32 degrees and minimums around 23 degrees. You will need only summer clothing and perhaps one light jacket. You are likely also to need a rain coat or umbrella. Please remember that the Pacific Islands are generally conservative so beachwear and skimpy clothing should be reserved for beaches and resorts.

Attendance Requirements
100% attendance at courses and field trips is compulsory. Students will not be permitted to sit assessment for the program unless attendance has been satisfactory.

Pre-course briefing session
Students MUST attend a one hour briefing session prior to enrolment in the course. The briefing session will probably be held in the staff common room at 5pm Thursday 2nd October (week 10) but date, time and location will be confirmed closer to the date.
Assessment  
Due: Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} March 2015

Please submit your research essay at Level 2 Law Student Services Counter with the usual assignment coversheet by 4pm, Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} March 2015.

Essay questions will be distributed on commencement of the course. Alternatively, students may negotiate a topic related to the course content with one of the course teachers. The course will be assessed on a graded basis by class participation / presentation (20%), and a research paper (80%) with requirement as follows:

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Note for Final Year Students
If you are using this course to complete your degree requirements, please notify the course convenor as early as possible so that priority of marking your paper is given and you can be confirmed for graduation to join the June ceremony.

Students will not be able to use the essay for this course towards Honours if they are graduating in summer 2015.

Cost
Students will be charged the normal 6 Units of Credit (UOC) Tuition Fees or Student Contribution Charges (whichever is relevant) for this course.

In addition to the above, there will be an \textbf{additional charge of AUD}\$500. This amount \textbf{(without accommodation)} covers the cost of welcome and farewell dinners, field trips, class materials, transport for field trips, administration costs and additional administrative expenses incurred by UNSW and USP.

\textbf{IMPORTANT: AUD}\$500 does \textbf{NOT} include accommodation, airfares, departure taxes, meals \textbf{(except for course functions)}, medical and travel insurance, and telephone and other communication charges. \textbf{Please read the Cost information very carefully and contact Law Student Services (e.song@unsw.edu.au) if you need clarification.}

Application, Enrolment and Payment Procedure

Eligibility
UNSW students enrolled in the following programs are eligible to apply:
- Dual Law / Graduate Law (LLB)*
- Juris Doctor (9150)*
- Master of Laws (9200)
- Master of Law and Management (9210)
- Master of Business Law (9231)
- Master of Human Rights Law & Policy (9211)#
- Graduate Diploma of Law (5740)
- Graduate Diploma in Business Law (5231)
- Graduate Diploma in Human Rights Law & Policy (5211)

*To enroll in this course, Dual Law/Graduate Law (LLB) and Juris Doctor (JD) will need to have completed at least 60 UOC of law courses.

# MHRLP and GDHRLP students are eligible to do this course as two courses permitted outside the Human Rights & Law Policy course list.

Non-UNSW law students from an Australian university who are seeking to obtain credit as cross-institutional student can also apply. Priority will be given to UNSW Law students.

In assessing applications for UG and JD, priority will be given to students in their final year and final selection will be by BALLOT. For PG assessment, successful applicants will be selected by only BALLOT.

Application form (plus transcript)  
Open: 10am Monday 11 August 2014  
Due: 4pm Friday 15 August 2014

Application forms and information sheets will be available on the Law website. Online application form attached with academic statement must be completed and will be accepted in this period only. Late applications will not be considered. Applications will be selected on a ballot basis with a select number of places reserved for UG and JD students and not be considered on first come first served basis. Preference will be given to final year students. Students who have been accepted and eligible to enroll will be notified via UNSW student Zmail account in due course.

Deposit Payment and Student Details Form  
Due: 4pm Friday 5 September 2014

Online payment instruction will be sent to eligible students via student Zmail. To secure enrolment, a deposit of at least AUD$300 must be paid by the above date. Once the deposit payment has been made, you must return complete Student Details Form to Law Student Services by 4pm Friday 5 September 2014.

Note: Eligible students will be able to enrol in a normal full time load (12uoc for UG and PG) and (18uoc for JD) PLUS 6uoc Overseas Elective Course in Vanuatu for S2 2014.

Final Payment  
Due: 4pm Friday 26 September 2014

The same procedure applies for the payment of the balance. In order to secure your place in the course, the full cost must be paid by the above date.

Note: Students will be enrolled into the course after final payment is made. Enrolment will be processed in December.

Refunds/ withdrawal  
Due: Tuesday 31 October 2014

Refunds of final payments are available if you withdraw prior to the commencement of the course due to special circumstances. In order to obtain a refund you must provide us with full details of the circumstances, including medical receipts (where appropriate) and the original receipt.

Note: Refund or withdrawal from the course after 31 October 2014 will NOT be allowed under any circumstances.

Travel
You will find excellent information at http://vanuatu.travel/
Students are required to make their own travel arrangements. There will be a **welcome dinner and orientation on Sunday evening, 1st February**, so please organize arrival time to enable you to attend this function.

Students arriving from Sydney on Air Vanuatu / Qantas on Sunday 1st February will be met at the airport so long as they advise Law Student Services of their flight time beforehand. The convenor will organise taxis, approx $AU20 per taxi, cost to be shared between students. The taxi trip will take about 15 minutes.

Students are free to organise their own tours of Vanuatu (as individuals or in groups) before or after the course dates, or on the weekend in the middle of the course.

**You MUST obtain travel insurance as soon as your flight bookings have been arranged.**

**Visas**
Students from many countries will be issued with a 30 day tourist visa on arrival. Please refer to the list of countries exempted from the necessity of having visas. If you do not hold a passport from one of these countries check the information on how to apply for a visa. Students will need to provide the name of their hotel on their immigration form, and should state “tourism” as the purpose of the journey. You will also need to show an onward air ticket. You will find further information about visas and immigration at the [http://vanuatu.travel/](http://vanuatu.travel/) website.

**Accommodation**
Please refer to the last page for a list of accommodation close to town/CBD and to USP.

Students should book their own accommodation in Port Vila. Many accommodation providers will give discounted rates to groups so you may wish to book accommodation with other students. It may also be possible to get better rates if accommodation is packaged with airfares.

Students are welcome to check the location of proposed accommodation with the course convenor prior to booking. The convenor will not recommend specific accommodation providers but will be happy to advise regarding the convenience of any location.

Students should note that Vanuatu is a developing country and accommodation, food etc may not be of the standard you are used to. You will find accommodation information at the back of this document, and via the [http://vanuatu.travel/](http://vanuatu.travel/) website.

**Administrative Communication**
All administrative correspondence in preparation for the course will be via your official UNSW student email address. Please ensure that you check your student Zmail regularly for updates and important information.

*NOTE: This course requires at least 12 enrolments for it to proceed.*

**Further inquiries**
Please direct general inquiries about the course to:

**Ella Song**  
Law Student Centre (Level 2)  
Phone: 9385 9535  
e.song@unsw.edu.au
ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

There are plenty of accommodation options in Port Vila and students should make their own enquiries. Here is a list of a few places convenient to the CBD and / or USP, but there are plenty of others also. Students should make their own enquiries regarding accommodation.

Budget

Coconut Palms http://www.coconutpalms.vu/ popular with visiting students
Room with a View http://roomwithaview-vanuatu.com/
Hibiscus Motel http://vilahibiscus.com/
Travellers Budget Motel http://www.thetravellersmotel.com/

More up-market

Poppy’s http://www.poppys.com.vu/
Mangoes http://www.mangoesresort.com/
The Grand http://www.grandvanuatu.com/
La Lagon http://www.lelagonvanuatu.vu/

Note: Many hotels will give discounts for those staying longer, sharing rooms, or for group bookings.
See also the http://vanuatu.travel/ website.