

**LLB/LAW ELECTIVES FOR SUMMER 2008/2009**

Check SOLS bulletin/email for information on enrolment details for Summer Session 2008/2009. Enrolment usually opens early October.

LLB 351 Special Studies in Law B – *Philosophy of Tort Law* (7, 8, 14, 15 January 2009)

This subject explores some of the philosophical issues presented by tort law. The issues examined include:

- whether we have a law of tort (singular) or a law of torts (plural)
- how tort law differs from the law of contract and the criminal law
- the difference between fault-based liability and strict liability
- whether tort law can be supported on the basis of its putative goals, such as the deterrence of inefficient behaviour
- the difference between corrective justice and distributive justice and whether tort law is an embodiment of either form of justice
- the relevance of insurance to tort law
- the relationship between torts and tort defences

**LLB376 Special Studies in Law D / LAW487 Special Study in Law A
The Regulation of the Sexual Citizen (1-4 December 2008)**

This course will provide a critical analysis of legal and other forms of regulation of the 'sexual citizen'. Citizenship provides a useful framework for considering some of the innumerable ways in which individuals are regulated in their sexual acts and identities. We will explore the construction of sexualities in the context of nation states, globalization, and claims to human rights. The course will focus primarily upon lesbian and gay sexualities, and the approach will be comparative, theoretical, and multi-disciplinary. Although legal discourse will be a primary area of our investigation, the focus will not be on legal judgments per se. Instead, we will look at law in a wider cultural and political context. Assessment will be based upon a pre-reading assessment in the form of a book review or case comment; class participation including oral presentation; and a research paper on a topic of the student's choice (to be approved by subject coordinators).

**LLB377 Special Studies in Law E / LAW488 Special Study in Law B
Human Rights in Law, Politics & Society (15-18 December 2008)**

The purpose of this subject is to introduce students to: the history of the human rights ideal; its contested status in western debates about law, politics and society; arguments about its universality and cultural limits; the profile of human rights in the world's two main rivals to the western model (Islam and 'Chinese/Asian values'); attempts to sanction violations through judicial processes; the increasing 'internationalization' and 'globalization' of human rights; and some sharp contemporary debates, including over responses to terrorism and the basis for humanitarian intervention. Students will be expected to describe, analyse, and critically assess the main arguments arising in these and other specified fields.

LLB 356 Insurance Law (10, 12, 17, 19 January 2009)

The objectives of this course are to:

- understand the basic principles of insurance law;
- explain and apply general principles of insurance law;
- gain an understanding of the legislation that regulates insurance, especially the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth) and Chapter 7 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);

- provide an overview of the interaction between legislation and the common law relating to insurance.