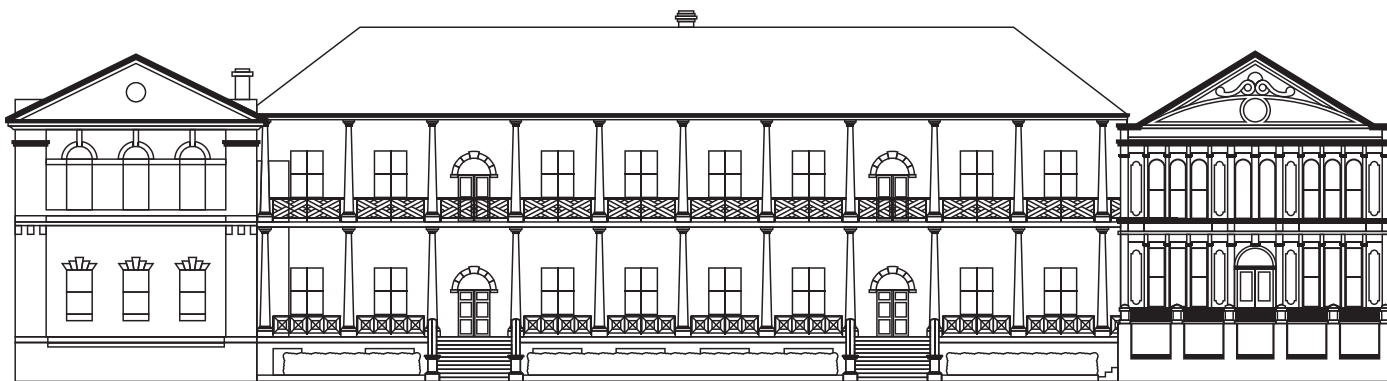




Parliament of  
New South Wales

# Legal Studies and the Legislature



Students participating in this program cover the following objectives and outcomes of the *Preliminary Core Part I: The legal system* and *Core Part II: The individual and the law* components of the NSW Legal Studies Syllabus.

The program content description can be found at the end of this document.

## Objectives

### A student develops knowledge and understanding about:

1. the nature and institutions of domestic and international law

2. the operation of Australian legal systems and the significance of the rule of law

3. the interrelationship between law, justice and society and the changing nature of the law

## Preliminary course outcomes

### A student:

P1. identifies and applies legal concepts and terminology

P2. describes the key features of Australian law

P3. describes the operation of domestic legal systems

P4. discusses the effectiveness of the legal system in addressing issues

P6. explains the nature of the interrelationship between the legal system and society

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

On a **sitting day** students participate in a workshop and visit the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers, observing the Parliament in action and, where possible, meet their member.

On **non-sitting days** students participate in a 80-minute workshop and then a 40-minute tour of the chambers.

### Program 1:

Legal Studies and the Legislature on a sitting day  
(**Recommended**)

Tuesday  
Time: 10.30am or 1pm

Wednesday &  
Thursday  
Time: 10am or 1pm

Duration:  
120 minutes

### Program 2:

Legal Studies and the Legislature on a non-sitting day  
(**Subject to availability**)

Weekdays from 9am  
(Programs can be tailored to most start times; please enquire)

Duration:  
120 minutes

### Program 3:

Legal Studies and the Legislature videoconference  
(**Teams or ZOOM**)

Weekdays from 9am  
(Programs can be tailored to most start times; please enquire)

Duration:  
60–120 minutes

**All programs are FREE**

## SITTING DAYS WHEN PARLIAMENT IS IN SESSION

During sitting weeks, Parliament sits on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (with some additional sitting days on Friday as needed). Sitting dates for this year can be found at Parliament of NSW: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/home.aspx>

Question time – indicative and subject to change

### Legislative Assembly:

Tuesdays 12 pm – 1:15 pm

Wednesday 11 am – 12:15 pm

Thursday 11 am – 12:15 pm

### Legislative Council:

Tuesday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Wednesday 11 am – 12 pm

Thursday 11 am – 12 pm

Please enquire about available dates at <https://education.parliament.nsw.gov.au/tour-parliament/secondary-school-tour/> or at the booking contact below.

### Bookings

T: 0437 240 869

E: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

### Legal Studies resources

<https://education.parliament.nsw.gov.au>

Students who participate in *Legal Studies and the Legislature* will develop an understanding of the nature and functions of law through the examination of the law-making processes and institutions.

This is the content from the Legal Studies Preliminary syllabus on which the program is based.

### Part 1: The Legal System

Students learn about:

#### 1. Basic legal concepts

- Customs, rules and law
- Rule of law
- Anarchy
- Tyranny

#### 2. Sources of contemporary Australian law

##### Common law

- British origins

##### Statute law

- role and structure of parliament
- legislative process
- delegated legislation

##### The constitution

- division of powers
- separation of powers

#### 3. Classification of law

#### 4. Law reform

- conditions that give rise to law reform including changing social values, new concepts of justice
- agencies of reform including parliamentary committees
- mechanisms of reform including parliaments.

##### Law reform in action

##### (A) native title

- Terra nullius

(B) contemporary law reform issues. Bills and case studies from 2023 including

- Anti-discrimination Amendment Bill
- First Home Buyers Legislation Amendment Bill

### Part 2: The individual and the law

Students learn about:

#### 1. Your rights and responsibilities

- the nature of individual rights
- relationship between rights and responsibilities