

2027 HSC LEGAL STUDIES

Suggested Assessment Task Schedule **Note: 2027 is the final HSC year of the current syllabus.**



Component	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Weighting
Topic	In-class essay and multiple choice Crime	Media research and in-class short answers and multiple choice Human Rights	Research investigation and in-class essay Options	Trial HSC Exam Crime, Human Rights, Options (emailed July 2027)	
Outcomes assessed	H1, H2, H3, H4, H8, H9	H4, H6, H7, H8, H9	H2, H3, H4, H5, H8, H9, H10	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10	
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	5	5	20	40
Analysis and evaluation	5	5	5	5	20
Inquiry and research		5	15		20
Communication of legal information, issues and ideas in appropriate forms	5	5	5	5	20
Weighting	20	20	30	30	100

The HSC school-based assessment program must reflect the mandatory Legal Studies course components and component weightings. Schools have authority to determine the number, type and weighting of assessment tasks in accordance with NESA's course-specific requirements and current ACE Rules (as per September 2025 changes). This schedule follows NESA's sample approach of four assessment tasks and includes a 30% investigation-style task.

Rationale –

Assessment Task One: In-class topic test – Crime (20%)

- Students will complete a topic test of limited scope on syllabus dot points from the Crime topic with 5 multiple choice questions and a 15-mark essay.

Assessment Task Two: Media research and in-class test – Human Rights (20%)

- Students will be required to locate media reports about a contemporary human rights issue and bring these to class on the due date (no other resources/notes allowed into the test).
- Students then complete a topic test of limited scope on syllabus dot points from the Human Rights topic with multiple choice and short answer questions (one of which will require reference to the sourced media reports).

Assessment Task Three: In-class Research Essay – Options (30%)

- The task will be the production of an extended response about a contemporary issue relevant to that option (from a list specified in the notification). Students must incorporate evidence ascertained through their own research.

Assessment Task Four: Trial HSC Examination - Crime, Human Rights, Options (30%)

- This Trial HSC Examination assesses outcomes H1–H10. As all outcomes have also been assessed across the previous tasks, the Trial provides students with a further opportunity to demonstrate achievement across the full range of HSC course outcomes.