

Component	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Weighting
Topic	Legal investigation case study – in-class multiple choice and short answers Investigating the law	Criminal law research and in-class extended response Disputes under the law	Yearly Exam All topics (emailed July 2027)	
Outcomes assessed	LST-11-01, LST-11-02, LST-11-04, LST-11-08	LST-11-01, LST-11-05, LST-11-06, LST-11-07, LST-11-08	LST-11-01, LST-11-02, LST-11-03, LST-11-04, LST-11-05, LST-11-06, LST-11-07, LST-11-08	
Knowledge and understanding of course content	15	5	20	40
Analysis and evaluation	5	5	10	20
Legal inquiry and research		20		20
Communication of legal information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	5	5	10	20
Weighting	25	35	40	100

The Preliminary 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).

Rationale –

Assessment Task One: Legal investigation case study – in-class multiple choice and short answers (25%)

- Students will complete a closed-book in-class test of limited scope relating to the topic Investigating the Law.
- The test will be 50 minutes in duration and consist of multiple choice and short response questions.
- The test will be case study/stimulus based on the new syllabus concepts of Legal Foundations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Customary Lore, Sources of Law and Legal Institutions.

Assessment Task Two: Criminal law research and in-class extended response (35%)

- The task will require students to research a case study relating to the new criminal law section of the preliminary syllabus topic Disputes under the law.
- The task will consist of students researching a contemporary criminal law case.
- Students will then use their research information to scaffold the production of an extended response that incorporates the new legal themes and skills content of the 2027 syllabus.
- Students will write their essay response under supervision in class.

Assessment Task Three: Yearly Exam (40%)

- All outcomes are assessed in the Yearly Exam. This provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate achievement across the full range of Preliminary course outcomes.
- The Yearly Exam will assess Investigating the law, Disputes under the law, Changing the law, Experiences with the law as well as Legal themes and skills.