Government Accountability – Law and Practice

28 January – 3 February 2016
About the short course

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The continuing growth of government in recent decades has led to a rise in the number (and reach) of accountability agencies.

In this course we will explore:

- the place of government in the modern state, and the how and why of government accountability;
- accountability frameworks (with reference to traditional and contemporary administrative law, political structures, the media, academia and non-government organisations); and
- the theoretical underpinnings, development, evolving law, economics and practice, and regulation of various accountability agencies.

In the Western Australian context, particular reference will be made to the Corruption and Crime Commission (and the relevant Parliamentary Inspector), the Inspector of Custodial Services, the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General, the Public Sector Commissioner, and the Information Commissioner. National and international comparison will be drawn at various points.
## Unit Schedule

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Day Three – Monday, 1 February

Session 9 9.15– 11.00  Integrity in government and its agencies  
Professor Chris Field,  
Western Australian Ombudsman  
**Guest Speaker**  
Colin Murphy, Auditor General  
(10.15am to 11am)

11.00 – 11.15  Morning break

Session 10 11.15 – 12.30  Integrity in government and its agencies (cont.)  
Professor Chris Field,  
Western Australian Ombudsman

12.30 – 1.30  Lunch

Session 11 1.30 – 2.30  Advanced administrative law workshops  
Professor Simon Young,  
The University of Western Australia

2.30 – 2.45  Afternoon break

Session 12 2.45 – 4.30  Advanced administrative law workshops (cont.)  
Professor Simon Young,  
The University of Western Australia

Day Four – Tuesday, 2 February

Session 13 9.15– 11.00  A law and economics analysis of government accountability  
Professor Chris Field,  
Western Australian Ombudsman

11.00 – 11.15  Morning break

Session 14 11.15 – 12.30  Accountability and integrity frameworks: analysis and contemporary issues  
Professor Chris Field,  
Western Australian Ombudsman  
**Guest Speaker**  
Mal Wauchope, Public Sector Commissioner  
(11.45am to 12.30pm)
12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

Session 15 1.30 – 2.30  Accountability in theory and practice: The office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
Guest Speaker
Professor Neil Morgan, Inspector of Custodial Services

2.30 – 2.45 Afternoon break

Session 16 2.45 – 4.30  Accountability in theory and practice: The office of the Inspector of Custodial Services (cont.)
Guest Speaker
Professor Neil Morgan, Inspector of Custodial Services

Day Five – Wednesday, 3 February

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| Session 17 | 9.15 – 11.00 | Keeping accountability agencies accountable
Mary White, Deputy Ombudsman

Guest Speaker
Wendy Endebrock-Brown, Director Legal Services, Corruption and Crime Commission (10.15am to 11am)

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Professor Simon Young, The University of Western Australia

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| Session 20 | 2.45 – 4.30 | The future of accountability agencies: Interactive panel/student discussion
Panel Members
Professor Neil Morgan, Inspector of Custodial Services
Sue Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, Water Corporation
Sharyn O’Neill, Director General, Department of Education
Lyndon Rowe, Chairman, Synergy
Lead Presenters

**Professor Chris Field**
Western Australian Ombudsman and
Adjunct Professor, UWA Faculty of Law

**Professor Simon Young**
USQ School of Law and Justice
and Adjunct Professor, UWA Faculty of Law

The short course will also feature guest presentations from a number of prominent Western Australians.

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Please visit law.uwa.edu.au/cpd/galp for the most up-to-date information.

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Four sessions each day:
9.00am – 11.00am
11.15am – 12.30pm
1.30pm – 2.30pm
2.45pm – 4.30pm

Registrations close:
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