



Assessment 3 Task Sheet

Research Paper 60%

Task Description

You are required to prepare a written research paper that critically analyses a topic. Critical analysis requires you to take a position (that is, formulate a central argument), and develop that argument throughout your paper by critically analysing the most highly relevant scholarly literature, case law, legislation, international treaties or government material. Your research paper must be referenced as set out below.

Due date

29 May 23.59pm.

See the unit's Canvas site for details of QUT's Assessment Policy. Academic Concessions, Extensions and Academic Integrity.

General information on this assessment

- **Weight:** 60%
- **Individual/Group:** Individual
- **Length:** 3,000-4,000 words. In accordance with Law School Policy, words in excess of 4000 words will not be read or marked.
- **Citation/Style Guide:** Refer to QUT cite|write. Your paper must be referenced in accordance with Written Assessment in the Law School **and** either:
 - o AGLC4 and (ie you must use footnotes and a bibliography OR
 - o APA style in text referencing with a reference list.

If you use AGLC4 then your footnotes and bibliography are not included in the word count. If you use APA then your reference list is not included in the word count. Footnotes should not contain substantive argument.

Topic

Write a Research Paper critically analysing any **one** of the following topics:

1. Explain how the CISG can potentially be adapted and applied to non-software data trade.
2. To what extent is international commercial arbitration suitable for the resolution of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Human Rights (HR) disputes? Your answer should consider all relevant elements of the legal framework that applies to international commercial arbitration.
3. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has said: 'Australia needs to reclaim its position as a world leader on tobacco control. Because, quite frankly, lives are at stake. Disadvantaged

Australians are paying the price for Big Tobacco's profits.' What new tobacco control measures should Australia adopt?

4. Provide a critical evaluation of the World Trade Organization Ministerial Decision on the TRIPS Agreement and the COVID 19 Pandemic adopted on 17 June 2022.
5. How should the Albanese Government respond to the Productivity Commission's recommendations on the right to repair?
6. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has claimed that 'removing obstacles to knowledge sharing and technological transfer – including intellectual property constraints – is crucial for a rapid and fair renewable energy transition.' Do you agree?

What you must submit

You must submit a 3,000-4,000 word research paper critically analysing one of the topics above to the Assignment 3 submission link on the Canvas site for this unit.

Task Details

You must select a topic of your choice from the Topic list.

This assessment requires you to write a research paper that develops an argument responding to your chosen topic based upon your critical analysis of resources that you have found in your research.

To develop a paper that will meet the requirements of this assessment, there are some very important steps that you should take before commencing writing:

1. **Identify the key issues in your topic.**
2. **Undertake research and reading** to reach a full understanding of the key issues relevant to your topic.
3. Before taking the next step, developing your argument, **make sure that your research has revealed a range of high quality resources to work with.** Take care to carefully engage with these sources, reading them and thinking about them carefully. This will assist you in developing a fulsome understanding of the key issues and in developing insightful critical analysis.
4. **Develop an argument** to respond to the question based upon your critical analysis of the resources that you have found in your research and prioritised as being most highly relevant to the topic.
5. **Familiarise yourself with the assessment rubric** - it sets out the criteria upon which you will be marked for this task. When formatting your paper take care to familiarise yourself with the criteria for assessment setting out the expectations for Structure, Style and Content. The assessment rubric is found on the canvas site.

Write your paper taking care to ensure that your arguments are fully supported by your research. Take care to carefully revise your paper refining your arguments.

Prior to submission, make sure that your paper meets QUT's expectations for academic integrity, that you have acknowledged all sources and the ideas of others via referencing. Referencing must be in accordance with either AGLC4 (footnotes and a bibliography) or APA (in-text references and a reference list).

Your Research Paper must be uploaded to the Assignment 3 submission link by the due date.

You should not use artificial intelligence tools to complete or contribute to your submission for this item of assessment.

Tips for Success

When finalising the content of your research paper make sure that it:

- demonstrates coverage of key issues and legal authorities
- demonstrates prioritisation of key issues/arguments, your understanding of the background to these issues, and evidence of your research effort
- includes a statement of central issue, question or problem
- demonstrates higher level thinking, analysis and critique moving beyond description of the issues involved
- evidences your research effort and the depth of research of the literature you have engaged with and relied upon in building your argument. (Do this via referencing to add to the quality or effectiveness of your argument.)
- clearly articulates your argument
- develops your argument through thoughtful critical analysis supported by your research
- demonstrates the thought that you have put into its structure and progression through your argument.

If you are struggling with development of critical analysis, you may need to pause to undertake further research. This might involve finding new sources or more closely and carefully engaging with the sources that you have found. Development of critical analysis can be very difficult if you have not found and deeply engaged with a range of useful resources. These might include scholarly journal articles, case law, legislation, international treaties, and government materials.

Resources

[Building and supporting an argument with literature](#)

For more support with the skills of building and supporting an argument with literature and critical analysis, use this [self-access resource](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

Proofreading

To learn some quick tips and tricks for proofreading and making your sentences more concise, access this resource for [Editing and Proofreading](#)

Library Support

The subject guide International Business Law has been recently updated and can be found at:

<https://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/internationalbusinesslaw>

Learning outcomes measured

On completion of this item of assessment you will be able to:

- demonstrate advanced knowledge of the salient aspects of international trade law in regard to commercial transactions of an international nature (UL01);
- appraise skills and strategies for successful engagement in international commercial dealings, relative to the practical concerns of business regarding the need to recognise and manage risk attendant to such transactions in the international legal environment (UL02);
- analyse the major divergences in practices and arrangements of national jurisdictions in their regulation of international commercial transactions (UL03);

- critically evaluate contemporary developments in international economic law, especially the initiatives of inter-governmental and non-governmental trade agencies in developing a unified body of international commercial law (UL04); and
 - plan, conduct and evaluate research at an advanced level and write a substantial research paper on current topics in areas of law relating to international business transactions (UL05).
-