

LAWS5224 Special Topic B

Children, Young People and the Law

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This course will examine the impacts of the law and legal system on children and young people.

Children and young persons' interactions with the legal system take many forms. They may

- become subject to child protection orders;
- be charged with an offence and ultimately become subject to youth justice supervision;
- be caught up in family law proceedings;
- experience barriers to education, particularly if they have disabilities;
- be discriminated against.

This Special Topic course examines children's rights and entitlements, as well as the systems that impact upon their lives. Topics for discussion include:

- children's human rights;
- legal capacity of children;
- children in the child protection system;
- youth justice;
- adolescent family violence;
- children's courts;
- education,
- disability and discrimination.