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| **Syllabus changes** |
| The content identified by ~~strikethrough~~ has been deleted from the syllabus and the content identified in *italics*has been revised in the syllabus for teaching in 2023:**Unit 1 – Democracy and the rule of law*** Essential to the understanding of democracy and the rule of law ~~are~~ *is knowledge of:*
* *the separation of powers doctrine*
* *sovereignty of parliament*
* *division of powers*
* *representative government*
* *Westminster conventions of responsible parliamentary government*
* *constitutionalism*
* *federalism*
* *judicial independence.*
* structure of the *Australian political system and the Australian legal system ~~in Australia~~, including:*
* *separation of powers*
* *federalism*
* *representative government*
* *Westminster conventions of responsible parliamentary government*
* *constitutional monarchy*
* *common law system*
* structures and processes of:
* one democratic political and legal system
* one non-democratic political and legal system

*with reference to the operating principles of a liberal democracy** types of laws made by parliaments *(statute law),* courts *(common law)* and subordinate authorities *(delegated legislation)*
* key processes *(pre-trial, trial and post-trial)* of civil and criminal trials in Western Australia
* key processes of at least one non-common law *(inquisitorial)* system

**Unit 2 – Representation and justice*** Essential to the understanding of representation and justice *~~are~~ is knowledge of:*
* *the principles of fair elections*
* *political participation*
* *natural justice.*
* political representation with reference to the role of *individuals*, political parties and pressure groups
* the Western Australian and Commonwealth electoral *~~and voting~~* systems since Federation*, including:*
* *compulsory voting*
* *preferential voting*
* *proportional voting*
* *the franchise*
* advantages and disadvantages of the electoral ~~and voting~~ systems in Australia with reference to at least one recent (the last ten years) election
* a recently implemented or proposed reform (the last ten years) to the electoral ~~and voting~~ systems in Australia
* the electoral ~~and voting~~ systems of another country
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