Legal knowledge is fundamental to being a successful law student and for undertaking any legal work. It is also key to understanding society, and relationships with other individuals and public and private organisations. Law programmes therefore require the student to study a variety of different legal subjects over the course of their degree. And almost all law programmes will make certain key areas of law compulsory. This chapter explains what subjects make up the foundations of legal knowledge. It outlines what these foundation subjects commonly include. It considers how these subjects relate to real life, and also encourage the student to think more deeply about the role of law in society and develop social and commercial awareness.
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