Liverpool John Moores University

Title: ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM

Status: Definitive

Code: **3505IFYAP** (107114)

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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Business School

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ3 Value: 12.00 Delivered 69.00

51

Hours:

Total Private Learning 120 Study:

Hours:

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	66.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Module Examination	100.0	3.00

Aims

In helping prepare students for entry onto an undergraduate Law degree or combined degree course, this module gives students an introduction to the English Legal System, the sources of English Law, the relationship between national and European Law and to the institutions which administer the law.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe the main institutions, personnel and functions of the English Legal System.
- 2 Describe the sources of law and the way in which laws are created.
- 3 Distinguish between civil and criminal law and display an understanding of the respective aims and outcomes of these processes.
- 4 Demonstrate analytical skills particularly in relation to problem solving skills.
- 5 Recognize areas of legal controversy and describe proposals for reform.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

EXAM 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

- 1. Civil and Criminal Process, including jurisdiction of courts and principles of sentencing.
- 2. Legal Personnel and Lay Participation, including Judiciary, roles of Barristers and Solicitors, Lay Magistrates and Juries.
- 3. Sources of Law, including Legislation, Precedent and European Law.

Learning Activities

Interactive lessons to small classes, regular formative homework assignments, class tests and terminal module examination.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Martin, J
Publishing Year	2005
Title	The English Legal System
Subtitle	
Edition	4th edition
Publisher	Hodder Education
ISBN	9780340899915

Course Material	Book
Author	Elliot, C and Quinn, F
Publishing Year	2005
Title	The English Legal System
Subtitle	
Edition	8th edition
Publisher	Pearson Higher Education
ISBN	9781405847339

Course Material	Book
Author	Charman, M et al
Publishing Year	2006
Title	AS Law
Subtitle	
Edition	4th edition
Publisher	Willan Publishing
ISBN	9781843922131

Notes

This module introduces students to the bases of the English Legal System, the different types of courts and institutions involved and the sources of Law. It forms the first of three modules aimed at giving students an appropriate background for legal studies at university.

Summative assessment is realized through the terminal module examination but formative assessment continues throughout the module through the setting of homework assignments and class tests.