

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND LEGAL SKILLS
 Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 43.00

Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 197

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	17.000
Seminar	18.000
Tutorial	8.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	E1		50.0	
Essay	E2		25.0	

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Presentation	P1		25.0	

Aims

- 1 *Develop an ability to evaluate personal performance and to identify and act upon weaknesses in learning and the use of resources.*
- 2 *Demonstrate an ability to use standard word-processing packages, legal data bases, the intranet and the internet in support of their learning.*
- 3 *Demonstrate an ability to select key research issues and to identify relevant primary and secondary sources of information.*
- 4 *Show an ability to contribute and evaluate a group activity*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an ability to use standard word-processing packages, legal data bases, the intranet and the internet in support of their learning.
- 2 Develop an ability to evaluate personal performance and to identify and act upon weaknesses in learning and the use of resources.
- 3 Show an ability to contribute and evaluate a group activity
- 4 Demonstrate an ability to select key research issues and to identify relevant primary and secondary sources of information.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Legal Research	1	2
Learning Report	3	
Poster and reflection	4	

Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to all sources of law including electronic sources.*
2. *Library searches identifying and locating legal sources.*
3. *A case study.*
4. *Referencing - how to cite cases, statutes, books and articles.*
5. *How to prepare essays in law.*
6. *Approaches to Learning.*
7. *Self-efficacy and developing confidence.*
8. *How to prepare for exams in law.*
9. *Developing Reflective Practice.*

Learning Activities

Lectures, learning to learn seminars and second/third year student lead seminars.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	• Burns, T. and Sinfield, S.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Essential Study Skills: The Complete Guide to Success at University
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd
Publisher	Sage Publications
ISBN	

Notes

This module develops many of the skills and awareness necessary for the successful completion of a course of study at University. It combines an opportunity to learn how to learn effectively supported by a diet of practical seminars and an evaluation of personal progress.

This module also provides students with the legal research skills they require in order to undertake a law degree by familiarising students with all sources of law and the means by which to locate them.