

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Foundations of Law
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 47

Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 153

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	18
Seminar	10
Workshop	17

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	1500 words essay	45	
Exam	Exam	Exam	45	2
Future Focus e-	Self Aware	Self Awareness Statement	10	

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learning task				

Aims

To introduce students to the basic concepts, structures and mechanisms through which English Law develops.

To familiarize students with the importance of judicial law-making and the significance of international law.

To introduce students to the issues surrounding law and morality and law and justice.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an awareness of the social, moral and ethical framework within which a legal system operates and possess a firm grounding of the basic concepts, values, principles and rules of the English Legal System.
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the courts and apply the principles of statutory interpretation and judicial precedent.
- 3 Understand the debate relating to the connection between law and morality and understand and appreciate the importance of the notion of justice in the theory and practice of law.
- 4 Demonstrate an ability to present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions.
- 5 To identify and reflect upon the following aspects of self-awareness in respect of personal development and career planning: strengths and weaknesses, motivations and values, ability to work with others.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1500 words essay	1	2	4	5
Exam	1	2	3	5
Self Awareness Statement	4	5		

Outline Syllabus

Sources of Law, including legislation, common law, EU law and Human Rights. Court Structure.

Judicial Precedent.

Statutory Interpretation.

Lay Participation within the Legal System.

Law and Morality.

Concepts of Justice: Law and Ethics.

Learning Activities

Lectures
Seminar
Workshop
Career Smart
Self-directed Study

Notes

Core module which delivers information about the legal process and introduces students to the basic theories and contexts which found the teaching and practice of law.