

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Independent Learning and Legal Skills

Status: Definitive

Code: **4102LAWSL** (126225)

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Owning School/Faculty: Law

Teaching School/Faculty: Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

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| <b>Academic Level:</b>       | FHEQ4 | <b>Credit Value:</b>  | 20  | <b>Total Delivered Hours:</b> | 34 |
| <b>Total Learning Hours:</b> | 200   | <b>Private Study:</b> | 166 |                               |    |

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: S1, S2 and NS2 (S2 for Jan)

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture   | 22            |
| Seminar   | 6             |
| Workshop  | 6             |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

| Category     | Short Description | Description                  | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Presentation | Poster            | Research poster Presentation | 50            |               |
| Essay        | Essay             | 2000 word essay              | 50            |               |

### Aims

*The aim of this module is facilitate the transition of the student to university. The student will be able to develop the essential personal and study skills essential to succeed on an undergraduate law programme. The student will be given the opportunity to develop working relationships with fellow students and their personal tutor in order to develop a sense of belonging. The student will be asked to reflect upon their experiences.*

## 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 Demonstrate 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.
- 5 Demonstrate an ability to present an essay including the appropriate format, referencing and bibliography.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

|                 |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| Research Poster | 2 | 3 |   |
| Essay           | 1 | 4 | 5 |

## Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to all sources of law including electronic sources.*
2. *Library searches identifying and locating legal sources.*
3. *Reading cases.*
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, Seminars and Workshops

## Notes

This is a core module for LLB Law which 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 and presentation 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.