

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Constitutional Law
Status: Definitive
Code: **4302LAWCL** (129236)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 38
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 162

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture | 20 |
| Online | 9 |
| Workshop | 9 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | Essay | 3500 words essay | 80 | |
| Test | Test | MCQ | 20 | |

Aims

Students will gain an appreciation of both the constitutional arrangements of the UK and the theoretical framework underpinning them. This module also facilitates a contextual and critical appreciation of the relationship between law and politics relating to the administration and governance of the British state.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse the nature of the UK constitution.
- 2 Understand the theories underpinning constitutional law.
- 3 Explore administrative law as a mechanism for controlling the powers of the state.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| 3500 words essay | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| MCQ | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Outline Syllabus

- *Introduction to democracy in the UK.*
- *The nature and key properties of the UK constitution.*
- *Parliamentary sovereignty.*
- *The rule of law.*
- *The separation of powers.*
- *Human rights.*
- *Devolution.*
- *The political accountability of the government.*
- *Introduction to administrative law and judicial review.*

Learning Activities

- Lectures
- Workshops
- Online activity.

Notes

This module is concerned with the powers of the state, how those powers are constituted and limited, and how they interact with citizens.