

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: FORENSIC FIELD SKILLS
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Biological and Environmental Sciences
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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 60
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 140

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	25
Off Site	24
Practical	6
Seminar	3
Workshop	2

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	notebook	Notebook	60	
Test	test	online test	40	

Aims

To introduce basic legal concepts, rules of evidence handling, basic archaeological techniques and outdoor crime scene protocols

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe and explain basic legal concepts, court structure and proceedings
- 2 Identify rules relating to the chain of custody, evidence handling, collection and tracking
- 3 Discuss archaeological methods of locating graves
- 4 Explain proper crime scene investigation protocols

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Notebook	2	3	4
online test	1	2	4

Outline Syllabus

Outdoor Crime scene investigation and protocols. Basic legal concepts. Court structure and expert witness testimony. Chain of custody and evidence handling. Rules governing evidence collection, tracking and analysis. Homicide and death scene investigation. Grave location, archaeological methods.

Learning Activities

Material will be delivered through lectures, practicals workshops, a seminar and a residential fieldtrip

Notes

This module provides an introduction to outdoor crime scene investigation, including identifying, collecting, handling and processing physical evidence as well as the laws governing death scene investigation.