

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM
Status: Definitive
Code: **4502LAWSTH** (116347)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
Lawrence Burke	

Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 92.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 148

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	50.000
Seminar	10.000
Tutorial	10.000
Workshop	20.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay - Written assignment (2,500 words).	50.0	
Exam	AS2	Examination - will require students to apply their knowledge relating to the sources of law and demonstrate their knowledge relating to the theory and practice of sentencing.	50.0	2.00

Aims

This module aims to develop students understanding of the relationship between U.K and European Law and the impact this has on the English Legal System working in practice.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe and explain the sources of law and operation of the English Legal System including the impact of judicial interpretation.
- 2 Describe and explain important ruling from the European Courts of Justice relating to Equality and Diversity and the impact on the English Legal System.
- 3 Describe and explain how the law is made and research how it is applied in relation to sentencing within the criminal law.
- 4 Review, discuss and evaluate the U.K. constitution and the relevance of the separation of powers.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	4
EXAM	2	3

Outline Syllabus

- *Introduction to the historical development of the law*
- *Analyse the political, constitutional relationship to law making, interpretation and application*
- *The law making process and its application including Judicial Interpretation*
- *Judicial Review*
- *The function of the U.K. constitution and the role played by the legislators, the executive and judiciary*
- *The relationship between the U.K. and the European Union and its affect/effect on the UK Legal System (Rulings on equality and discrimination*
- *Judicial precedent, statutory interpretation, civil and criminal law along with courtroom procedure and rules of evidence will be examined and evaluated*
- *Human Rights Act in action/DNA testing identity cards-ethics & morality*
- *Policing – Zero Tolerance v Community Policing*
- *Community and custodial sentencing*
- *The role of the criminal justice system and the relationship with the criminal courts in the sentencing process (research)*
- *The role of the Youth Court and the separation of young people and adults within the sentencing process (research)*
- *The civil courts and their purpose*
- *Criminal Courts and Procedure (research)*
- *Appeals in Civil and Criminal Procedures*
- *Funding and the system*

- *Juries – Modern day use of the jury*
- *Lay magistrates*
- *The legal professions*
- *The legal profession/licensed paralegals*
- *Administrative Law*

Learning Activities

Lectures, collective pooling, group work, independent study, reflective practice, literature reviews and research and investigation practices along with role play will provide a diverse range of learning activities.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Partington, M
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Introduction to the English Legal System
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	4th edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Martin, J et al
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Unlocking the English Legal System
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Hodder Arnold
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Martin, J
Publishing Year	2005
Title	English Legal System
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Hodder and Stroughton
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Turner and Hodge
Publishing Year	2005

Title	Unlocking Torts
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Hodder and Stroughton
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Martin, J and Storey
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Unlocking Criminal Law
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Hodder and Stroughton
ISBN	

Notes

This unit will explore the political history of parliament from its early conception to its rise in gaining sovereignty from the UK Monarchs. It will explore the issue of legal precedents and examine the place of equity in English Law.

The process of Judicial Interpretation, Separation of Powers, Judicial Review and the role Europe plays in political and social contexts will be explored, reviewed and discussed. The module will also consider the forces that have shaped and are shaping the English legal system by considering, analysing and reviewing legal practice and procedure.

Formative Assessment will require students to deliver a short presentation on a subject agreed with the module tutor, or Q/A Knowledge test with associated feedback.