

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CONSTRUCTION LAW AND CONTRACTS
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Civil Engineering and Built Environment
Teaching School/Faculty: Accrington Campus

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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 48
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 152

Delivery Options

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

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	48

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	Assignment	Assignment	50	
Report	Report	Report	50	

Aims

This module focuses on the different areas of law relevant to the construction industry. An understanding of applying for planning permission and building control regulations to evaluating building design will be developed. Topics covered include planning law, building control regulations, insurance, environmental legislation, and the laws associated with construction.

On successful completion of this module students will be able to apply statutory requirements to the construction sector.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Discuss the process used to obtain planning permission for the construction and alteration of buildings
- 2 Examine regulations used to control design and ensure safe buildings
- 3 Identify and discuss the legal requirements to ensure construction sites operate safely
- 4 Discuss contractual sustainability requirements in the light of environmental legislation

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Assignment	1	2
Report	3	4

Outline Syllabus

Gaining planning permission: legislation and regulatory agencies, types of development where approval is not required, stages of planning permission and the approval process

Appealing planning decisions: the right of appeal and stages of appeal

Planning enforcement: notification procedures and right of appeal

Building control systems: history and development, legal and legislative framework and regulatory agencies

Requirements of building control and regulations: building regulation standards, obtaining approval and the right of appeal, inspection and compliance, enforcement and dangerous buildings

Administration of law

Environmental legislation

Liability; occupiers' liability and vicarious liability

Trespass to land laws

Insurance within construction

Sustainability requirements

Learning Activities

These will not normally be traditional didactic lectures in which the student plays little active part, but will be delivered in small groups of up to 20 students in which their interaction with their tutor is a key ingredient of their learning experience.

Students will receive approximately 30 hours of taught material, supported by in-class exercises and discussions designed to help student assimilate learning and to provide early informal feedback on their progress.

Independent Study

Students are expected to undertake personal reading and research into topic areas that have been stimulated from the lectures and seminars. This reading will enhance their academic work and enable valid contribution to lectures and seminars.

VLE support

This will provide links to academic web-sites and on-line journals, facilitate group discussion outside of the classroom, access to outline lecture notes, and provide students with assessment details.

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