

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: LEGAL STUDIES
Status: Definitive
Code: **4547BEFD** (116681)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Built Environment
Teaching School/Faculty: South Cheshire College

| Team | Leader |
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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 74.00
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 166

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Lecture | 48.000 |
| Tutorial | 24.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Exam | AS1 | choice of questions | 50.0 | 2.00 |
| Report | AS2 | Report: Health and Safety | 25.0 | |
| Report | AS3 | Report: Environmental impact of buildings | 25.0 | |

Aims

To examine and apply the principles and procedures of law and legislation in relation to the construction process.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Describe the principles and workings of English law and alternative legitimate methods of dispute resolution.
- 2 Apply the basic principles of common law and land law in the construction and surveying context
- 3 Examine legal principles and requirements in relation to the law of contract within the construction industry.
- 4 Analyse the main health and safety legislation in the construction industry, its impact and enforcement.
- 5 Identify hazards and risks in construction and analyse the control mechanisms put in place.
- 6 Analyse environmental legislation, its impact and enforcement on the construction industry.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| EXAM | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| REPORT 1 | 4 | 5 | |
| REPORT 2 | 6 | | |

Outline Syllabus

Legal Systems.

Court system and dispute resolutions.

Principles of tort.

Negligence and the built environment.

Occupier's liability.

Nuisance.

Land law and conveyancing systems.

Easements and restrictive covenants.

Law of Contract.

Formation of contract, terms and exclusion clauses.

Performance and breach of contract

Health and safety legislation impacting on the construction industry.

System of enforcement and its impact on the construction industry.

Hazards and risks in construction and the production of risk assessments to control them.

Environmental issues: pollution of the atmosphere, global warming, ozone depletion, acid rain, water and land pollution.

Protection of the environment: legislation, control agencies, sustainable policies aiming to reduce energy usage, embodied energy and pollution and specification of renewable materials.

Environmental Impact Assessment.

Learning Activities

Lectures, tutorials, critical reading and exploration of texts and legal cases.

References

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Morton, R. & Ross, A. |
| Publishing Year | 2007 |
| Title | Construction UK |
| Subtitle | Introduction to the Industry |
| Edition | 2nd Edition |
| Publisher | Wiley-Blackwell |
| ISBN | 140515943X |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Harvey, R.C. |
| Publishing Year | 1997 |
| Title | The Construction Industry of Great Britain |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 2nd Edition |
| Publisher | Architectural Press |
| ISBN | 0750636564. |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Tunstall, G. |
| Publishing Year | 2006 |
| Title | Managing the Building Design Process' |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 2nd Edition |
| Publisher | Butterworth Heinemann |
| ISBN | 9780750667913 |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Uff, J. |
| Publishing Year | 2005 |
| Title | Construction Law |
| Subtitle | law and practice relating to the construction industry |
| Edition | 9th Edition |
| Publisher | Sweet and Maxwell |
| ISBN | 0421904208 |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Galbraith |

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| Publishing Year | 2004 |
| Title | Galbraith's Building and Land Management Law for Students |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 5th Edition. |
| Publisher | Butterworth-Heinemann. |
| ISBN | 0750662239. |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Wild, C. & Weinstein, S. |
| Publishing Year | 2010 |
| Title | Smith and Keenan's: |
| Subtitle | English Law text and cases |
| Edition | 16th Edition. |
| Publisher | Longman. |
| ISBN | 1408218887. |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Rostron, J. Hardy-Pickering, Tatham, R. & Wright, L. |
| Publishing Year | 2002 |
| Title | Dictionary of Property & Construction Law |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Taylor & Francis. |
| ISBN | 0419261109. |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Hughes, P. & Ferrett, E. |
| Publishing Year | 2007 |
| Title | Introduction to health and safety in construction |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | 2nd Edition. |
| Publisher | Butterworth-Heinemann. |
| ISBN | 9780750681117 |

Notes

This introduces the student to the English Legal system and their role within the construction and property sectors. .