

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: LEGAL STUDIES
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Owning School/Faculty: Built Environment
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Community College

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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
Lecture	48.000
Tutorial	24.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
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:

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

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

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.

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

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

Course Material	Book
Author	Galbraith

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

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.

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.

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. .