

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: LEGAL STUDIES  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4557BEFD** (118421)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Built Environment  
Teaching School/Faculty: Stockport 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

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

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

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

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

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Galbraith

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

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

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

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

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## Notes

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