# **Liverpool** John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL THEORY

Status: Definitive

Code: **5001LAWLT** (108003)

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Owning School/Faculty: Law Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ5 Value: 12.00 Delivered 26.00

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**Hours:** 

Total Private Learning 120 Study:

Hours:

**Delivery Options** 

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20.000
Seminar	6.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

#### **Assessment Details**

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework (One 2,500-3,000 essay to be submitted after Easter)	100.0	

#### Aims

To provide an introduction to the nature and importance of legal theory.

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

1 1.Evaluate the importance of legal theory upon the development of substantive

- law.(A3)
- 2 2.Assess critically those normative values which are or ought to be present in a legal system.(A1)
- 3 3.Demonstrate a well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information.(B1)
- 4. Demonstrate an ability to evaluate arguments in the light of established statute law, theories, and judicial decisions. (B5)
- 5 5Demonstrate an ability to present an argument in a way which is comprehensible to others and which addresses their particular concerns or questions.(C3)

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

CW 1 2 3 4 5

# **Outline Syllabus**

Introduction to Classical Jurisprudence; Natural Law; Positivism; and Law and Morality: The Hart-Devlin debate.

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures and Seminars

#### References

Course Material	Book
Author	Freeman,M.D.A.(ed.)
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Lloyd's Introduction to Jurisprudence
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sweet & Maxwell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Lee,S.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1986
Title	Law and Morality
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	McCoubrey,H. and White,N.D.
Publishing Year	1999
Title	Textbook on Jurisprudence
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Blackstone
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Penner J., Schiff D. and Nobles R. (eds.)
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Introduction to Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Butterworths
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Wacks,R.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Understanding Jurisprudence
Subtitle	An Introduction to Legal Theory
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford University Press
ISBN	

## **Notes**

The module provides students with the opportunity of moving away from specific area of legal study and examining instead the idea of law per se and the concepts inherent within a legal system.