

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SOCIAL AND LEGAL STUDIES
Status: Definitive
Code: **5002LAWLT** (108005)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 9.00
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 111

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	5.000
Tutorial	4.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework: 1 essay of 3,000 words	100.0	

Aims

- 1. To introduce the idea of socio-legal studies and research, and to encourage students to approach law from an interdisciplinary angle.*
- 2. To consider some of the controversies raised by social and legal issues of current topical interest.*
- 3. To provide students with an opportunity to undertake research on an area of current topical importance that is of interest to them.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an awareness of the underlying theory of socio-legal studies
- 2 Analyse topical legal issues using a socio-legal approach
- 3 Undertake independent research on a topic of interest using a variety of source material
- 4 Demonstrate an ability to use appropriate legal terminology and language in writing
- 5 Demonstrate an ability to present clear arguments in written form

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Coursework 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

Introduction to Socio-Legal theory and method.

A selection of current topical socio-legal issues. These will vary with current developments, but are likely to be drawn from aspects of law relating to terrorism, multiculturalism/religion, armed conflict, cyberspace, gender, war crimes, and crime and policing.

Learning Activities

5 lectures
4 tutorials

References

Course Material	Book
Author	McCrudden, C
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Legal Research and the Social Sciences
Subtitle	LQR Vol.122, pp.632-50
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Banakar, R & Travers, M
Publishing Year	2005

Title	Theory and Method in Socio-Legal Research
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Hart Publishing
ISBN	

Notes

This module seeks to introduce students to the idea of socio-legal studies, and to see law in a broader context than is possible with a purely doctrinal approach to studying law. Students will have the opportunity to look at a number of topical legal issues from an interdisciplinary approach, and undertake independent research on an area of special interest to them.