

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Law and the Vulnerable Person
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 42

Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 158

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	33
Workshop	9

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	Report	4500 words report	100	

Aims

- 1. To provide students with an understanding and critical awareness of the law relating to the vulnerable person.*
- 2. To provide both a doctrinal and social and legal approach encouraging students to think about law in its wider context.*
- 3. To critically examine conflicting policies and laws affecting the vulnerable person with a particular focus on mental health anti-social behaviour and social housing.*

4. *To build upon the knowledge of criminal and public law developed as a result of having completed the core modules 'Criminal Law' and "Public Law" at Level 4.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an awareness of the various aspects of law relevant to the vulnerable person and how they relate to one another.
- 2 Show an appreciation of the concepts of rights and responsibilities in law relevant to the vulnerable person.
- 3 Demonstrate an ability to present clear arguments in written form using appropriate legal terminology and language.
- 4 Develop their independent learning by taking responsibility for the preparation of work for workshops and coursework, the management of personal study time and the use of a wide variety of information sources.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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Outline Syllabus

The below is an indicative syllabus of the course, which will dynamically adapt to topical issues for discussion on law and the vulnerable person in society.

The following may be covered:

Contextual overview of issues relating to the relationship between vulnerability and the law.

Mental Health and Detention

Rights, Responsibilities and Behaviour in Social Housing

Safeguards and Dispute Resolution

The course may include topics of special interests such as:

Sex Trafficking

Refugees

Education Law

The Elderly Client

Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops, virtual learning support, and additional academic support as

necessary

Notes

This option offers you an insight into the mind of the perpetrator and victim of antisocial behaviour. It explores conflicting policies and practices of those agencies of the State who aim to include the vulnerable, but also exclude them because of their behaviour and/or disabilities. It relates these issues to other areas of law including Community Care and Education Law. L&VP should be of particular interest to anyone with an interest in social welfare. It also provides a background for related subjects on the Legal Practice Course (LPC) at JMU, for those interested in becoming a solicitor and continuing their studies here.