

Law of Succession

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5111LAWSL
Formal Module Title	Law of Succession
Owning School	Law
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Online	4
Seminar	16
Tutorial	2

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number	Duration Unit
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Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To provide students with an understanding of the law relating to wills, intestacy, the administration of estates of deceased persons and the practical and technical application of that law.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate a grounding in the basic concepts and principles of the law of succession.
MLO2	2	Ascertain the relevant facts contained in unfamiliar scenarios and apply knowledge to probate problems and/or theoretical questions of succession law.
MLO3	3	Solve practical problems arising from the administration of an estate.
MLO4	4	Demonstrate an ability to select and address key legal and factual issues from a variety of given and non-given sources.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Formalities of Will-Making • Testamentary Capacity • Undue Influence and Fraud • The Revocation of Wills and Codicils • Inheritance Family Provision • Intestacy • Inheritance Tax • Administration of Estates
Module Overview	
Additional Information	<p>The Law of Succession is concerned with the disposition and distribution of property belonging to a late, lamented, but now decidedly dead, and deceased, person. In this module, we will be looking at the disposition of a person's estate where he or she had the foresight, mental capacity and wit to draft a valid will, as well as the necessary requirements for a valid will along with the requirements for knowledge and approval of the contents of the will and concept of undue influence as it applies to wills. We will also study the distribution of an estate where the deceased died without a valid will – either because the will was invalid or because they had no will – and the taxation of that estate. In addition we will look at the family inheritance provisions, which allow disgruntled spouses, partners, dependents and children to ask the Court to “re-write” the will for their benefit. And, finally, we will be looking at the practicalities and procedure involved in acting as personal representatives in the administration of a deceased's estate.</p>

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	2500 words essay	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO4
Centralised Exam	Exam	50	2	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

