

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Computer Law  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5206COMP** (127985)  
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Computer Science and Mathematics  
Teaching School/Faculty: Computer Science and Mathematics

Team	Leader
Thomas Berry	Y
Robert Askwith	

**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 46  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 154

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Tutorial	22

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Legal Advocacy Session	40	
Exam	AS2	Examination	60	2

### Aims

*An overview of the English legal system and law making process*  
*An understanding of the law relating to commercial transactions*  
*An awareness of the law relating to intellectual property and the provision of computer products and services*  
*An understanding of the law relating to computer misuse resolution.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse the law making process within the English legal system.
- 2 Compare and contrast legal concepts relating to the execution of commercial agreements.
- 3 Interpret the law in relation to intellectual property infringement with regard to computer products and services.
- 4 Apply the law and define the law in relation to computer misuse scenarios.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Legal Advocacy Session	1	2
Examination	3	4

## Outline Syllabus

*Sources of law*  
*Rule of law*  
*Law reform and the law reform process*  
*Machinery of law*  
*The court system*  
*Contracts*  
*Patents*  
*Trademarks*  
*Copyright*  
*Designs*  
*Data Protection (GDPR/DPA)*  
*Computer misuse*  
*Investigatory powers*

## Learning Activities

Lectures-Tutorials, Directed Study Tasks. Students work as groups for their Coursework presentation but will study independent topics and the group process is only assessed formatively.

## Notes

The module aims to provide the student with a general understanding of English legal concepts and an understanding of the law in relation to provision of computer services, products and misuse.