

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminal Litigation and Advocacy
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 10
Total Delivered Hours: 35.5
Total Learning Hours: 100
Private Study: 64.5

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Presentati	Oral Presentation	30	
Exam	Exam	2 Hour Exam	70	1.5

Aims

To provide an opportunity for students to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to advising clients being detained at a police station, and to prepare for trial, and sentence and to advocate on behalf of persons at stages in the criminal justice process.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the rights of suspects being detained by the police and police powers in respect of evidence gathering
- 2 Evaluate and Understand the Criminal Procedure Rules, the role of the court in the litigation process from first appearance to sentencing
- 3 Understand the rules of criminal evidence
- 4 Formulate and present of a coherent submission based upon facts, general principles and appropriate legal authority in a structured, concise and persuasive manner.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Oral Presentation	1	2	4
Exam	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

The procedure and processes involved in advising clients, including vulnerable clients, at the police station

Rights of a suspect being detained by the police for questioning under PACE 1984, the Codes of Practice and the HRA 1998, including advice before interview, identification procedures, charging and bail

The procedures and processes involved in criminal litigation including bail, first and interim hearings, plea before venue and allocation, case management powers of the court and the admission or exclusion of evidence. Trial procedure, sentencing and appeal.

Rules relating to the use of criminal evidence including bad character, hearsay and confession evidence, and the admission or exclusion of evidence.

Youth court procedure, jurisdiction, allocation and sentencing.

The creation of a persuasive and coherent submission to the court, including modes of address and Court room etiquette

Learning Activities

Lectures and Seminars

Notes

The module is intended primarily for students wishing to pursue a professional legal qualification following graduation. It will also be validated as a stand-alone CPD module enabling students who did not take the option during their degree

programme to gain the underpinning knowledge required for the Solicitors Qualifying Examination. The CPD will align with the elective module for annual monitoring and external examining purposes.