

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Criminal Litigation and Advocacy  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **5506LAWBIC** (129605)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Beaconhouse Group

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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.