

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: JURISPRUDENCE and LEGAL THEORY
Status: Definitive
Code: **6001LAWLT** (108011)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ6 **Credit Value:** 24 **Total Delivered Hours:** 51
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 189

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	32
Seminar	7
Tutorial	10

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework (One 2,500-3,000 word essay to be submitted after Easter).	50	
Exam	AS2	Examination	50	2

Aims

To introduce students to the analysis and comparison of major schools of thought in the field of legal theory.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 1.Understanding the nature and functions of law and the concept of a legal system as perceived by the major schools of jurisprudence and the nexus between law and morality.(A1)
- 2 2.Demonstrate a critical awareness of the modern trends in analytical jurisprudence.(B5)
- 3 3.Demonstrate a well-developed critical awareness of the impact upon law of other disciplines such as politics,economics,history and anthropology.(A3)
- 4 4.Demonstrate a well-developed critical ability to use a wide range of standard and legal and other electronic sources of information.(B1)
- 5 5.Produce standard answers to examination questions by displaying a sufficient and relevant understanding of the theories propounded by the major schools of jurisprudence and their relevance to the English legal system.(A2)

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay	1	2	4
EXAM	1	3	5

Outline Syllabus

Natural Law;Positivism;The Theories of Adjudication;Law and Morality:The Hart-Devlin debate ;Pure Theory of Law;Historical and Anthropological Jurisprudence; American Realism;Sociological Jurisprudence and Sociology of Law;the Marxist Theory of Law;Critical Legal Studies;and Feminist Jurisprudence.

Learning Activities

Lectures and Seminars.

Notes

The study of legal theory includes reading the ideas of many thinkers on the fundamental questions about the nature of law,its place in the society and how a legal system operates and reflecting on them critically. the module will look critically at the issues relevant to a broad discussion on legal theory.