

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
Status: Definitive
Code: **6101LAWLT** (121569)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 36
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 164

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Tutorial	16

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	4,500 words essay	100	

Aims

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

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand 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
- 2 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the modern trends in analytical jurisprudence
- 3 Demonstrate a well-developed critical ability to use a wide range of standard, legal and other electronic source of information
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Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

4,500 words essay 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

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

Learning Activities

Students will learn to read and discuss concepts at a high level of sophistication during tutorials, coveting the classic texts in this subject

Students will learn to use legal data bases to research particular topics in depth

Students will develop verbal skills by debating controversial issues in this subject area

Notes

The study of legal theory includes reading the ideas of many thinkers on fundamental questions about the nature of law; its place in society; how a legal system operates and then reflecting on them critically.

The module looks critically at the issues relevant to a broad discussion on legal theory.