

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: EXPERT WITNESS  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6103FSBMOL** (122142)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 50  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 150

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	25
Practical	25

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	as1	courtroom statement	50	
Presentation	as2	courtroom presentation	50	

### Aims

*This module looks at forensic science and related professions and the role of the expert witness.*

*The aim of this module is to develop knowledge and practical experience of the role of an expert witness within the context of Forensic Science.*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically review case studies including the evaluation of the associated paperwork
- 2 Generate and submit reports interpreting a range of forensic analyses in a manner suitable for legal proceedings
- 3 Defend a statement of witness in a (mock)court proceedings

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

report	1	2
presentation	2	3

## Outline Syllabus

*Topics covered include:*

*Legislation relating to the forensic scientist/practitioner*

*Court proceedings and conduct*

*Statements of Witness and associated paperwork*

*Quality assurance/control and forensic validation procedures*

*This module will be supplemented by a series of guest speakers who are forensic practitioners and will relate their court experiences through a number of actual case studies*

## Learning Activities

Lectures

Practical based sessions

Courtroom presentation

Case Studies

Problem based learning

## Notes

All lecture material will be made available to the students via blackboard.