

The American Legal System

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6103LAWPL
Formal Module Title	The American Legal System
Owning School	Law
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Law

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	8
Workshop	6

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1.To provide an understanding of essential elements of the American Legal system 2.To provide an awareness of the differences between the federal and State system 3.To provide an understanding of Federal criminal and Civil procedure 4.To provide an introduction to American Criminal law 5.To provide an understanding of the education, regulation and function of American Lawyers
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions and abstract concepts on the American Legal System and formulate judgments as well as identify a range of solutions to problems that are raised.
MLO2	2	Demonstrate an ability to apply gained legal knowledge to complex problems, to reflect upon and evaluate this application and to draw logical reasoned conclusions that are supported by argument and legal authority.
MLO3	3	Demonstrate a well-developed ability to use a wide variety of standard legal and other electronic sources of information.
MLO4	4	Demonstrate an ability to orally articulate their conclusions and analysis on the American Legal System.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Brief history of the American Legal system The structure and role of the US Constitution The Federal and State court Structures and Personnel Introduction to Federal Civil Procedure Introduction to Federal Criminal Procedure Introduction to American Criminal Law US Lawyers, education, regulation and functions and law firm structure
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module will introduce students to the American Legal System and provide them with an introductory understanding of how the system works in respect of both Civil and Criminal Procedure. The module will be taught through a mixture of Lectures and seminars. The module will be assessed through a 3000 word essay and a 20 minute presentation on the topic of their essay. The presentation will be given in front of the class in a conference style setting with the presenter fielding questions at the end. Students will have free choice on their essay topic and will be able to set their own essay title but they have to receive approval from a member of the module team in the area they wish to write on.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	3000 words essay	70	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3
Presentation	20 minute oral presentation	30	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings

Sarah Stirk	Yes	N/A
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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