

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to Law Studies  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Academic Portfolio  
Teaching School/Faculty: Study Group

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 15  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 81.5  
**Total Learning Hours:** 150  
**Private Study:** 68.5

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	70
Tutorial	10

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	1500 word essay	30	
Exam	Exam	1.5 hour exam	50	1.5
Presentation	Present	10 minute presentation	20	

### Aims

*This module aims to introduce the principles of legal methods, legal argument and legal concepts. Students will be encouraged to develop skills in legal argument both in writing and orally, and to broaden their engagement with a variety of legal materials, including law textbooks, journal articles, statutes and case law; students will be guided on how to use these effectively in their research and argument. The module aims to ensure that students have a solid introduction to the concepts,*

*terminology and procedures of law as well as an overview of its main theoretical and practical aspects which are necessary to address the subject at postgraduate level.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge of the institutions, procedures and terminology of the Law
- 2 Describe and analyse the concepts, principles, values and rules of the Law
- 3 Present an aspect of the Law, showing understanding of the principles of legal argument
- 4 Reflect critically upon the Law
- 5 Construct clear, concise and accurate written argument both orally and in writing
- 6 Demonstrate a familiarity with different sources of data and materials relevant to the Law

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Essay	1	2	4	6
Exam	1	2	4	
Presentation	3	5		

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Fundamental principles of the law*  
*English law: the nature and categories of law*  
*The Rule of Law and Sources of Law*  
*EU Law*  
*Legal institutions*  
*The personnel of the law: legal professionals*  
*The importance of procedure*  
*The development of legal principles*  
*Reading and using legal materials: textbooks and journals*  
*Reading and using legal materials: statutes*  
*Reading and using legal materials: case law*  
*Constructing legal arguments*  
*Debating Legal issues*

## **Learning Activities**

Seminars, group work, debate and student presentations. Independent learning and self-directed study will support these activities.

## **Notes**

This option module is for those students intending to progress to the following postgraduate programmes at level 7, but may also be of interest to students progressing to Business and Management post graduate programmes:

LLM European Law

LLM/MSc Global Crime, Justice and Security

LLM International Business Corporate and Finance Law

MA Criminal Justice