

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to Law Studies
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Owning School/Faculty: Business and Management
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 82
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 118

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2 and Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	70
Tutorial	10

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Present	individual presentation	50	
Exam	Exam	2 hour exam	50	2

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 Analyse and critique the concepts, principles, values and rules of the Law
- 3 Present an aspect of the Law, showing a nuanced 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
- 7 Outline treaties and identify state practice
- 8 Show a high level of understanding of the functioning of international bodies and actors

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Presentation	1	2	4	6
Exam	3	5	7	8

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

This module will give introductory training in the use of LexisNexis and Westlaw, as well as educating the students in how to access and read All England Law Reports. Constructing and debating legal argument will be learnt through dedicated in-class seminars in which current events will be drawn upon in order to form opposing supported arguments.