

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Evidence  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6509LAWBIC** (129603)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Beaconhouse Group

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 46  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 154

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	33
Seminar	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	2,500 words essay	50	
Exam	Exam	2 hour unseen examination	50	2

### Aims

1.1 To introduce the student to the important principles that govern evidence, namely that of relevance, admissibility weight, and exclusion.

1.2 To introduce the student to the various categories of evidence, the trial process and basic criminal procedure.

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically analyse, illustrate and demonstrate legal evidential knowledge, succinctly coherently and logically.
- 2 Demonstrate confidence to address the general application of criminal evidence.
- 3 Provide a convincingly reasoned answer/solution/contention to any evidential legal problem.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2,500 words essay	1	2	3
2 Hour unseen examination	1	2	3

## Outline Syllabus

1. *Evidence and Proof, Trial Procedure and exclusion of evidence.*
2. *The Burden and Standard of Proof and Article 6.*
3. *Right Against Self-Incrimination and the Right to Silence & Article 6*
4. *Disclosure of Evidence, Legal Professional Privilege, Public Interest Immunity 5. Applications & Article 6*
5. *Regulatory framework for and admission of Covert Surveillance Evidence*
6. *Corroboration, Lies and Circumstantial Evidence*
7. *Witness Evidence Part 1: Competence and Compellability*
8. *Witness Evidence Part 2: Examination*
9. *Witness Evidence Part 3: Protection & Article 6*
10. *Identification Evidence*
11. *Expert/Opinion Evidence*
12. *Character Evidence Part 1, s.101 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 & good character direction.*
13. *Character Evidence Part 2: Similar Fact Evidence (Cross-admissibility) and s.101 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003*
14. *Reception of Hearsay Evidence Part 2: Chapter 2 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003*
15. *Reception of Hearsay Evidence, including confessions Part 2*

## Learning Activities

The teaching of the module will consist of lectures, seminars and workshops.

The study of evidence offences does demand a considerable amount of self-study, reading and research, but is an interesting and vibrant subject area and will improve preparation, analytical, decision making skills.

## Notes

This module explores the rules of evidence in the context of criminal law.