

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Evidence  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

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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.