

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CONSTRUCTION LAW AND CONTRACT  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Civil Engineering and Built Environment  
Teaching School/Faculty: Coleg Cambria

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 58  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 142

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Non Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	27
Tutorial	10
Workshop	19

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	Report 2500 words	70	
Exam	AS2	Open book examination	30	2

### Aims

*To provide knowledge, understanding and application of the UK legal system and the principles of contract law with particular reference to the construction industry.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Evaluate the legal systems within the UK in relation to the Built Environment.
- 2 Evaluate the impact of Tort law within the construction industry.
- 3 Critically evaluate the structure and content of the various forms of contracts used within the built environment.
- 4 Be able to apply legal knowledge to situations commonly occurring during the construction process, specifically around litigation, identifying the structure for mediation and arbitration.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Report	1	2	3
Exam	4		

## Outline Syllabus

- Sources of law, public and private law, the court system and procedures
- The importance of contract and tort within the construction industry and the effect of new legislation on common law.
- Tort within the construction industry, occupier's liability, employer's liability,
- Standard forms of contract used in the industry, appropriate applications, minor to major contract types and relevant Supporting documentation. Codes of Practice and Professional Guidelines.
- Contractor's obligations; time, variation, certification and payment provisions and ending a construction contract (including delay, expense, damages and practical completion).
- Elements of a contract, parties, responsibility and liability, capacity, offer, acceptance, consideration, defects in contracts, breaches and remedies. Duty of agents. Dispute resolution, ADR and provision for arbitration.
- The legal status of the firm, corporations and requirements for formation and closure. Other forms and purposes of contracts-employment, services, goods, use of land, purchase of land.
- Property law.

## Learning Activities

This module will utilise blended learning which will combine e-learning with more traditional teaching. In addition, students will be encouraged to monitor their own learning on this module. Workshops and online learning materials will be used to provide an overview of each topic. The lectures will be delivered by the module team and on occasion, guest speakers from different relevant professional backgrounds with particular expertise in aspects of the curriculum. Workshops will be used as space for students to explore and discuss issues in small groups and for tutors to identify individual learning needs of

students.

## **Notes**

This module develops an understanding of contract law with reference to the construction industry, including the role, obligations and responsibilities of the employer and the contractor under construction contracts, and key matters arising during the course of a construction contract.