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Title: LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING SKILLS
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 15.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 16.00
Total Learning Hours: 150 **Private Study:** 134

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	16.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Dissertation proposal is a prerequisite for the dissertation	100.0	

Aims

*To introduce legal research methodologies at Masters level
 To facilitate the development of Masters level technical legal reserach
 To develop the technical reasearch requirements of Masters dissertation proposal and highlight the writing and academic skills needed to construct a dissertation proposal*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Appreciate the greater self-direction and self-development required at Masters level learning and research
- 2 Demonstrate Masters level technical legal research
- 3 Formulate a clear and coherent research plan
- 4 Demonstrate an understanding of the research requirements of a dissertation proposal, together with consistent demonstration of Masters level writing skills and academic standards
- 5 Demonstrate the ability to discuss and evaluate different legal research methodologies, and justify the chosen research methodology
- 6 Demonstrate the ability to produce a literature review and or chapter sample

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

ESSAY	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Outline Syllabus

Introduction to studying at Masters level

Selection of research questions by negotiation with a supervisor

Identifying and locating legal sources

Legal research methodologies: Doctrinal, socio-legal and comparative.

Developing a research plan

Constructing a dissertation proposal

Writing a literature review

Learning Activities

Lectures

One on one meetings and guidance with dissertation supervisor

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Biggam, J
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Succeeding with your Masters dissertation
Subtitle	
Edition	1st
Publisher	OUP

ISBN	
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Course Material	Book
Author	Banakar,R
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Theory and Methodology in Socio-Legal Research
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Hart
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hart,C
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Doing your Masters Dissertation
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	

Notes

no course notes