

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: LAW AND COURT ROOM SKILLS  
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Owning School/Faculty: Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7      **Credit Value:** 20.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 30.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 170

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	14.000
Seminar	2.000
Workshop	14.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	Court room	Expert witness testimony and statement	50.0	
Essay	Essay	Essay	50.0	

### Aims

*To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of British and international law under which they may work including the role of the expert witness  
To enable students to write thorough and coherent expert witness statements and defend their opinions and findings in a court room setting*

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Write thorough and coherent expert witness statements and defend their opinions and findings in a court room setting
- 2 Undertake a critical appraisal of law relevant to their subject specialism
- 3 Discourse in depth, showing a thorough understanding, on the changing regulations and role of the expert witness

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Court room presentation	1	3
Essay	2	3

## Outline Syllabus

*Criminal justice system in Britain*

*Relevant international law, for example human trafficking, genocide, terrorism, role of NGO's and UN*

*The role and regulation of the expert witness including pre court and court room*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, workshops and seminars including mock court proceedings

## Notes

This module will provide all forensic masters students with a thorough understanding of relevant laws and organisations pertinent to their potential role as an expert witness. The focus will be British and general international law but there will be scope to specialise in specific country law if appropriate for individual students.