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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7      **Credit Value:** 60      **Total Delivered Hours:** 18  
**Total Learning Hours:** 600      **Private Study:** 582

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Summer

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	18

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	Essay 10-12000 words	100	

### Aims

1. To enable the student to undertake a detailed study of a clearly defined legal topic, issue or problem.
2. During the research process, to increase knowledge of a selected subject area and develop a greater critical awareness.
3. Be able to present such findings in an appropriate form

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate skills associated with problem-solving and decision-making based on own research and analysis demonstrated through legal writing and communication skills
- 2 Identify and summarise relevant information and develop an evidence-based approach to research and demonstrate competency in using information technology
- 3 Demonstrate the capacity to work independently and to professional standards and display high order skills in legal research and legal writing
- 4 Manage time and develop independent learning for continuous development
- 5 Research effectively through a selection of appropriate theories, methodologies and techniques using primary and secondary materials
- 6 Formulate judgements and identify a range of possible solutions to a given problem.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay 10-12000 words	1	2	3	4	5	6
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## Outline Syllabus

*Content is indicative rather than definitive*

*The module is an independent research project under the supervision of an academic with specialist knowledge within the specialist subject area.*

## Learning Activities

1. Research into topics and produce masters level research material to develop a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to own research or advanced scholarship.
2. Independent Study
3. Evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and where appropriate to propose new hypotheses
4. Research into topics within the syllabus and demonstrate self direction and originality in tackling and solving problems
5. Act autonomously in planning and implementing the task at a professional or equivalent level
6. Independent research under the guidance and supervision of supervising tutor

## Notes

The Dissertation module is the culmination of the whole programme of study bringing

together aspects of various learning skills in addition to those highlighted as specific learning outcomes. The module content is based around a negotiated topic area following discussions with tutors and introduced at a preliminary stage in the Advanced Legal Research Methods module as a Research Proposal.