Legal Research Skills for Practitioners

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7101LAWLR
Formal Module Title	Legal Research Skills for Practitioners
Owning School	Law
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	10
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	Pass/Not Pass

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Law

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	9
Seminar	6

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1) To provide students with the research tools and skills necessary to undertake and engage successfully in independent legal research study at M level2) To enable students to present legal issues, disputes and attendant intellectual argument in a structured and comprehensible manner sufficient to embark upon preparation for a M level dissertation.

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate skills associated with problem-solving and decision making based on own research and analysis demonstrated through legal writing and communication skills.
MLO2	2	Demonstrate the capacity to work independently and to professional standards and display high order skills in legal research and writing.
MLO3	3	Apply critical and analytical skills associated with legal analysis to identified scenario and situations.
MLO4	4	Research effectively through a selection of appropriate theories, methodologies and techniques using primary and secondary materials.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	1. Introduction to studying at Masters level2. Selection of research questions by negotiation with a supervisor3. Identifying and locating legal sources4. Legal research methodologies: Doctrinal, socio-legal and comparative.5. Learning about Research Ethics6. Developing a research plan7. Constructing a dissertation proposal8. Writing a Dissertation proposal/Chapter sample
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This is a Core module on the LLM Legal Practice.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	2,500 words	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts