

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Legal Research Skills for Practitioners
Status: Definitive
Code: **7101LAWLR** (124057)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 10 **Total Delivered Hours:** 15
Total Learning Hours: 100 **Private Study:** 85

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	9
Seminar	6

Grading Basis: Pass/Not Pass

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	Proposal	2,500 Words	100	

Aims

- 1) To provide students with the research tools and skills necessary to undertake and engage successfully in independent legal research study at M level
- 2) 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.

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 Demonstrate the capacity to work independently and to professional standards and display high order skills in legal research and writing.
- 3 Apply critical and analytical skills associated with legal analysis to identified scenario and situations.
- 4 Research effectively through a selection of appropriate theories, methodologies and techniques using primary and secondary materials.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2,500 words	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to studying at Masters level*
2. *Selection of research questions by negotiation with a supervisor*
3. *Identifying and locating legal sources*
4. *Legal research methodologies: Doctrinal, socio-legal and comparative.*
5. *Learning about Research Ethics*
6. *Developing a research plan*
7. *Constructing a dissertation proposal*
8. *Writing a Dissertation proposal/Chapter sample*

Learning Activities

Lectures
Seminars

Notes

This is a Core module on the LLM Legal Practice.