

Law and Court Room Skills

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7106FSBMOL
Formal Module Title	Law and Court Room Skills
Owning School	Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Pharmacy & Biomolecular Sciences

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	10
Off Site	20
Practical	10
Seminar	6
Workshop	4

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of British law 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 To discuss regulation, validation and potential bias within the forensic field.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Write thorough and coherent expert witness statements and defend their opinions and findings in a court room setting
MLO2	2	Undertake a critical appraisal of law relevant to their subject specialism
MLO3	3	Discourse in depth, showing a thorough understanding, on changing regulations and areas of current importance in the forensic field

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	A range of relevant topics will be included around the whole crime scene to court route including the role of the forensic personnel and the criminal justice system in Britain. Some discussion relating to differences and similarities with other jurisdictions will be included. Aspects to particularly note will include: Crime scene processing, maintaining the chain of custody and continuity of evidence Photography (basic and advanced) and the use of technology both within the crime scene and during analysis. Cognitive bias - the importance of avoiding this within the crime scene, analysis and interpretation of results. The role and regulation of the expert witness including pre court and court room The role of the forensic regulator in Britain Validation of techniques and ethical considerations Essay and statement writing
Module Overview	This module discusses the criminal justice systems under which a Forensic Scientist may work and examines expert witness testimony. Aspects of regulation and quality assurance are touched upon.
Additional Information	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 law but there will be scope to specialise in specific country law if appropriate for individual students.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	40	0	MLO3, MLO2
Presentation	Court room presentation	60	0	MLO3, MLO1

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Suzanne McColl	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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