

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Capital Punishment in America  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **7140LAWPL** (126775)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Law  
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ7  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 12  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 188

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	12

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	5000 words essay	100	

### Aims

*This module will give you an overview of the law governing the application of the death penalty in the context of the moral, social, and political questions raised by capital punishment. In discussing the legal principles and policies it offers students a "real world" view of capital litigation.*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate arguments, assumptions and abstract concepts and so formulate judgements and identify a range of solutions to a given problem
- 2 Develop an ability to exercise initiative when faced with novel and/or complex problem situations
- 3 Manage time and develop independent learning for continuous development

### **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

5000 words essay                    1            2            3

### **Outline Syllabus**

- 1. Introduction to the Death Penalty and its History*
- 2. Criminal Procedure in a Death Penalty case*
- 3. The Atkins Case*
- 4. The legal Philosophy behind the death penalty and the opposing arguments*

### **Learning Activities**

Seminars

### **Notes**

This is an Option Module.