

## Advanced Legal Research Methods

### Module Information

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#### Summary Information

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| Module Code         | 7511UNICAF                      |
| Formal Module Title | Advanced Legal Research Methods |
| Owning School       | Law                             |
| Career              | Postgraduate Taught             |
| Credits             | 20                              |
| Academic level      | FHEQ Level 7                    |
| Grading Schema      | Pass/Not Pass                   |

#### Teaching Responsibility

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| LJMU Schools involved in Delivery |
| LJMU Partner Taught               |

#### Partner Teaching Institution

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| Institution Name |
| Unicaf           |

#### Learning Methods

| Learning Method Type | Hours |
|----------------------|-------|
| Online               | 18    |

#### Module Offering(s)

| Display Name | Location | Start Month | Duration Number Duration Unit |
|--------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| JAN-PAR      | PAR      | January     | 28 Weeks                      |

#### Aims and Outcomes

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| Aims | 1. To introduce research methodologies available for conducting research in law and criminal justice.2. To facilitate development of Master's level technical legal and criminal justice research.3. To encourage a Master's level degree of independence and responsibility.4. To introduce key research methodologies for researching law and criminal justice.5. To develop the technical research requirements of a Master's Dissertation. |
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**After completing the module the student should be able to:**

### Learning Outcomes

| Code | Number | Description  |
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| MLO1 | 1      | Show originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry may be used to create and interpret knowledge in relevant areas of law and criminal justice. |
| MLO2 | 2      | Have a systematic understanding and critical awareness of current problems and contemporary issues and/or insights into the changing nature of UK and international law and criminal justice.  |
| MLO3 | 3      | Demonstrate skills associated with problem-solving and decision making based on own research and analysis demonstrated through legal writing and communication skills.   |
| MLO4 | 4      | Apply critical and analytical skills associated with legal analysis to identified scenario and situations.   |

### Module Content

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| Outline Syllabus       | 1. Introducing the Module2. What is a Master's dissertation?3. Writing at Master's level4. Developing Research Aims, Individual Research Objectives, Research Title/Question5. The Literature Review6. Research Methodologies for Law and Criminal Justice Dissertations7. Sample Chapter Outline, Abstracts8. Supervision and work planning |
| Module Overview        |  |
| Additional Information | The module teaches students how to draft a Dissertation Proposal and introduces some basic methodological issues for the research of law and criminal justice, building on their research undertaken to date and preparing them for their Master's Dissertation and intensive independent learning.  |

### Assessments

| Assignment Category | Assessment Name  | Weight | Exam/Test Length (hours) | Module Learning Outcome Mapping |
|---------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Report              | 4500 word report | 100    | 0                        | MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4          |

### Module Contacts

#### Module Leader

| Contact Name    | Applies to all offerings | Offerings |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Richard Ridyard | Yes                      | N/A       |

#### Partner Module Team

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| Contact Name | Applies to all offerings | Offerings |
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