

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CYBERSPACE LAW
Status: Definitive
Code: **7514LAWBC** (106765)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 15.00
Total Delivered Hours: 24.00
Total Learning Hours: 150
Private Study: 126

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12.000
Seminar	12.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay 4,000 - 6,000 words	100.0	

Aims

- 1. To provide a detailed analysis, particularly through the writings of Lawrence Lessig, of the extent to which the four main influences or constraints on behaviour are: law, social norms, architecture and market forces, operate in cyberspace.*
- 2. To consider the extent to which these constraints affect the nature and form of regulation in cyberspace*
- 3. To consider the particular regulatory challenges in cyberspace in relation to intellectual property, crime, e-commerce, privacy and free speech.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 To understand the development of the internet and cyberspace
- 2 Demonstrate an awareness and depth of understanding of the main policy and doctrinal issues in, and development of the law of cyberspace.
- 3 To appreciate the impact on regulation of the development of the information revolution and cyberspace and the role of the traditional concepts of public and private law, national and international law and state law and self-regulation.
- 4 To analyse the responses to these challenges in particular in relation to intellectual property, crime, e-commerce, privacy and free speech.
- 5 Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and rank unfamiliar arguments in the light of established statute law, judicial decisions and authoritative legal commentary

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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Outline Syllabus

Cyberspace : History and development of the Internet. Cyberspace – a new legal jurisdiction.

Cyberspace Regulation – Cyberspace revolution and the explosion of innovation, the threat to commercial interests and the counter revolution in terms of new laws and technologies.

Intellectual Property on the web : the challenge to the balance between rights holders and users. Copyright protection on the Internet, of copyright works e.g. webs sites, music (MP3), video, and images as affected by technology developments. P2P systems and the end of Napster? The counter-revolution and the commercial fight back

Cyber Crime : Crimes involving the Internet, pornography, hacking, fraud, cyberstalking. The dark side of the net – national security, extremist sites.

Commerce in Cyberspace : E-commerce and the legal Challenges in e-commerce - tax, jurisdiction, authentication, contractual issues, consumer protection.

Free Speech and Privacy in Cyberspace : The dark side of the web, cybersmut, race and extremist sites. Privacy, defamation, email, anonymity on the net, cyber-surveillance, e-gambling.

Learning Activities

Lectures and Seminars

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Lessig, L.
Publishing Year	1999
Title	Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace
Subtitle	
Edition	1st
Publisher	Vintage Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Lessig, L.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	The Future of Ideas:
Subtitle	The Fate of the Commons in a Connected World
Edition	1st
Publisher	Vintage Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Edwards, L.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	The New Legal Framework for E-Commerce in Europe
Subtitle	
Edition	1st
Publisher	Hart Publishers
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Akdeniz Y, Walker, C. and Wall, D
Publishing Year	2000
Title	The Internet, Law and Society
Subtitle	
Edition	1st
Publisher	Longman
ISBN	

Notes

This module will examine the debate on cyberspace regulation and consider the

extent to which the traditional conceptual boundaries – that is the divisions between public and private law, between national and international law and between state law and self-regulation offer an adequate intellectual framework to provide for appropriate regulation of cyberspace.