

Mental Health Law

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7543LAWINF
Formal Module Title	Mental Health Law
Owning School	Law
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Informa Connect

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	30

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
APR-PAR	PAR	April	12 Weeks
JAN-PAR	PAR	January	12 Weeks

SEP_NS-PAR	PAR	September (Non-standard start date)	12 Weeks
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Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module examines the concepts and constructs of mental disorder/illness employed within the legal and psychiatric domains and their congruence and 'dialogue'. It explores models of compulsion in relation to institutionalisation, community supervision and treatment, comparing regimes in different jurisdictions and examining human rights and civil liberties issues and the protection of third parties. The psychiatric excuses employed by the criminal law (insanity, diminished responsibility, etc) and fitness to plead will undergo detailed scrutiny and critical appraisal, in addition to the disposal options and implications for those found not guilty by reason of insanity or unfit to plead, and the 'therapeutic' sentencing options for mentally disordered convicted persons.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Identify and prioritise source materials needed for a proper understanding of the subject
MLO2	2	Demonstrate a critical awareness of the factors which shape Mental Health Law
MLO3	3	Analyse and critically appreciate the practices within the Mental Health field
MLO4	4	Develop a wide awareness of Mental Health law, and apply it critically in a variety of contexts

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Notions of mental health and mental disorder Classifications of mental disorder in law and their relationship with psychiatric concepts and diagnostic categories Mental disorder and fitness to plead to criminal charges Psychiatric excuses in the criminal law i.e. insanity, diminished responsibility, infanticide and provocation Informal mental patients in hospital Legal regimes for involuntary hospitalisation of the mentally disordered Compulsory powers of treatment of the mentally disordered Procedural issues relating to the use of compulsory powers Control and discipline of sectioned patients Human rights issues affecting mental patients Protecting third parties from dangerous mental patients Treating patients in the community e.g. supervised community treatment Hospital orders, sentences with psychiatric treatment conditions, diversionary schemes, etc
Module Overview	
Additional Information	There are no professional body requirements at this stage, however developments will be monitored and where appropriate, incorporated into module content.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay 1	40	0	MLO1, MLO2
Essay	Essay 2	60	0	MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Emmanuel Guinchard	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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