Department of Law LLB(Hons) Programme Module Options Booklet 2022 – 2023

LLB(Hons) Law Undergraduate Programme

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Introduction to Module Options booklet

In this booklet you will find information about each of the options you can choose to study next year. The modules available to study in the second year are listed under the heading 'Level 2 modules' and the modules available to study in the third/final year are listed as 'Level 3 modules'.

In each year you have to study up to 120 credits to complete your degree.

If you wish your degree to be a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD), which you will need if you wish to take the Legal Practice Course (to be a solicitor) or the Bar Training Course (to be a barrister) after you graduate, you will have to study the following modules:

- Level 2 – Land Law
- Level 3 – Equity and Trusts

Alternatively, you have the option to do a non-QLD but instead to take the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) after your degree (please see the separate information folder about the SQE under 'Careers Information' on the LLB programme blackboard site).

In addition to the above, every student has to study one core module in each year:

- Level 2 – Torts Law
- Level 3 – EU Law

For students who choose to do a sandwich degree – either because they apply to study for a year abroad after their second year and before their final/fourth year or they find a year-long placement after their second year – you will study one 15 credit module during your sandwich year and so in your final year you will have to choose the 15 credit Law Project module along with three (not four) other 30 credit modules.

When choosing your two or three optional modules for next year, we suggest that you think about what area of law you may want to use in your future career and try to pick modules that seem related to that area. For instance, if you want to become a criminal solicitor or go into the police then modules related to crime will work well with that career. This is a great opportunity to think about life after you graduate and what areas of law interest you the most. In addition to the above, please note that all modules may be subject to change including name, syllabus content, assessment method and staffing. Modules are offered subject to demand and staff availability.

If you require any further information about choosing your modules please:

- attend the **Options Fair** to ask any questions;
- read the **Module Options booklet** for modules you're interested in;
- after doing the above, you can then **contact the module leader** (details are listed in this booklet) with any module-specific questions.

Level 2 Modules:

Commercial Law (UJUULB-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: **Diana Johnson**
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Syllabus - what will you study?

The module team will adopt an innovative and student-centred approach that seeks to encourage students to critically engage with the subject matter of the module. This will be based on interactive lectures and interactive discussions between the students and module team during seminars.

Topics covered:

- Banking Regulation
- Consumer Credit
- Agency
- Sale of Goods

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A: 10 minute individual recorded presentation (40% of total mark)

Component B: Online exam containing multiple choice questions and two essay questions (60% of total mark)

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Verbal Communication Skills
- Written Communication Skills
- Self-confidence
- Commercial Awareness
- Attention to detail
- Creative Problem Solving
- Information analysis and research
- Analytical and logical reasoning
- Professionalism

Dispute Resolution Skills (UJUUJJ-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: **Emma Whewell**
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Effective dispute resolution beyond the court room has a key role to play in the modern justice system. This module will encourage you to explore and develop your understanding of the theory and practice of dispute resolution approaches with a view to equipping you with key skills which you will be able to use in your future legal career.

This module features the following elements:

- Unit 1, you will receive a grounding in a range of core legal skills including case analysis, interviewing and advising.
- Unit 2, you will explore the theory and practise the skills involved in negotiation.
- Unit 3, you will explore the theory and practise the skills involved in mediation.
- Unit 4, you will explore the theory and practise the skills involved in advocacy and arbitration.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

A – Oral skills assessment (15 minutes in the role of a mediator)- 30% of total mark.

B – Pebble e-portfolio including reflective analysis of your learning in all four study units (no word limit); a research task (1000-word limit) and a research record (600-word limit) - 70% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Critical skills
- Analytical skills
- Evaluative skills
- Research skills
- Communication
- Time-management
- Organisational
- Problem solving

Employment Law (UJUUJR-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: Contract Law [UJUTN3-30-1]

QLD: No

Module Leader: Ian Coutts
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Employment Law is hugely important, determining people's rights in the workplace, and the obligations of the organisations they work for. It will almost certainly impact on you in some way in your future lives, whether working for somebody else, employing people who work for you, as a business owner, HR manager, solicitor/barrister in legal practice.

It is a very topical area of law, you may have seen 2 recent important Supreme Court decisions, one concerning the rights of drivers working for Uber, another involving claims by female employees of Asda seeking equality of pay with their male colleagues.

We look at 6 key topics:

- Distinguishing who is an employee/self-employed, why this is important
- Employees contractual rights (including when people lose their jobs)
- How employers protect information and customers from their ex-employees
- Key statutory employment rights, including the law of unfair dismissal
- Redundancy (legal rights/obligations when a business cuts job)
- Tackling discrimination within the workplace (e.g. Harassment, Equal Pay)

For more information about why you might consider this module watch the overview video here.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Exam: 1 essay/problem question (from a choice of 3) on Semester 1 topics - **40%** of total mark.

Case Study Coursework: problem analysis, unfair dismissal case study (1500 words) **30%** of total mark.

Essay Coursework: short essay on equality law (choice of topics) (1000 words) **30%** of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Verbal Communication Skills
- Written Communication Skills
- Organisation
- Team Working
- Commercial Awareness
- Information analysis and research
- Analytical and logical reasoning
- Strategic thinking

Environmental Law (UJUUJE-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Dr Onita Das
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Syllabus - what will you study?

This module provides students with a critical and practical introduction to environmental law, exploring UK environmental law as well as wider environmental law at EU and international levels. Topics include:

- history of environmental law
- sustainable development and SDGs
- environmental crime
- environmental protection related to security and armed conflict
- climate change and climate litigation
- environment and human rights
- ecocide

For more information about why you might consider choosing this module, watch the module leader's overview video here.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Case Analysis Report - 40% of total mark.

Component B – Essay – 60% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Research (including Legal Research)
- Legal referencing
- Critical analysis
- Problem solving
- Case analysis
- Communication (oral and written)
- Team work
- Independent learning

Forensic Evidence (USSJT4-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: The module assumes you have the equivalent of a GCSE in Science.

QLD: No

Module Leader: Dr Andy Tubb
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Syllabus – what will you study?

This module is about the application of forensic science to a crime scene. It considers the identification and collection of evidence, how it is processed and then presented to court. It is about the process of law, and not the law as such.

Crime scene investigation and evidence collection and recording. Includes a practical scene investigation. Crime scene reporting.

Processing evidence – blood, hair, fibre, explosives, arson, glass, guns, writing, IT devices, paint, drugs, alcohol, fingerprints, DNA, glass, wildlife and poisons.

Evidence strength and reporting to court.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam 2 hours, 50 % of total mark.

Component B – Coursework – Individual report of group practical scene investigation 25 % of total mark, MCQ tests (best 5 from 6), 25 % of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

The key skills developed throughout the module are:

- Understanding of physical evidence – what is evidence, how strong it is and how significant it is.
- Critically examining crime scene processing and evaluation of evidence.
- Understanding the role and limitations of expert witnesses.
- Knowledge of scientific techniques and how they may be applied.

Information Technology Law – UJUULC-30-2

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None *(though maybe a GTX 1060 or above)*

QLD: No

Module Leader: Dr Martina C Gillen
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For further information about this module, please email Ben Davies (ben5.davies@uwe.ac.uk)

Syllabus - what will you study?

IT Law covers a diverse range of topics including commercial, social and policy issues. The first semester is focused on a practical review of the legal issues surrounding data protection and cybersecurity that you could well be asked to advise on in almost any workplace as a law graduate.

In semester 2 we look at a range of issues from copyright and social media manipulation to Web3.0 (blockchain) and cyberwarfare. Owing to the proliferation of sophisticated technology and data harvesting practices, cyberlaw touches almost every area of legal practice. Background in computer science is not at all required but you'll learn about some of the core concepts at a basic level so that you will be more comfortable talking to techies about the legal implications of these issues.

Artificial intelligence will be an undercurrent throughout most of the topics and a study unit in its own right. This is because autonomous and semi-autonomous software is commonplace across almost all services deployed in the last 5-10 years and understanding its regulation and operation is critically important as business and even government rely on it more and more.

- Introduction to networking and cyberlaw theory
- Data protection
- Cybersecurity and hacking
- Online hate speech and social media issues
- Copyright
- Artificial intelligence (and Web3)
- Cyber-warfare

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Advice to Client (like a problem question, 1500 words) 40% of total mark.

Component B – Coursework (essay question of 2500 words) worth 60% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Basic Understanding of technology (taught as part of course)
- Evaluation of complex information
- Application of learning to factual scenarios
- Communication skills
- Teamworking

Land Law (UJUUKT-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: Foundations for Law + 60 Further credits

QLD: Yes, Land Law is a compulsory subject for a Qualifying Law Degree

Module Leader: Marcus Keppel-Palmer
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Land Law consists of the required basic legal knowledge underpinning the ownership of land, the rights and obligations that go with the land, the key differences between freehold and leasehold, as well as the obligations on a mortgage. Land Law is all about the law facilitating the buying and selling of property, and the law maximising the use of land. Land Law affects everyone.

Topics covered include: The definitions of Land; Interests and Estates in Land; Registration of Land; Trusts and Co-ownership; Mortgages; Easements and Covenants.

Land Law also looks at the use of land in context and where appropriate draws international comparisons.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Online Exam worth 60% of total mark (at the end of the module).

Component B - MCQ Test worth 40% of total mark (at the end of the first teaching block).

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Problem solving skills – in most workshops you will be presented with a factual situation and ask to unravel complex facts, identify the relevant law and advise a client. This will help you develop your research skills, critical analysis skills, fact management skills, and communication skills.
- Drafting skills – in Land Law you will meet documentation used in property law practice. This will give you an opportunity to engage with the key legal skills of writing and drafting.
- Statutory Interpretation – Land Law is principally a subject based in statute, and so the subject enables you to develop the key legal skill of interpretation of statutes. Some aspects of Land Law are based in case law – so you will have opportunities to develop your understanding of reading and applying case law.

Law of Torts (UJUUKU-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: Foundations for Law + 60 further credits

QLD: Yes

Module Leaders: Stephen Higgins and Amy Man
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Syllabus - what will you study?

A tort is a civil wrong for which the law provides a remedy to the injured party. This module will provide students with a knowledge and understanding of the conceptual basis of tortious liability and the principles governing a number of the most important torts. The topics covered in this module are:

- Negligence
- Occupiers' Liability
- Trespass to Land
- Nuisance
- Defences
- Remedies (damages and injunctive relief)

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A- 24-hour online 4 question exam based on Semester 2 topics. (50% of total mark)

Component B- Coursework on Semester 1 topics (50% of total mark)

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Problem-solving
- Research and information analysis
- Attention to detail
- Logical reasoning and persuasiveness
- Effective use of primary and secondary legal sources
- Communication
- Organisation and time management

Migration, Law and Policy (UJUUJF-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD : No

Module Leader: Dr Jessica Elliott
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Migration, law and policy is a hot topic in the news and is seen as an essential ingredient in many people's lives today. This module would be a good option for those who are interested in understanding current migration issues and policy around migration and why people move; whether illegally or otherwise. It is particularly applicable for those considering a career as a practicing lawyer, in the third sector, or offering advice in legal centres. This module allows the exploration of the practical application of law and policy to key issues in migration.

Topics covered include (but are not restricted to):

- Asylum and Refugee Law
- The UK Points-Based System
- The Asylum Process
- Human Trafficking
- Migration and human rights
- Family Migration
- The EU: Free Movement
- Asylum in the EU

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam – 24 hours, answer ANY TWO essay-style questions, 2,500-word limit (1250 per essay), 50% of total mark for the module.

Component B – Rewrite part of a prominent judgment on an area of migration law and policy, 2500 words, 50% of total mark for the module.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Creative Problem Solving
- Written Communication Skills
- Adaptability
- Analytical and logical reasoning
- Thirst for Knowledge

Public International Law (UJUUJU-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Noëlle Quénivet
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Semester one: Basics of Public International Law

- The Sources of International Law
- The Subjects of International Law
- Jurisdiction and Immunities
- The Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes
- State Responsibility

Semester two (possible themes):

- International Human Rights Law
- Use of Force and Collective Security
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Criminal Law
- Law of the Sea, Space and Outer Space Law

Current Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Portfolio comprised of two elements (each element is worth 50% of the Component A mark); 30% of the overall mark.

Component B – Blog post assignment (blog post, comments, and reply); 70% of the overall mark.

Proposed Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – 2,000-word piece of coursework; 50% of the overall mark.

Component B – 2,000-word piece of coursework; 50% of the overall mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Written communication skills;
- Critical analysis;
- Understanding of law in its social, economic and political context;
- Research skills.

Sexual Offences and Offending (UJUUJW-30-2)

Level: 2

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Thomas Smith
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Syllabus - what will you study?

The purpose of this module is to examine the treatment of sexual offences within the criminal justice system. The module examines a range of issues, including: police and court responses to rape, the assistance given to vulnerable witnesses, rape complainant/defendant anonymity, the impact and limits of legal reform, legal responses to sex work, the possession and distribution of indecent images of children, consensual sexual offences, and rehabilitation and management of sexual offenders. In addition, the module examines how the criminal justice system has responded to the risk posed by sex offenders living in the community, including: public disclosure of the criminal history of sex offenders, polygraph tests, chemical castration and the imposition of court orders. The focus of this module is on how legal rules are interpreted and enforced by the criminal justice system. It examines where there has been improvement in criminal justice responses and where there is a need for further change. This has the advantage of examining the criminal justice system as it operates in practice, rather than simply as a set of abstract procedures and processes.

This module is relevant to anyone with an interest in criminal justice, sexual offending and the management of serious risk via the use of criminal procedure.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam 2 hrs where you answer 2 questions from 6 possible questions drawn from both TB1 and 2. The exam is worth 40% of total mark.

Component B – 2,500-word piece of coursework. This coursework will be drawn from your learning in TB1. This coursework is worth 60% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

In this module you will develop the following key skills:

- Critical analysis
- Time management
- An analysis of how policy and practice interweave
- Essay writing
- Socio-legal Research
- Referencing.

Level 3 Modules:

Company Law in Context (UJUUKP-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Dr Sabine Hassler
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Syllabus (what will you study?)

Companies are the cornerstone of much of legal practice as well as commercial and economic life. This module therefore aims at providing a sound understanding of the essential principles of company.

Part 1 - INCORPORATING A COMPANY

- Business Organisations
- Corporate Personality
- Registration: Process and Key Actors
- Articles of Association
- Corporate Decision-Making
- Raising Corporate Capital

Part 2 - RUNNING A COMPANY

- Loan Capital
- Capital Maintenance
- Directors' Duties (Framework, Breaches, Liability and Consequences)
- Corporate Liability
- Corporate Governance
- Membership Disputes and Minority Protection

Assessment Component A (100%) – how will you be assessed?

Coursework 1 - Incorporating a Company (30% of total mark).
Coursework 2 - Running a Company (70% of total mark).

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Written communication skills
- Information analysis
- Analytical and logical reasoning
- Commercial awareness
- Creative problem solving
- Organisation and time management

Constitutional Law in Context (UJUUL6-30-3)*

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: Provides study in one of the key areas of law necessary for further legal study

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Syllabus - what will you study?

This module explores the core ideas of the uncodified and unentrenched UK constitution considering contemporary events. We consider how fit the constitutional settlement is for purpose and how it impacts the government of the UK today. In semester two we consider the role of the judiciary in terms of judicial review under the common law and the Human Rights Act 1998.

- Constitutional Sources and Formation
- Parliament
- Constitutional Conventions
- Separation of Powers
- Rule of Law
- Parliamentary Supremacy
- Judicial Review

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam 50% of total mark.

Component B – Coursework 50% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Evaluate Complex Information
- Engage with sociological and political context
- Apply knowledge to complex scenarios
- Engage with ideas of citizenship

***NB This module is only available to Joint Awards students seeking a qualifying law degree or Joint Awards students who have transferred onto the LLB Programme and did not take Constitutional and Administrative Law in their first year.**

Criminal Justice (UJUUL4-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Thomas Smith
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Syllabus - what will you study?

The module examines the criminal justice from its initiation – for example through the use of police powers such as stop and search and arrest – through to its conclusion through punishment of offenders. The module examines the way in which the law regulates the use of state power to investigate, adjudicate and punish criminal behaviour, using statistical and research evidence to illustrate how this happens in practice. A key theme that will become apparent is the importance of recognising differences between law 'on paper' and 'in reality', and analysing the issues arising from this gap. The module also examines broader socio-legal issues, such as the use of police discretion and the impact this has on social groups, particularly minority communities; and the impact of criminal processes on fair trials rights and vulnerable individuals. Topics covered include police treatment of suspects in custody, the 'right to silence', disclosure of evidence, confessions, the trial process, and the use of prison to punish.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A: Online exam (50% of total mark).
The student will answer two questions from 8 different topics drawn from semesters 1 and 2.

Component B: One 2500-word essay (50% of total mark).
Students will have two opportunities to complete this – one at the end of TB1 and one at the end of TB2; students must complete at least one out of the two, with the best mark being accepted for contribution to the overall module mark. Completion of both offers the benefit of feedback on the first essay which can be applied to the second.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

In this module you will develop the following key skills:
Critical analysis; time management; an analysis of how policy and practice interweave; essay writing, Socio-legal Research and referencing

Dissertation (UJUTA7-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Tom Smith
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Syllabus - what will you study?

The module offers a rare opportunity for students to define, develop, and produce their own academic ideas in relation to issues of personal interest to them. As such, it is hoped that students will find themselves more invested in this module and will find it rewarding and enjoyable.

On this module, students will work (with the support of a supervisor) to independently research and produce a dissertation on a legal topic of their choosing.

A dissertation should not be seen as an easy option. While students will be able to attend timetabled support lectures and are expected to have regular contact with their allocated supervisors, in order to achieve good results students are required to undertake a great deal of independent research. As such, the module involves substantial commitment and effort, as well as organisation and discipline.

Note: if you wish to take this module, you must complete a Proposal Form (which can be found on your Programme Blackboard pages) and submit it to the email address provided by 14.00 on 21 March 2022. You will not be able to select the module via the OMC.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A –	A1 Research Plan (3000 words)	15% of total mark
	A2 Dissertation (10,000-12,000 words)	85% of total mark

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Design and conduct of research;
- Critical analysis and evaluation of academic literature and resources;
- Development of in-depth knowledge and understanding on a topic of your choosing;
- High-level written communication skills;
- Planning, organisation and self-motivation.

Equity and Trusts (UJUTK4-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30 credits

Pre-requisites: Either UJUTN3-30-1 Law of Contract OR UJUUKT-30-2 Land Law

QLD: Yes

Module Leader: Dr Eleanor Harries
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Equity is a singular area of law which seeks to achieve justice where the common law fails, and as such it touches upon many different areas of law. Focusing on the use of trusts, you will consider how trusts are formed, the duties trustees must discharge and the surprisingly wide range of legal problems addressed through their application.

- Principles of Equity
- Formalities of Trusts
- Trusts of the Family Home
- Proprietary Estoppel
- Disposition of Property on Death
- Charitable Trusts
- Trustees Duties
- Fiduciary Duties

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A- Exam, 24 Hours, 2 questions (60% of total mark).

Component B1- MCQ Test (16% of total mark).

Component B2- Coursework, 1000 words (24% of total mark).

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Legal research, legal analysis and application;
- Critical analysis and evaluation;
- Synthesis of materials to form coherent and persuasive arguments;
- Time management and planning.

European Law (UJUUKS-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: Yes

Module Leader: Christian Dadomo
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Semester one: Institutional law and remedies

- Foundations and constitutional pillars of European Union Law
- The European judiciary and remedies

Semester two: The law of the internal market

- European Citizenship and freedom to exercise an economic activity
- Free movement of goods

Current Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A - 2 online tests consisting of a mix of online MCQs and short answers questions, worth 40% of the final mark. The better mark of the 2 tests is taken.

Component B - 2,500-word coursework worth 60% of the overall mark with a choice of two questions (either a case commentary/essay or problem question)

Proposed Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – 2,000-word piece of coursework; 40% of the overall mark

Component B – 2,500-word coursework worth 60% of the overall mark with a choice of two questions (either a case commentary/essay or problem question)

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Legal research, legal analysis and application;
- Case commentary;
- Time management and planning.

Family Law (UJUTK7-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leaders: Emma Whewell and Ruth Gaffney-Rhys
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Families are said to be essential building blocks in society, bearing primary responsibility for the education and socialization of children, and contributing to our place in the world as adults. In this module, we will consider the rights, duties and responsibilities of family members and how and why our understanding of what constitutes a 'family', 'abuse' and 'a fair outcome' is constantly evolving.

This module will feature a selection from the following topics:

- The nature, meaning and role of the 'family' and of 'family law' in the 21st century
- Dispute resolution, privacy and transparency
- Adult relationships, finance and the home in the context of:
    - Intimate relationships, cohabitation, and matrimonial orders including non - marriage, presumption of marriage, forced and predatory marriage, nullity, separation, divorce and civil partnership dissolution;
    - Domestic abuse, violence, stalking, harassment and coercive control
    - Capacity and death
- Children:
    - Conception, surrogacy, parental responsibility;
    - Child arrangements, specific issue and prohibited steps orders;
    - Parental child abduction;
    - State intervention: care, supervision, special guardianship, and adoption orders

Assessment – The following is proposed for 2022/2023:

Component A – Coursework – Essay (2000-word limit) plus Reflective Log (500-word limit) - 50% of total mark.

Component B – Coursework – Answer to a problem question (2500-word limit) - 50% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Critical skills
- Analytical skills
- Evaluative skills
- Research skills
- Communication
- Time-management
- Organisational
- Problem-solving

Gender and the Law (UJUTA9-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

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Syllabus - what will you study?

Gender and Law considers whether the law is always applied impartially to those before it. Both historically and continuing today, there is evidence that one's sex, gender, race, ethnicity and sexuality can impact upon the rights, opportunities or treatment one can expect from our legal system. To this end, we discuss and analyse a wide range of related contemporary issues, including:

- Transgender identities
- Prostitution
- Diversity in the Legal Profession
- Pornography
- Motherhood
- Domestic Abuse
- Gender-Based Violence
- Human Trafficking

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – 50% - Exam, 24 hours duration, answer ANY TWO essay-style questions, 2500-word limit (1250 word limit per essay).

Component B – 50% - Coursework, one 3000-word essay.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Self-confidence
- Verbal Communication Skills
- Thirst for knowledge

Globalisation Trade and Natural Resources Law (UJUUH4-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leaders: Elena Blanco and Jona Razzaque
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Syllabus - what will you study?

The module introduces the legal approaches to globalisation and the management and exploitation of natural resources. The focus is on the social, political, environmental, economic and ethical context in which the legal debate takes place. Topics covered are:

- Accessing Resources: Humans, the Planet and Transnational Corporations
- Global Supply Chains
- Corporate Food System
- Renewable Energy
- Water Resources
- Forests
- Oil and Gas
- Plastic pollution
- Extractive Industries

For more information about why you might consider choosing this module,
Watch an overview video of the module from the module leader

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A: Research Trail – 1500 words (30% of total mark).

Component B: Coursework - 3500 words (70% of total mark).

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

Project based work as well as directed and independent research will equip you with a variety of highly sought-after transferable employability skills:

- Legal research, legal analysis and application
- Independent working and time management
- Writing and presenting information on a specific topic

Intellectual Property Law (UJUTKB-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

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For further information about this module, please contact Lucy Rees (Lucy.Rees@uwe.ac.uk)

Syllabus - what will you study?

This course offers students a firm foundation in the law of intellectual property, a vital and growing area of modern legal practice. IP is increasingly seen as one of the key assets of the modern company, from asserting and maintaining the image and branding of the corporation to protecting important artistic and industrial products. This module will give students insight into this important and fast growing area of law.

- Justifications for intellectual property law
- Passing off and trade marks
- Breach of confidence, misuse of private information, trade secrets
- Copyright and associated rights
- Patents
- Remedies

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam 60% of total mark.

Component B – Coursework (2000) 40% of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Engage with complex information
- Independent research
- Apply legal knowledge to business contexts
- Communicate clearly

Law in Action (UJUTAF-30-3)*

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: Georgina Dance
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***Please note this module is by prior application only - it cannot be selected through the module allocator.**

Syllabus - what will you study?

Law in Action provides students with the exciting opportunity to incorporate a legal work experience placement into a credit baring module. The module has no formal lectures, and you are expected to work independently, while meeting regularly with your module supervisor to discuss your project and reflective logs. The module requires an application and interview before you are accepted, and this process is normally carried out before the module allocator goes live. During the module, students are supported by the module team while they complete their placements (a minimum of 20 days either over the summer or spread weekly across the academic year) and engage with a community of students also undertaking the module to share experiences and develop professional network. Placements in the local Bristol area have included those with Foot Anstey, Cook & Co, South West Law, Avon & Bristol Law Centre, North Bristol Advice Centre, Bristol Refugee Rights, Computershare PLC, Clarke Willmott, Bevan Brittan, and Bank of Ireland.

Assessment - how will you be assessed?

Component A- Reflection: You submit a series of reflective logs looking at aspects of your placement (30% of total mark)

Component B- Project: You submit a project which explores an area of specific interest that arises out of the placement experience (70% of total mark)

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

The placement element of the module gives students the opportunity to develop practical skills through working within a real-world setting. Including: communication, professional etiquette, time management, initiative, resilience, adaptability and self-leadership. Students are encouraged to engage with each other as a community of practice**.**

Reflective logs - skills of reflection, problem solving, and critical thinking. Academic project - skills in academic research, constructing and presenting an argument, and self-directed study.

Law of Evidence (UJUTD8-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

Module Leader: James Lloyd
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Syllabus - what will you study?

In this module you will consider the rules and principles which govern the presentation of evidence in criminal trials. You'll consider, amongst other things, what information a party can present to a court and what information is likely to be banned, either by rules of law or in the judge's discretion. The topics are as follows:

- General principles
- Identification
- Confessions
- Inferences from a defendant's silence
- Illegally obtained evidence
- Hearsay
- Character
- Sexual History
- Burden and standard of proof

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam, 50 % of total mark.

Component B – Coursework, 50 % of total mark.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Practical thinking and problem solving
- Independent learning
- Research and referencing
- Written communication

Law of Financial Crime and Regulation (UJUULA-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: None

QLD: No

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Syllabus - what will you study?

The module covers a broad spectrum of financial crimes, many of which will be seen to inter-link. Financial crime is a contemporary issue, and as such the module will draw on recent events, it is important students stay up to date with current affairs and have good commercial awareness. Topics covered:

- Money Laundering
- Terrorism Financing
- Tax Evasion
- Market Manipulation
- Fraud
- Cyber Enabled Financial Crime
- Corporate Financial Crime
- Bribery and Corruption

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A- 1,500 word written assignment (35% of total mark)

Component B- 3,000-word document (65% of total mark)

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Written Communication Skills
- Verbal Communication Skill
- Self-confidence
- Commercial Awareness
- Technological skills
- Initiative
- Attention to detail
- Creative Problem Solving
- Information analysis and research
- Time management
- Analytical and logical reasoning
- Thirst for knowledge
- Strategic thinking
- Persuasion and Influence

Lawyering in Practice (UJUULD-30-3)*

Level: 3

Credits: 30

QLD: No

Pre-requisites: None

Module Leader: Rachel Wood
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***Please note this module is by prior application only - it cannot be selected through the module allocator.**

Syllabus - what will you study?

This module is based around our Business and Law Clinic and provides students with training and experience in working on simulated and live client matters. It is based around three dimensions, personal and professional development and learning about the wider legal environment in practice and society. The clinic offers advice to the public in family, employment and small claims consumer and contract law matters.

Students will:

- Train in professional legal skills including interviewing, practical legal research, writing legal advice and using a case management system.
- Work in small teams to manage and create legal advice for simulated and live clients.
- Undertake coaching to support personal and professional development.
- Develop understanding of the wider legal environment through workshop sessions.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Artefact and Viva: Examples include poster, presentation materials, blog, podcast, and 15-minute Viva appointment to discuss production of the Artefact (30% of total mark).

Reflective portfolio: Structured around the three learning dimensions, create using Pebblepad (70% of total mark)

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

Professional: interviewing, practical legal research, writing legal advice, understanding legal ethics.

Personal: time management, working in teams, leadership, emotional intelligence, presentation skills, critical reflection

Legal Environment: research, critical analysis.

Media & Entertainment Law (UJUTNG-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

QLD: No

Pre-requisites: None

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Syllabus - what will you study?

Media & Entertainment Law is concerned with the law and practice that underpins the creative arts and creative industries such as the music business, television, journalism, media, film, literature, art and games. We take a practical approach showing you examples of actual documentation used in the area, as well as covering the statute and case law in this area. This is a very topical subject and so an interest in the entertainment industry and media industry is encouraged.

Topics covered: Commercial contracts; the Music Industry; Performing Rights Organisations; Copyright law; Performers' Rights; Moral Rights; Undue Influence and Restraint of Trade; Defamation; Media Freedom; Freedom of expression; Media Regulation; Privacy; Contempt and Reporting Restrictions; Regulation of Broadcasting and Advertising – Not every subject is taught each year.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A – Exam worth 60% of total mark. The exam is at the end of the module and covers problem and essay questions. The exam is online.

Component B – Coursework worth 40% of total mark. There are two opportunities to do Coursework (max word limit 2500 words) – one in the first teaching block and one in the second teaching block. Only the higher mark counts towards your module grade.

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Problem solving skills – in most workshops you will be presented with a factual situation and ask to unravel complex facts, identify the relevant law and advise a client. This will help you develop your research skills, critical analysis skills, fact management skills.
- Drafting skills – in Media & Entertainment Law we use documentation used in practice. This will give you an opportunity to engage with the key legal skills of writing and drafting.
- Commercial Contracts – A key skill is interpreting clauses in complex commercial contracts. This requires you to understand how contracts are drafted and interpreted.
- Practical application – You may also participate in the pro bono activity BMAS (Bristol Musicians Advice Service) which gives you an opportunity to advise clients in the area.

Medical Law and Practice (UJUTNB-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

QLD: No

Pre-requisites: None

Module Leader: Marc Johnson
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Syllabus - what will you study?

Medical Law and Practice will help you develop a fuller understanding of the application of Civil and Criminal law in the context of the practice of medicine and of the relationship between patients and health care providers. It will also allow you to develop an appreciation of the social, economic, ethical and political contexts in which the law relating to medicine has developed and continues to develop.

It has two encapsulating perspectives:

What may and may not be done with a patient, who decides and how?

Medical practice set in the context of pre-birth, life and death.

The course comprises a mix of straight law, ethics, issues & thoughts for reform.
Current topic coverage includes:

Rationing health-care
Consent to medical treatment
Confidentiality
Abortion
Assisted reproduction and
Euthanasia.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A - Oral presentation and viva recorded session in summer term (50% of module)

Component B - Written coursework (95% of element mark) 2600 words and Executive Summary 400 words (5%). Submission in January. Elements to be marked as 95% and 5% then weighted accordingly to 50% of the module

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

- Critical Analysis
- Research Skills
- The ability to apply legal knowledge and analysis to factual situations
- Written and oral communication
- Problem Solving Skills
- Effective scenario Analysis
- Team Working
- Debating skills

The Law of International Trade (UJUUKQ-30-3)

Level: 3

Credits: 30

Pre-requisites: Law of Contract [UJUTN3-30-1]

QLD: No

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Syllabus – what will you study?

A student may be interested in taking this module if she/he is possibly considering a future in the Business sphere, for e.g. –

- Business Law, for e.g. in private practice in this area of the Law, in-house with import/export companies with a legal department, etc.
- However, a knowledge in this area of the Law may also be beneficial if a student is interested in careers (other than just in a legal context) for e.g. in management in companies with an import/export business.

The following are possible topics in the module:

- An Introduction to the Sale of Goods;
- FOB and CIF International Sales Contracts;
- Carriage of Goods by Sea, i.e. Sea Carriage Contracts including Bills of Lading;
- Documentary Credits, i.e. Finance Contracts for International Sales.

Assessment – how will you be assessed?

Component A: Coursework with TWO short questions. Both must be answered (50% of total mark).

Component B- Coursework essay based on a Case Study. The answer to this assessment has to be written in the form of an opinion (50% of total mark).

Key Skills – how will this module assist in your development?

We shall be looking at some Theory in relation to the above topics. We shall also be looking at several Case Studies connected to those Topics; this method should assist the student to have not just a *theoretical* outlook, but also a *practical* one allowing the student an opportunity to examine several key documents in this area. There is also an introduction to the skill of Opinion Writing. The Component B assessment answer has to be written in the form of an Opinion, i.e. as a lawyer giving advice in a case.