

LAW 002: The Legal System in Practice
15 Credits | Semester 2

In this module you will discover how the main legal professions are organised and regulated and how they are evolving to adapt to economic and regulatory forces to deliver effective and value-based legal services. Knowing how legal services work will be key to understanding how individuals, including those unable or unwilling to pay for professional legal help, experience the civil trial process. We will discover how the trial process seeks to balance procedural and substantive justice with other economic pressures such as legal costs and the availability of court resources, and we will consider how alternative dispute resolution has become a formal component of civil dispute resolution. Throughout the module you will begin to develop teamwork and communication skills which are so important in the legal dispute resolution context.

Assessment Type: Coursework (90%); Practical Assessment (5%); Practical Assessment (5%)

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LAW 101: English Legal Systems and Legal Skills
15 Credits | Semester 1

English Legal System and Legal Skills cuts across other year-one subject areas including Contract Law, Public Law, and Criminal Law. This module focuses on legal method -how lawyers locate and interpret sources of law and how those sources can be used to develop an effective argument in court or when producing assessed written work. We look at the techniques that lawyers use to interpret different types of legislation (written laws) as well as the decisions of courts ('case law'). We also explore how EU Law, the Law of the European Convention on Human Rights, and other 'supra national' sources of law affect the ways we interpret and apply domestic legislation and case law. After the basics of legal method have been covered, students then go on to learn how to locate and to use academic journal articles in order to develop effective arguments when writing discursive type law essays.

Assessment Type: Coursework (90%); Practical Assessment (5%); Practical Assessment (5%)

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LAW 105: Law of Contract
30 Credits | Whole Session

The module deals with the Law relating to legally binding obligations that allow the transfer of goods and services from one person to another. As a voluntary and freely negotiated agreement, generally, binding those parties who enter into the agreement the modules explores issues around the agreement, performance and discharge of contractual agreements. We will also examine how the Statute has intervened to protect the consumer and the interaction between the common law and statute.

Assessment Type: Examination (90%); Coursework (5%); Coursework (5%)

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LAW 107: Criminal Law
30 Credits | Whole Session

This module introduces students to the criminal law of England and Wales. The course starts with a brief consideration of the criminal justice system and the nature of criminal law, before then interrogating the building blocks of criminal liability -the need for a 'guilty act' and a 'guilty mind'. Following this, the module then considers a range of substantive offences, specifically: homicide; rape; non-fatal, non-sexual offences against the person; and property offences. Attention then switches to modes of participation in criminal offences –principal and secondary liability –and different forms of 'inchoate' liability. Finally, the module focusses on possible defences to criminal liability. The module is taught by use of two one-hour lectures per week per semester and four fortnightly fifty-minute tutorials per semester.

Assessment Type: Coursework (90%, 5%, 5%)

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LAW 109: Public Law I
15 Credits | Semester 1

Public Law I explores the nature and functions of constitutional law in the UK –as such, the module is concerned crucially with the law (and theories, principles and practices) which create and structure the system of government that exists in the UK. The module examines the characteristics and sources of the UK's constitution, and the key institutions exercising public power: the government, Parliament, and the courts, as well as other European or devolved bodies with which UK institutions interact. Key topics in the module include: the nature and location of law -making power in the UK; legal accountability for the use of public power, through the operation of the principles of the rule of law, the separation of powers, and protection of basic rights; political accountability for the use of public power, through the notions of ministerial responsibility, parliamentary accountability, and open democratic government; and potential reform of the UK's current constitution.

Assessment Type: 95% Coursework; 5% Assessment

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LAW 110: Public Law II
15 Credits | Semester 2

Public II provides you with the constitutional underpinnings and theory of administrative law. It provides knowledge and understanding of the institutions, processes and legal principles of redress for judicial and extra -judicial grievances against the public; provides knowledge and understanding of the operation of the Human Rights Act; identifies and analyses selected key issues that are of critical importance to the UK's constitutional arrangement.

Assessment Type: 90% Examination; 5% Coursework; 5% Practical Assessment