



CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	Law In Action				
Module Code	UJUTAF-30-3	Level	3	Version	4
Owning Faculty	FBL	Field	Law Undergraduate		
Contributes towards	LLB (Hons); LLB (Hons) Commercial Law; LLB (Hons) European and International Law				
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	Module Type	Project
Pre-requisites			Co- requisites		
Excluded Combinations			Module Entry requirements	200 credits acceptable to the award on which the student is registered of which at least 60 credits must be credits from law modules.	
Valid From	September 2012		Valid to		

<b>CAP Approval Date</b>	1 May 2012
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Part 2: Learning and Teaching	
Learning Outcomes	<p><b><u>Aim of module</u></b></p> <p>This project module is designed to meet the needs of enhancing student's personal employability by providing students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills and as part of a team find out what it's really like working in their chosen field of law. They will undertake a placement undertaking practical work in a legal work-related environment and critically evaluate and reflect on their experience. They will need to manage their own learning within the organisation and outside the class-based environment.</p> <p>Key to the module is the need for the student to explore the relationship between the study of law as an academic discipline and the practice of law in the workplace. Students should use reflection to enhance, refine and develop personal theories of professional practice, with due regard to ethical, conceptual and contextual needs and/or outcomes.</p> <p><b>Learning outcomes:</b></p> <p>On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and appraise the knowledge and skills developed and acquired through the work-based learning</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and use relevant source material demonstrable in the report</li> <li>• Identify the links between the experience of work and the theories and debates which underpin the field of study and use this knowledge.</li> <li>• Reflect upon the practical challenges encountered when completing a work-based project, and identify potential solutions to such challenges</li> </ul> <p>The Project module is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable students to acquire analytical and problem solving skills based on evaluation and synthesis within a law-based work environment or simulation of a practical situation;</li> <li>• Provide for learning that is active, where the student identifies and defines the problem to be explored, the work to be completed, and learns from his/her experience rather than the passive mode of, for example, taught classes;</li> <li>• Develop skills for independent research and the students' ability to apply academic knowledge in the investigation of a business issue or problem.</li> <li>• Enable students to develop personal skills, such as resourcefulness, flexibility, creativity and clarity of thought, as well as self-confidence gained in the work environment.</li> </ul>
Syllabus Outline	<p>Not applicable. Eligible students will be identified by the final term of their last but one year, normally the second year. They should be single honours students deemed to have a 'good' aggregate coursework mark in all Level 2/3 subjects studied to date and who have demonstrated considerable motivation and commitment to studies up to this point.</p> <p>Application will be by written application and an interview. Suitability may also be supported by a reference from a relevant tutor. Before the placement commences, all students must attend an introductory session with the module leader, covering issues relating to placement allocation.</p> <p>Students will be expected to participate in a placement equivalent of approximately 30 days work experience. This may operate as a block (normally of six consecutive weeks), or as one day per week depending upon the requirements of the placement organisation.</p> <p>Placement as a block enables students to carry out the work outside of the teaching timetable (e.g. the summer break) whilst a one day per week placement allows students to take other modules without interference. The exact timing of the placement will be decided before allocation to students so that they are fully aware of commitment requirements.</p> <p>Where placements opportunities are identified by students they will be subject to prior approval by the module leader.</p> <p>As there is no expectation that students will be paid for their work, placements will normally take place in the Bristol area. Any additional travel should be covered at student's own expense.</p> <p>Placements appropriate for the work-based learning model can be any of the currently accepted range of different clinical legal models including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• placements – students placed with a legal host organisation and working there under the direction of that organisation's management. The host is responsible for</li> </ul>

	<p>the delivery of the relevant service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in-house advice centres and/or representation services – where advice and/or further assistance (including advocacy) is offered by a service run by and at the educational provider</li> <li>• outreach clinics (advice and/or representation) – a service involving the same extent of provision, run by the educational provider but at a community-based venue outside of the institution</li> <li>• community-based consultancy services – where the institution provides a consultancy service for another organisation using staff and students at that institution to provide the service</li> <li>• legal literacy clinics (otherwise known generically as Street Law) – here students deliver classes on rights and responsibilities in the context of everyday legal issues to local groups. The classes are interactive and customised to meet the needs of the particular community.</li> </ul>
Contact Hours/Scheduled Hours	Students will have no formal contact hours. Students are expected to work one day a week (or more depending on agreement with the placement provider) or equivalent or for an extended period of at least six weeks in a continuous block over the summer in their placement.
Teaching and Learning Methods	<p>Whilst the emphasis is on active, self managed learning, with the student taking responsibility for initiating, planning and executing the work, it is recognised that some structured framework of staff support is required and this is provided in two forms.</p> <p>Students are provided with introductory teaching before taking up their placement and at staged intervals during the academic year will attend meetings with tutors to discuss work-based learning, their placement and their proposed assessed project. In addition students are allocated individual tutors whose task is to help guide students as they undertake their self-managed project.</p>
Reading Strategy	<p>All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them through membership of the University. These include a range of electronic journals and a wide variety of resources available through web sites and information gateways. The University Library's web pages provide access to subject relevant resources and services.</p> <p>The needs of each student will vary according to their placement and project.</p>
Indicative Reading List	None

### Part 3: Assessment

Assessment Strategy	<p>The A2, the project, is designated as the final assessment.</p> <p>The project is an opportunity for students to investigate and construct a hypothesis or argument arising from an aspect of their placement (law, practice, procedure, business) that they feel strongly about. The student needs to demonstrate autonomy in creating the project, act independently in planning and managing the project, identify own resources, and submit a comprehensive review based on and reflective of the student's opinion..</p> <p>There is NO word count for the project as it is for the student to use their skill and judgment to produce a Project Report that is appropriate to their subject. As a guidance, it would be expected that the project would be between approximately 10,000 words and 15,000 words.</p> <p>The reflective logs comprise a daily record of what the student undertakes in the placement, how the student critically evaluates the placement and reflects on their own learning. Reflection should encompass what the student has</p>
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	<p>learned about themselves, their skills, about work, the skills of others and about the Law and/or the practice of Law.</p> <p>There is NO word count for the reflective logs. Students will be expected to produce a pre-placement log, one log per day on placement (i.e. between 20 and 30 logs depending on placement) produced contemporaneously and a post-placement log reflecting on the whole placement experience. By way of guidance, each log would be between approximately 500 words and 1,000 words – but each student will use their skill and judgment to determine the necessary reflection they wish to submit in each log.</p>
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Identify final assessment component and element	<b>Component A2</b>	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	<b>A:</b>	<b>B:</b>
	100%	
<b>First Sit</b>		
<b>Component A</b> (controlled conditions) <b>Description of each element</b>	<b>Element weighting</b> (as % of component)	
1. Reflection on Placement Experience (normally by Reflective Log)	30%	
2. Project (10,000-15,000 words)	70%	
<b>Component B</b> <b>Description of each element</b>	<b>Element weighting</b> (as % of component)	
n/a		

<b>Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)</b>		
<b>Component A</b> (controlled conditions) <b>Description of each element</b>	<b>Element weighting</b> (as % of component)	
1. Resubmission of Reflective Log	30%	
2. Resubmission of Project (10,000-15,000 words)	70%	
<b>Component B</b> <b>Description of each element</b>	<b>Element weighting</b> (as % of component)	
n/a		
<p>If a student is permitted an <b>EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE</b> of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.</p>		