Module Specification

Foundations for Legal Knowledge 1

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Foundations for Legal Knowledge 1

Module code: UJXTTJ-30-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Business and Law

School: CBL Bristol Law School

Partner institutions: None

Field: Law - non modular

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The module will be undertaken by students intending to pursue a career in law and in particular, to qualify as a Solicitor and be Admitted to the Roll to practice in England & Wales (regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority).

This module is intended to prepare students for the specific requirements of the assessment of Functioning Legal Knowledge in Solicitors Qualifying Exam 1 ("SQE

1"). It will equip students to critically analyse case scenarios and apply knowledge of core legal principles and procedure.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus:

SQE1 is a centrally set assessment (administered externally on behalf of the Solicitors Regulation Authority) which a student must pass as part of the qualification framework leading to admission to the Roll to practice as a solicitor

SQE 1 will comprise 2 computer based MCQ assessments of Functioning Legal Knowledge

The SQE1 assessments will assess a candidate's ability to apply fundamental legal principles and rules, appropriately and effectively, at the level required of a competent newly qualified solicitor in practice, to realistic client based and ethical problems and situations.

This module specifically prepares students for the first SQE1 assessment in the following subjects:

Business organisations, rules and procedures
Contract Law
Tort Law
Dispute Resolution
Legal System and Public Law
Legal Services

Extracts of the SRA SQE Assessment Specification will be included in the STC Handbook.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module is delivered through a range of Teaching and Learning methodology which will include:

Self-directed learning

Online learning using a range of platforms including Blackboard

Tutor led small group sessions to embed and reinforce learning of the key concepts

A range of formative assessment exercises to develop student skills in answering single best answer MCQ assessments

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

   MO1 Apply Functioning Legal Knowledge at the level expected by the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

   MO2 Analyse and critically evaluate legal principles and rules to factual situations of a type frequently encountered in practice.

   MO3 Evaluate different arguments and solutions which might present themselves in the context of Functioning Legal Knowledge.

   MO4 Interpret the SRA Standards and Regulations relating to honesty & integrity in a variety of factual and legal situations.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

   Independent study/self-guided study = 225 hours

   Face-to-face learning = 75 hours

   Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: A portfolio comprising two exercises of 2.5 hours each, which consist solely of Multiple Choice Questions. This replicates the format of the SRA SQE 1 (FLK 1) centrally set assessment.

Assessment tasks:

Portfolio (First Sit)
Description: 2 x 2.5 hour/90 MCQ online exercises
Weighting: 100 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Portfolio (Resit)
Description: 2 x 2.5 hour/90 MCQ online exercises
Weighting: 100 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

LLM Solicitors Training Course (SQE) [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

PG Dip Solicitors Training Course (SQE Prep) (Two Part) [Frenchay] PGDip 2023-24