

Module Specification

Family Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Family Law

Module code: UJXTTT-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

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: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The purpose of the module is to provide students with an understanding of the core aspects of Family Law and Procedure that they would encounter in a general family law department of a firm of solicitors.

Outline syllabus: Students will apply their knowledge of Family Law to a range of scenarios in which they will develop their ability to apply core legal skills associated with family law in practice (which they will have initially studied within the 6 compulsory Programme Legal Skills modules)

Students will in particular develop their skills of the management of information, analysis of complex facts and application of knowledge; preparation of written communications (such as letters of advice to clients, drafting and amending of legal documents, including the use of precedents)

The module builds on core skills acquired in the compulsory modules, developing a student's skills of evaluating a case, analysing complex areas of law applied to detailed factual scenarios; synthesis and application of knowledge, and the ability to reach autonomous, competent decisions.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module is taught via interactive knowledge and skills workshops which will include a mixture of individual and group work centred on problem-based learning, incorporating role play exercises and peer review of written work.

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

MO1 Develop a critical understanding of core principles of Family Law and Procedure, including relevant ethical and professional conduct issues

MO2 Identify and utilise current legal knowledge to draft a legal document which is legally correct.

MO3 Create a legal document using clear, precise, concise and acceptable language, which is appropriately and logically structured.

MO4 Evaluate a set of facts, interpret and utilise correct legal knowledge, applying the the law comprehensively to the client's situation

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MO5 Assimilate information rapidly and work under strict time pressure

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 110 hours

Face-to-face learning = 40 hours

Total = 150

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 which will involve the exercise of analysing a set of papers, researching relevant legal issues and appropriately drafting documentation, to give effect to a set of instructions.

Assessment tasks:

Portfolio (First Sit) Description: 1 x legal research with legal drafting exercise Weighting: 100 % Final assessment: Yes Group work: No Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Portfolio (Resit) Description: 1 x legal research with legal drafting exercise Weighting: 100 % Final assessment: Yes Group work: No Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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