



Module Specification

Law Firm Practice

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Law Firm Practice

Module code: UJXTTV-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

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 how legal business operate in practice, to develop their commercial and financial awareness.

Outline syllabus: This would incorporate understanding

(i) the different ways in which legal services are provided and the markets which law businesses serve

(ii) how law firms develop their brand and market their services; the role which individuals play in this

(iii) law firm finances, different ways of charging for the provision of legal services, time recording and billing processes and financial targets

(iv) management and workforce structures within law businesses, development of teams and team-working

(v) Continuing Professional Development, personal / professional development, personal wellbeing in practice

(vi) the significance of client care, ethical and professional conduct issues and be able to respond in an appropriate way within the training context

(vii) the role of technology in the way legal businesses operate and serve their clients

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module is taught via interactive knowledge and skills workshops which will include self-study preparation and research in order to acquire knowledge and understanding; a mixture of individual and group work centred on problem-based learning.

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

MO1 Evaluate the implications of Professional Body standards and regulations in the operation of law business

MO2 Identify the need to act with honesty & integrity in accordance with Professional Body Standards and regulations

MO3 Evaluate and analyse professional developmental needs as the foundation to become an independent learner in legal practice

MO4 Critically analyse the provision of legal services in practice and apply the skills and knowledge required to successfully pursue their career

MO5 Develop a critical appreciation of the importance of being commercially/professionally aware within the working environment

MO6 Critically evaluate the importance of different non-legal skills required for working in a range of legal practice workplaces,

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: The assessment will be by researching and writing one practitioner-focused project in which students will critically evaluate and analyse current topical issues of the legal market and law firm practice, supervised by a mentor from legal practice.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: 1 x written assignment

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: 1 x written assignment

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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