



Module Specification

Dispute Resolution Skills & Practice

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dispute Resolution Skills & Practice

Module code: UJXTTW-15-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2022-23

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: Law - non modular

Module type: Standard

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 critical skills of dispute resolution which they will utilise in legal practice. The module will be taught both alongside compulsory modules of the

Programme (in particular with focus on the skill of Negotiation which will be taught and assessed within the 6 Legal Skills modules and as part of the SRA's Solicitors Qualifying Examination 2) and following completion of their compulsory modules, alongside other option modules, as part of the suite of option modules which are designed to broaden knowledge and skills in preparation for legal practice

Outline syllabus: Students will develop a critical understanding of the importance of the range of methods of dispute resolution, an ability to select the appropriate method of resolution together with an understanding of the process and timeline of the selected process

The syllabus will include the skill of mediation (process and practice); a working knowledge of the law and practice of arbitration and expert determination, and further, students will be able to select strategies and methods for conducting a negotiation in their client's best interests

The module compliments and 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 self-study preparation and research in order to acquire knowledge and understanding. There will be a range and mix of individual and group work centred on problem-based learning and incorporating role play exercises of mediation, arbitration and negotiation to include peer review.

Module Learning outcomes:

MO1 Identify appropriate strategies of dispute resolution and apply them to a particular factual situations.

MO2 Understand the needs of different clients and how their individual circumstances and commercial considerations will influence their approach to resolving disputes and the means by which they will do so

MO3 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the need to observe professional ethics when conducting and concluding alternative methods of dispute resolution

MO4 Demonstrate mediation advocacy skills

MO5 Apply the law comprehensively to the client's situation, identifying any ethical and professional conduct issues

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 way of a piece of coursework, in which students will critically evaluate a case study, devise and set out their strategy for appropriate dispute resolution, including what they consider to be the advantages and disadvantages of alternative means of the dispute resolution in particular circumstances.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment - Component A (First Sit)

Description: 1 x case analysis

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

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

Written Assignment - Component A (Resit)

Description: 1 x case analysis

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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