



Module Specification

Family Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Family Law

Module code: UJUULX-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

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: This module will explore the historical development, dynamism and nuances of contemporary family law and the justice system to help students to develop their analytical, evaluative and critical skills.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The module aims to enable students to gain a critical understanding of the legal framework but also socio-legal aspects of the role of family law in contemporary society in England and Wales.

Outline syllabus: The indicative syllabus for this module includes:

The nature, meaning and role of the 'family' and of 'family law' in the 21st century

Adult relationships, finance and the home in the context of:

Intimate relationships, cohabitation, and matrimonial orders including non-marriage, presumption of marriage, forced marriage, nullity of marriage, judicial separation, divorce and dissolution

Domestic abuse, violence and coercive control

Capacity and death

Children:

Conception, surrogacy, parental responsibility

Child arrangements, specific issue and prohibited steps orders;

Child abduction

State intervention: care, supervision, special guardianship, and adoption orders

Dispute resolution, privacy and transparency

Law reform.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The learning on this module will take place through a variety of modes including directed independent learning, self-directed learning, and group activities. Students will need to adopt a proactive approach to the module and engage with the full offer of learning opportunities to ensure successful achievement of the learning outcomes.

Directed independent learning includes engaging with resources such as recorded lectures and reading as well as guided activities for example preparing notes, and case studies . Self-directed learning includes activities such as reading, note-taking,

research, and exploring resources. Group activities may include discussions, legal debate, collaborative working, and peer learning.

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

MO1 Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of, and ability to apply, the key theories, concepts, and practices in the context of contemporary family law.

MO2 Synthesise arguments on a range of legal and other issues, presenting a reasoned choice between alternative solutions and critical judgement of their merits.

MO3 Ability to pose and solve problems and undertake a good critical analysis of theoretical and real-world challenges.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 234 hours

Face-to-face learning = 66 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/FA577A1E-BD76-AF16-B3C2-C9CA73253BF7.html) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/FA577A1E-BD76-AF16-B3C2-C9CA73253BF7.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment requires students to demonstrate that they are able to research Family Law, write essays and give legal advice in relation to a contemporary problem, these are all key skills for researchers and professionals working in the field of family law. There are two assessment tasks:

A problem based Written Assessment (50%) 2500 words

Essay based on legal research (50%) 2,500 words.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: This assessment requires an answer to an extended problem question

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay involving legal research.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: This assessment requires an answer to an extended problem question

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay involving legal research.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Law [Villa] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Law {Foundation} [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24