



## **Module Specification**

### **Preparing for Court**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Preparing for Court

**Module code:** UJUUMQ-15-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2025-26

**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 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:** The module will introduce students to the procedures and principles involved in preparing civil and criminal cases for court in the English and Welsh justice system. It will offer opportunity for students to apply legal knowledge from their previous studies of criminal, contract and tort law in a real world setting, gaining understanding of and skills in the preparation of cases for trial. It will be of particular

relevance to students intending to continue beyond the LLB to take the Solicitors Qualifying Examination or to study the Bar Training Course.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** The aim of this module is to enable students to develop a systematic understanding of the stages of preparation involved in taking criminal and civil cases through from first client instruction through to readiness for trial.

**Outline syllabus:** The indicative syllabus for this module includes:

Civil cases:

Funding

Pre-action steps and ADR

Preparing statements of case

Case management

Disclosure of documents

Preparing witness and expert evidence

Part 36 settlement offers

Final preparation for trial

Criminal cases:

advising a client at the police station.

Bail

Allocation for trial

preparing evidence

Sentencing and appeals

### **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, videos, and reading as well as guided activities for example preparing notes, case studies and worksheets. 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.

The module will be delivered through lectorials and workshops to offer an authentic learning experience in which students will apply the principles they have researched and studied to practical scenarios. For example, students may be expected to be able to prepare and present brief outlines of and/or commentary on tactical approaches to managing a case; their analysis of specific problems and their 'solutions' to specific case studies in workshop sessions.

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

**MO1** Apply a critical understanding of, and ability to apply, the key theories, concepts, and practices of a specialist area.

**MO2** Pose and solve problems and undertake a good critical analysis of theoretical and real-world challenges.

**MO3** Demonstrate a well-developed understanding of appropriate ethical and practice values

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 117 hours

Face-to-face learning = 33 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/391305AF-999D-3ED0-410D-BECADFA5EFB8.html?lang=en&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/391305AF-999D-3ED0-410D-BECADFA5EFB8.html?lang=en&login=1>

## Part 4: Assessment

**Assessment strategy:** The assessment will be a timed (3 hours) open book, online examination based on case studies set in a civil and criminal context.

Students will be provided with case study materials in advance of the examination . Students will be asked to explore questions which requires demonstration of their ability to apply understanding and application of law and legal procedures to specific scenarios. The approach to assessment aims to support the knowledge and skills requirements that will be further developed in future professional post-graduate training and qualifications.

### Assessment components:

#### Examination (Online) (First Sit)

Description: Online examination. The assessment will be a timed, open book, online examination based on case studies set in a civil and criminal context. Students will be provided with case study materials in advance of the examination .

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

#### Examination (Online) (Resit)

Description: Online examination. The assessment will be a timed, open book, online examination based on case studies set in a civil and criminal context. Students will be provided with case study materials in advance of the examination .

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

## **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