



Module Specification

Introduction to Research

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Introduction to Research

Module code: UJUULR-15-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2024-25

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: This module is aimed at introducing students to the different approaches to legal and socio-legal research. It examines the significance of legal research. The aim is to enable students develop academic, oral and writing skills, independent and collaborative learning skills and critical analysis.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: This module aims at enabling students understand and prepare to undertake research writing.

Students will develop the ability to critically reflect on their own writing as well as that of other scholars. The end result is the ability to design an independent piece of paper.

This module is linked to the Student Lawyer Project, which will be delivered programmatically across the year. Students will engage in two project weeks, one in each teaching semester, which will align thematically to the study of core modules. Through the projects students will extend their academic studies into wider exploration of legal themes, external engagement, and ongoing reflection on their own personal and professional development.

Outline syllabus: This module will explore areas which include.

What is research

Different types of methods and methodologies

Writing a Literature Reviews

How to phrase research questions

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The learning on this module will be delivered using a variety of methods including lectorials and workshops. Students will engage in directed independent learning, self-directed study, and group work activities. Students will need to adopt an independent approach in order to engage with the full offer of learning opportunities to ensure successful achievement of the learning outcomes.

Self-directed learning includes activities such as reading, research, and locating/using resources.

Through the Student Lawyer Project students will engage in project work which will further support their development of independent learning skills; research; team work; time management; presentation skills and the capacity for effective reflection on their learning.

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

MO1 Demonstrate an understanding of the theory and practice relating to a range of methodologies used in legal research.

MO2 Demonstrate intellectual independence, including the ability to analyse the law and legal systems, identify gaps in their own knowledge and engage in enquiry, systematic analysis, and evaluation.

MO3 Conduct self-directed research, evidencing capacity to identify, retrieve and work with relevant information from a range of primary and secondary legal and contemporary sources.

MO4 Take responsibility for their own learning, evidencing capacity for reflection on learning and the effective use of feedback, and in the wider development of personal skills and attributes.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 117 hours

Lectures = 33 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 research proposal (100%) (2500 words) comprising of research questions, choice of methodology and a literature review. This will be based on any legal topic of the student's choice. Students will also submit a reflection related to the Student Lawyer project.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: A research proposal comprising of literature review and research questions on any topic of their choice.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: A research proposal comprising of literature review and research questions on any topic of their choice.

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