



Module Specification

Equality and the Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Equality and the Law

Module code: UJUULW-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: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The aim of this module is to enable students to develop a systematic understanding of how law is used to address equality, and to develop their legal skills within this subject context.

Outline syllabus: The indicative syllabus for this module includes:

- Introduction to Equality Characteristics

- Sexual orientation

Including:

- Social and sexual equality (decriminalisation of homosexuality, equalisation of age of consent)

- Marriage Equality (same sex marriage)

- Gender reassignment

Including:

- Social equality - Gender Recognition Certificates

- Marriage Equality and birth certificate amendments

- Disability

Including:

- Neurodiversity and the legal system

- Sex

- Equal Pay

- Pregnancy and maternity

Remaining topics (to be developed) include:

- Marriage or civil partnership

- Race

- Religion or belief

- Age

- Socio-economic equality

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The learning on this module will take place through a variety of ways including didactic teaching, 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. Group activities may include discussions and debate, collaborative group working, and in-class presentations to peers. The module is designed through lectures and groups sessions to offer a varied learning experience.

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

MO1 Critically analyse the effectiveness of various legal regimes as regards protected equality characteristics.

MO2 Research independently, using a variety of different types of source.

MO3 Engage in problem solving in order to address changing socio-legal concerns arising from equality law.

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 via the following link

https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/3D8D5A0C-F9E8-14AD-7CCE-19408270121A.html?embed=1&lang=en<i_relink_url=https:%2F%2Fuwe.rl.talis.com%2Flti%2Flaunch.html%3Fcontext_title%3DUJUTA9-30-3%2B-%2BGender%2Band%2Bthe%2Blaw%2B22sep_1%26custom_node_code_regex%3D%252F%255E%2528.%257B11%257D%2529.%252A%252F%26roles%3DInstructor%26resource_link_id%3DUJUTA9-30-3_22sep_1_9355342_1%26custom_node_code_replacement%3D%2524%257B1%257D%26context_id%3DUJUTA9-30-3_22sep_1%26context_label%3DUJUTA9-30-3_22sep_1%26oauth_consumer_key%3DFD5B379E-83DF-EE63-55CE-B8A282E5DA9C%26relink%3Dtrue%26embed%3Dtrue%26signature%3Df09ff37adac733a13f077c0a0604bfef6072b3beed81a0a1a2dc2c2a80e58149

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: There are two assessment tasks, one in each semester.

1. A written assessment (50%) (2000 words) involving application of the law to a case study/scenario (which will include more than one area of equality characteristics) whereby students will be expected to provide legal advice to the beneficiary of legal protection.

2. A written coursework (50%) (2,500 words) in the form of an essay question focusing on reform of at least one area of equality law.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: A written assessment (2000 words) involving application of the law to a case study/scenario (which will include more than one area of equality characteristics) whereby students will be expected to provide legal advice to the beneficiary of legal protection.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: A written coursework of 2,500 words in the form of an essay question focusing on reform of at least one area of equality law.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: A written assessment (2000 words) involving application of the law to a case study/scenario (which will include more than one area of equality characteristics) whereby students will be expected to provide legal advice to the beneficiary of legal protection.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: A written coursework of 2,500 words in the form of an essay question focusing on reform of at least one area of equality law.

Weighting: 50 %

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