



## **Module Specification**

### **Opinion Writing (BPTC)**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Opinion Writing (BPTC)

**Module code:** UJXUSA-10-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 10

**ECTS credit rating:** 5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business & Law

**Department:** FBL Dept of Law

**Partner institutions:** None

**Delivery locations:** Not in use for Modules

**Field:** Law - non modular

**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:** See learning outcomes.

**Outline syllabus:** Overview

needs and objectives of the client; solution of the client's problems  
identification of material facts, relevant law, real issues, relevant procedure and evidence; - distinction between issues  
specialised language and grammar  
headings, sub-headings, lay out and style; lines of reasoning;  
structure, order, weight and significance; conciseness and length  
practical approach, as opposed to academic discussion of the law;  
addressing questions expressly or implicitly raised in the instructions by expressing clear conclusions where appropriate, alternatively explaining why there can be no clear conclusions  
explanation of legal and factual alternatives, and setting out of conclusions, with full advice  
identifying the need for relevant further information/evidence, explaining where appropriate why the further information is needed  
providing clear, identifiable, appropriate, sound, practical advice on the matters raised in the instructions

### Remedies (general)

the cost of pursuing a remedy;  
whether a self-help remedy is available;  
whether alternative forms of resolving a dispute are available;  
the capacity of the defendant to pay damages if awarded;  
whether a range of remedies should be pursued;  
whether interim remedies should be pursued; and  
applicable time limits.

### Contract

the general principles underlying damages for breach of contract, including limitations on compensatory damages;  
the availability of equitable remedies, including specific performance, injunctions, rescission and rectification;  
remedies for misrepresentation;

the law and practice in respect of interest on judgment debts pursuant to contract or statute (Judgments Act 1838; County Court (Interest on Judgment Debts) Order 1991; Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998).

## Tort

the general principles underlying the amount of damages, the calculation of quantum,

the reduction of damages, aggravated and exemplary damages and the availability of injunctions;

the principles according to which damages are quantified, the process by which a court would arrive at a final figure, and the practical steps to be taken in advising on quantum in cases of personal injury;

the impact of Social Security payments on the assessment of damages and the method by which HM Revenue and Customs approach issues of taxation of damages;

the law and practice in respect of interest on damages in claims for personal injury.

## Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

**Teaching and learning methods:** Although there will be some large group sessions, most of the teaching takes place via small group sessions. Students will be given a number of practice exercises on Opinion Writing in order to practise these skills. Following each practice exercise students will usually receive either individual feedback from their tutor or peer feedback.

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

**MO1** Identify and address the needs and objectives of the client and seek (subject always to ethical considerations) to provide a practical solution to the client's problems

**MO2** Accurately identify and show a thorough grasp of all the material facts, the relevant law, the real issues, the relevant procedure, parties and evidence, distinguishing one issue from another; and asking

**MO3** Identify and ask for further information/evidence, when necessary

**MO4** Give clear, sound, practical advice on the matters raised in the instructions and advise on any practical steps to be taken

**MO5** Where appropriate, advise on the need for expert evidence, on quantum of damages, and on any limitation aspects

**MO6** Generally give realistic and practical advice as to steps to be taken, including further inquiries or investigations, compliance with pre-action protocols, and other protocols necessary to take the matter forward.

**Hours to be allocated:** 100

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 76 hours

Face-to-face learning = 24 hours

Total = 100

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** The Opinion Writing Assessment will consist of an online examination to be completed within a 24 hour window (indicative time for completion 4 hours).

A mock or formative assessment will also be held and full feedback will be given in relation to this practice assessment.

**Assessment components:**

**Examination (Online) (First Sit)**

Description: Online examination (indicative time for completion, 4 hours)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

**Examination (Online) (Resit)**

Description: Online examination (indicative time for completion, 4 hours)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: