



## **Module Specification**

### Contemporary Research Project

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Contemporary Research Project

**Module code:** UJGUPG-15-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business & Law

**Department:** FBL Dept of Law

**Partner institutions:** None

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

**Field:** Law Postgraduate (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 allows students to pursue their particular interest in an issue of contemporary legal importance.

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes

**Outline syllabus:** The focus of the module is on the process and outcomes of independent research and investigation.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Project proposals must be submitted at the beginning of the semester. A member of academic staff with expertise in the area of the proposed project will evaluate the viability of the project and provide feedback to the student. Students will be expected to work independently in developing a framework for their research and defining the ambit of research with limited supervision.

There are no formal scheduled contact hours.

Students will consult academic staff about topics and for assistance with the development of their proposals.

A supervisor will be appointed for each student undertaking this module.

Supervision will take place face to face or via email or other forums.

Students will be expected to develop their own learning and skills by independently using resources within the University Library. Appropriate reading will be highlighted in discussion with the project supervisor.

Students will be required to produce an outline of the research to be undertaken in advance of commencing work on the final report. The final report must provide a critical analysis of the chosen issue with clear conclusions or recommendations as appropriate.

This module requires that students work autonomously, with limited supervision.

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

**MO1** Demonstrate an in-depth critical understanding of complex and specialised issues within an area of law chosen for study. “Contemporary” in this context is defined as an area which deals with issues of present importance

**MO2** Critically analyse rules of law and apply them to complex and developing issues

**MO3** Think analytically and reflectively and communicate complex legal arguments coherently

**MO4** Independently plan and undertake effective legal research

**MO5** Synthesise information from a variety of relevant sources to draw informed and well-supported conclusions

**MO6** Critically evaluate academic literature, sources, arguments and interpretations, assessing their relevance to the issue in question and forming judgements on the basis of evidence collected

**MO7** Demonstrate an awareness of ethical issues involved in the research and its findings

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 150 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupg-15-m.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uigupg-15-m.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** Students will be assessed on the basis of a research plan submitted in the middle of the semester and a final project report submitted at the

end of the module.

The purpose of the research plan is to provide an overview of the project, including the research aims and objectives, the key issues that will be examined and the methodological approach that will be undertaken. This will allow the student to achieve the learning outcome of being able to independently plan and undertake effective legal research.

The final project report must demonstrate that the student is able to carry out sufficient and relevant independent research, analyse the pertinent issues by critically evaluating relevant literature, sources, arguments and interpretations and can draw informed and well-supported conclusions and recommendations (if appropriate). This will allow the student to achieve all the learning outcomes of the module.

Students will draw on the skills and knowledge developed on taught modules in the LLM, in particular the Research Methods module, and will apply appropriate methodologies and enquiry methods.

### **Assessment components:**

#### **Report (First Sit)**

Description: Written project report (maximum 4500 words)

Weighting: 90 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

#### **Written Assignment (First Sit)**

Description: Research plan (maximum 1000 words)

Weighting: 10 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Report (Resit)**

Description: Written project report (maximum 4500 words)

Weighting: 90 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Written Assignment (Resit)**

Description: Research plan (maximum 1000 words)

Weighting: 10 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Commercial Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Banking and Finance Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [FTU] LLM 2023-24

International Trade and Economic Law [HCMCUL] LLM 2023-24

International Law [Frenchay] LLM 2022-23