



Module Specification

Legal Systems and Legislation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Legal Systems and Legislation

Module code: UZVSL4-15-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Health, Community and Policy Studies

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: Law, society and authority-The purposes and function of law, authority and process.

The Institutional Framework- shaping the institutional framework, the role of government; the criminal justice system; the administrative justice system.

The legal process, the role of courts and tribunals. Assessing alternative strategies for securing compliance. The law of evidence, gathering evidence, the powers of authorised officers, defences, witnesses.

The role of the EU as a law making institution.

The evolution of statutory nuisance and how this is reflected in the operation of the housing health and safety rating system.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: 150 hours total

51 hours scheduled learning

Scheduled learning will typically include lectures, seminars, case studies, external visits and an interactive forum. All students are expected to attend a series of tutorials.

Introductory lectures are supported by seminars, case studies, visits and practical workshops.

150 hours study time of which 51 hours will represent scheduled learning. Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, external visits; work based learning; case study in teams.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion. Student study time will be organised each week with a series of both essential and further readings and preparation for the case studies. It is suggested that preparation for lectures and

seminars will take 2 hours per week with a further expectation of 13 hours preparation for Presentation, 14 hours used in case study planning and completion and 25 hours study in preparation for the written examination.

Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning; supervised time in studio/workshop.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

Placement learning: may include a practice placement, other placement, year abroad.

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

MO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system, including institutions, law making processes and administration of the law

MO2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the criminal, civil and administrative justice system within the UK as it applies to environmental health

MO3 Explain the legislative and executive structure(s) of the European Union and the influence that it has on environmental health law

MO4 Identify the origin and nature of 'nuisance' as a legal entity, and in particular the position of 'statutory nuisance' as a key element of remedy in the field of environmental health

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 99 hours

Face-to-face learning = 51 hours

Total = 150

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: A range of assessment techniques will be employed to ensure that learners can meet the breadth of learning outcomes presented in this module alongside the ability to demonstrate transferable skills e.g. communication skills.

Examination: A set of questions will be designed to allow students to apply the fundamental principles of law acquired during the module to an examination consisting of an unseen scenario in addition to 30 multiple choice questions designed to assess breadth of knowledge. This has been specifically designed to gradually introduce students to the rigours of examination as an assessment strategy and will be assessed at the end of semester 1.

Case Study Report: A case study will allow in-depth analysis of one area of law.

Opportunities for formative assessment exist for each of the assessment strategies used. Verbal feedback is given and all students will engage with personalised tutorials setting SMART targets as part of the programme design.

Assessment tasks:

Examination (First Sit)

Description: Examination (1.5 hours to be made up of 30 MCQs and 1 essay from a choice of 2)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Case Study (First Sit)

Description: 1000 word case study report

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Examination (Resit)

Description: Examination (1.5 hours to be made up of 30 MCQs and 1 essay from a choice of 2)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Case Study (Resit)

Description: 1000 word case study report

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Public and Environmental Health [UCW] - Withdrawn FdSc 2022-23

Environmental Health and Practice [UCW] - Withdrawn MSci 2022-23