Module Specification

Cyberlaw

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Cyberlaw

Module code: UJUULC-30-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

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: The emphasis throughout will be placed upon providing the student with the opportunities to question, understand, analyse and evaluate the Law and associated issues in their historical, practical, academic and social contexts

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: This is a brief indication of content and not all topics will necessarily be covered as the content will vary to reflect current legal issues.
It is not necessarily envisaged that every topic in the syllabus will be covered in any one academic year:

Introduction to the Information Society

Theorising and Governing Cyberspace

Freedom of Expression in Cyberspace and Hate Speech

Privacy, Information and the Surveillance Society and Data Protection

Cyber Crime and Digital Forensics

Defamation and Technology

Online Pornography

Intellectual Property

Anticipating Future Challenges:

An examination of future developments and the legal and social issues that are likely arise:

'digital public sphere'

'internet of things'

'wearable technology'

'robots'

'virtual worlds'

'cyberconflicts'

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The learning context is student-centred and utilises a variety of techniques, including lectures and interactive workshops, to encourage independent thought and constructive criticism. Dialogue is promoted between students and staff in an interactive relationship that emphasises the two-way flow of information and criticism.

Students will be encouraged to conduct research via both traditional and electronic sources.

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

MO1 Demonstrate an understanding of the application of Civil and Criminal Law to activities on the internet and social media.

MO2 Demonstrate an ability to analyse the social, economic, ethical and political contexts in which the Law relating to the internet and social media has developed and continues to evolve, including through proposals for reform of the law.

MO3 Demonstrate an understanding of how European and International instruments may impact on English Law.

MO4 Demonstrate the ability to apply legal knowledge and analysis to factual situations (A) including the formulation of possible solutions to abstract problems and uncertainty in the Law

MO5 Demonstrate the ability to undertake effective research, analysis and evaluation of primary and other source materials such as Government papers, statutes, cases, reports and articles using both traditional library materials and information technology resources.

MO6 Communicate effectively in a manner appropriate to the audience and to provide practical advice in a clear and concise manner using a variety of formats.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujuulc-30-2.html

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module is assessed by two written submissions.

1. Advice to Client Assessment (40 % of module mark)

Written assignment - 1500 words based on preparation of a practical written advice to a client.

This element will assess a student's ability to apply knowledge to solve problems and in relation to a given topic; produce a synthesis of relevant issues, evaluate and analyse those issues and communicate effectively in writing.

2. Written Essay Assessment: (60% of the module mark) 2500 word coursework.

The assessment is designed to enable students to demonstrate their academic skills. The written assignment will normally involve the examination of legal issues raised by the development in the use of information technology. In particular this assessment will assess a students' skills in research, synthesis, evaluation and analysis.

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)
Description: Written assignment - legal advice to a client
Weighting: 40 %
Final assessment: No
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Written Assignment (First Sit)
Description: Written Coursework

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

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

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written assignment - legal advice to a client

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

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

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written coursework

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

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

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law with Criminology [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Law [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Law with Business [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Business and Law [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Law [UCW] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

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