



## **Module Specification**

### Advocacy

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Advocacy

**Module code:** UJXTTF-10-M

**Level:** Level 7

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 10

**ECTS credit rating:** 5

**College:** College of Business and Law

**School:** CBL Bristol Law School

**Partner institutions:** None

**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:** The module will be undertaken by students intending to pursue a career in law and in particular, to qualify as a Solicitor and be Admitted to the Roll to practice in England & Wales (regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority).

This module will prepare students for practice but particularly for the specific requirements of the assessment of the Legal Skill of Advocacy in the Solicitors Qualifying Exam 2 ("SQE 2")

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

Undertake the skill of Advocacy at the level expected by the Solicitors Regulation Authority of a newly qualified solicitor in legal practice. The SRA assessment criteria are set out in the STC Handbook, including the relevant functioning legal knowledge which will be assessed as part of the advocacy skill.

**Outline syllabus:** SQE2 is a centrally set assessment (administered externally on behalf of the Solicitors Regulation Authority) which a student must pass as part of the qualification framework leading to admission to the Roll to practice as a solicitor.

SQE 2 will comprise of a series of skills assessments undertaken at an assessment centre within a short time scale.

The SQE2 assessments will assess a candidate's ability in 6 core skills at the level expected of a newly qualified solicitor in legal practice.

This module specifically prepares students for the assessment of the skill of Advocacy in SQE2, which they will undertake in 2 separate exercise scenarios in the subject fields of Dispute Resolution and Criminal Litigation.

Extracts of the SRA Assessment for the skills of Advocacy and the relevant underpinning legal knowledge requirements will be available in the STC Handbook.

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

**Teaching and learning methods:** The module is taught through:

Self-directed learning

Online learning through Blackboard including recorded demonstrations

Tutor led small group sessions to develop skills

A range of formative assessment exercises to develop students' skills in Advocacy in a range of subject contexts

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

**MO1** Understand, analyse and prepare a case effectively.

**MO2** Understand and apply the relevant law, facts and principles whilst observing ethical and professional conduct issues.

**MO3** Evaluate the relevant and admissible evidence to further the case effectively

**MO4** Create a logical and effective case theory which reflects the instructions given.

**MO5** Demonstrate effective and persuasive advocacy skills.

**MO6** Assimilate information rapidly and work under strict time pressure.

**Hours to be allocated:** 100

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 75 hours

Face-to-face learning = 25 hours

Total = 100

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](http://readinglists.uwe.ac.uk) via the following link

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** A portfolio comprising 2 Advocacy closed book unseen scenario exercises (60 minutes each) undertaken in an assessment centre environment (to replicate that of the SQE2 assessment process) - one each in the subject fields of:

1. Dispute Resolution

2. Criminal Litigation

**Assessment tasks:**

**Portfolio (First Sit)**

Description: 2 x Advocacy exercises in the context of Dispute Resolution and Criminal Litigation

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

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

**Portfolio (Resit)**

Description: 2 x Advocacy exercises in the context of Dispute Resolution and Criminal Litigation

Weighting: 100 %

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:

LLM Solicitors Training Course (SQE) [Frenchay] LLM 2023-24

PG Dip Solicitors Training Course (SQE Prep) (Two Part) [Frenchay] PGDip 2023-24