



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Law of Evidence		
Module Code	UJUTD8-30-3	Level	Level 6
For implementation from	2020-21		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Business & Law	Field	Law Undergraduate (Programmes)
Department	FBL Dept of Law		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Features: Module Entry Requirements: 120 credits acceptable to the award on which the student is registered of which at least 60 credits must be credits from law modules</p> <p>Educational Aims: See Learning Outcomes.</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: Standard evidence syllabus with emphasis on the following particular topics, as it is impossible to cover all areas:</p> <p>Term 1</p> <p>The Foundations of the Law and Obtaining Evidence:</p> <p>Concepts and Terminology</p> <p>Identification</p> <p>The Right to Silence</p> <p>Confessions</p>

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Evidence Obtained by Illegal or Unfair Means

Term 2

Trial Procedures and the Principles of Proof and the Exclusionary Rules:

Burden and Standard of Proof

Witnesses

Sexual Behaviour

Character

Hearsay

Opinion

In relation to these topics the approach is to understand the present law by reference to the social, political and ethical considerations that underpin it. This is an area of law which continues to evolve and in which the impact of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms has been significant. It is also an area that is politically charged and the students will therefore have the opportunity to view the subject in that light.

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module will be taught by means of weekly two-hour lectures and fortnightly two-hour workshops.

The emphasis throughout the lectures will be on encouraging the students to enter a dialogue with the lecturer and to question and critically evaluate the principles which underpin the law under consideration. The lectures are accompanied by detailed printed materials which are designed not only to reflect the content of the lecture, but to stimulate interest in relevant lines of research.

No prior reading is required for the lectures, which are intended to give a clear overview of the subject under consideration and to prepare students for the research required for the workshops.

The workshops will give the students the opportunity to develop their research, time management group-working, and oral presentational skills, and further opportunity to analyse and critically evaluate the law.

In addition students will learn in the workshops how to apply their knowledge of the law to practical evidential problems which arise in the course of criminal trials.

The module will be supported by on-line materials on Blackboard – including video demonstrations of courtroom procedures and scenarios.

Part 3: Assessment

The subject is assessed by way of an online examination (2500 words) to be completed within a 24 hour window, and a 3,000 word piece of coursework.

In the exam the students are required to answer three questions, covering four topics. One of the questions is a compulsory problem question covering two topics. The students are then able to choose two questions from a number of further questions, each covering a discrete topic. Combining this method of assessment with the coursework ensures a broad coverage of the module.

The coursework consists of a 3,000 word essay on one aspect of the course which allows the students to conduct independent research and to develop an in-depth analysis of one aspect of the syllabus.

During the workshops, in which students consider the types of problems and questions which they later encounter in the assessments, students are given oral feedback on their contributions and guidance on their approach.

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Students are given detailed written feedback on their coursework.

Students are assessed in both the coursework and the examination against standard criteria: subject knowledge and understanding, analysis and evaluation, communication and literacy, and research and organisation.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component B		50 %	Essay
Examination (Online) - Component A	✓	50 %	Online examination (2500 words)
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component B		50 %	Coursework
Examination (Online) - Component A	✓	50 %	Online examination (2500 words)

Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods

Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes:	
	Module Learning Outcomes	Reference
	A knowledge and understanding of the rules, principles and concepts which make up the law of evidence	MO1
	Intellectual skills in the discussion and analysis of the law of evidence; in the development of critical thinking in the context of the law of evidence; and in the application of the rules of evidence to factual situations	MO2
	The ability to research the law and find other relevant and up-to-date information and to make appropriate use of primary and secondary sources	MO3
Contact Hours	Independent Study Hours:	
	Independent study/self-guided study	228
	Total Independent Study Hours:	228
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	
	Face-to-face learning	72
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	72
	Hours to be allocated	300
	Allocated Hours	300
Reading List	<p>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujutd8-30-3.html</p>	

Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2018-19

Law [May][FT][Villa][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2018-19

Law with Psychology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology and Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2018-19

Law [Jan][FT][Villa][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2018-19

Criminology with Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19