

Module title: Legal Systems

Module code:	LS	NQF level:	Level 4
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 weeks

Module description

This module examines the legal system of England and Wales, looking at how the law is made and applied.

Aims

- Explore some of the basic elements relevant to the study of criminal law, the Criminal Justice system and Criminology
- Explore the court system its structure and its principle actors
- Examine the ways that the legal system responds to social and political climates
- Provide an overview on the trial process, and the position of the offender and the victim within it

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Understand how legislation is created
- Identify the key differences between civil and criminal courts and their processes
- Understand the roles of those key to maintaining the integrity of the judicial process

Syllabus

- The making of the law
- Rules and Values
- From suspect to trial
- The structure of the Modern English Legal System
- Criminal Justice System Legislation - PACE and other Key Acts
- Appeals, miscarriages of justice, Human Rights and European Law

Learning and teaching methods

Teaching will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials that will be provided on the UoEO Learning Platform, and will be supported by specified discussion forums, pre-recorded lecturecasts and biweekly online question and answer sessions (using synchronous communication software and application sharing facility). Students will be provided with indicative guidance on, and encouraged to look at relevant websites which are appropriate to the learning outcomes, and to identify and share appropriate web-based resources (as learning support references) with their fellow students. The pre-recorded lecturecasts and the online question and answer sessions will include referenced use of selected case studies which will be drawn from the reading materials and the practice-based and professional/educational contexts and experience of the Tutors. Self-managed learning will supplement lectures and students will be given direction on required and indicative reading.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 x Assessed discussion activities	2 weeks	Unit 3 & Unit 7	20%
Mid Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	Unit 5	30%
End of Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	End of module	30%
Reflective report	1500-2000 words	End of module	20%