

Law of Evidence

Module Code:	LAW6010-B
Academic Year:	2018-19
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Law
Subject Area:	Law
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 6
Module Leader:	Dr Christopher Taylor

Additional Tutors:

Pre-requisites:

Co-requisites:

Contact Hours

Type	Hours
Directed Study	178
Other (DO NOT USE)	22

Availability Periods

Occurrence	Location/Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1 (Sep - Jan)

Module Aims

The aim of the module is to develop your awareness of essential legal principles relating to the presentation of evidence in criminal and civil proceedings in England & Wales.

Outline Syllabus

A selection from the following topics:

Nature and classification of various types of evidence (e.g. civil & criminal).

Judicial discretion and the functions of the judge and jury.

Burden and standard of proof.

Examination, cross examination and re-examination; previous consistent statements.

Civil Evidence Act 1995.
Competence and compellability of witnesses.
Corroboration.
Identification evidence.
Opinion and expert evidence.
Evidence of character.
Confession evidence.
Exclusionary rules of evidence.
Hearsay evidence.
Criminal Justice Act 2003.
Evidence and Human Rights.
Right to silence.
Disclosure.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to...

- 1 LO1.1. Identify, recognise and critique the significance of current debates in the law of evidence
 LO1.2. Analyse current debates in the law of evidence in the context of relevant wider societal considerations
 LO1.3 Demonstrate an appreciation of, and the ability to evaluate, proposals for reform in the law of evidence

- 2 LO2.1 Identify issues that at the forefront of debates in the law of evidence
 LO2.2 Critically consider the ways in which the law of evidence responds to contemporary social issues
 LO2.3 Critically analyse extant the law of evidence and discuss proposals for reform.

- 3 LO3.1 Evidence research skills
 LO3.2 Evidence personal development and time management skills
 LO3.3 Demonstrate analytical and evaluative skills

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

The module will be delivered using lectures and tutorial. Lectures will deliver core content; providing students with the opportunity to acquire the information to enhance their knowledge and understanding of key issues (LO1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3). This will be complemented by tutorials, each of which will be based on a key contemporary issue in the law of evidence. The tutorials will provide a forum to analyse these issues, employing group work and case studies by students. Active participation by all students is required in all tutorials and, where appropriate lectures. During tutorials, verbal feedback will be provided to students regarding their work (LO1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3.) Directed study provides students with the opportunity to undertake guided reading and to develop their own learning to enhance both transferable skills and knowledge (LO1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3.) The VLE will be used to provide access to online resources, lecture notes, etc.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting	Final Assess'
Summative	Coursework	Essay of up to 3500 words		100%	Yes

Legacy Code (if applicable)

MAN6359D

Reading List

To view Reading List, please go to [rebus:list](#).