

Module Details	
Module Title:	Law of Evidence
Module Code:	LAW6010-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Law
Subject Area:	Law
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 6
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Tutorials	22
Directed Study	178

Availability	
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.

Learning Outcomes

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
Summative	Coursework	Essay of up to 3500 words		100%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.