

Module Details	
Module Title:	Law for Social Work
Module Code:	SOW7006-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Social Sciences
Subject Area:	Social Work
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	30
Laboratory	3
Directed Study	167

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2 (Feb - May)

Module Aims
To enable you to critically examine, analyse and evaluate legal issues with reference to social work practice.

Outline Syllabus
Students will begin with an overview of the English Legal System, followed by a supervised court visit.
The law relating to children as individuals; the duties of the local authority; adoption law and practice; leaving care.

The impact of the ECHR and the Human Rights Act 1998 will be covered.

The law relating to adults, with particular reference to vulnerable adults, mental health and disability.

The law in relation to housing, including homelessness, immigration and judicial review.

Criminal Justice and Youth Offending.

Learning Outcomes

1	a) understand and have comprehensive knowledge of the following areas of law: the English Legal System; Child Care Law and Practice; Adoption Law; Leaving Care; Adult Care Law and Practice; Human Rights Law; Anti discriminatory legislation; Mental Health Law; Housing Law; Youth Offending and Criminal Justice
2	a) critically appraise key statutes, case law, secondary legislation, government guidance and to apply and evaluate the application of the law in relation to different client groups; b) develop IT skills in order to research legislation electronically; c) experience a courtroom setting and develop advocacy and presentation skills necessary in your work as a social worker.
3	a) develop an advanced ability to apply theory to practice and to interpret and analyse material from a range of sources to contribute to case discussions.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures, group discussions, courtroom visit; 3 hour seen examination.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Examination - open book or seen paper	Seen examination - 3 hours	3 hours	100%

Reading List

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

Please note:

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