

Module Details	
Module Title	Law of Evidence
Module Code	LAW6010-B
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 6

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	22
Tutorials	11
Directed Study	167
Lectures	22

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
This module aims to familiarise students with the key debates and issues related to the development of the law of evidence and to consider the application of the law of evidence in practice

Outline Syllabus
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	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Evaluate legal institutions, rules, principles, and underlying legal concepts in relation to the law of evidence
02	Evaluate complex evidence problems and provide solutions to these deploying systematic legal analysis and, where appropriate, ethical awareness.
03	Conduct independent legal research, drawing on an appropriate range of sources to retrieve and evaluate relevant information and commentary, and to critically apply their findings.
04	Show awareness of the economic and social contexts in which the law of evidence operates and of the professional competencies required in practice.
05	Demonstrate deep, contextualised understanding of substantive areas of the law of evidence and grasp of current academic debates and of relevant doctrinal and policy issues.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
This module covers the law of evidence in a variety of contexts and introduces you to the key issues and debates in this area of law. Through lectures and seminars you will explore the law and discuss and debate issues arising from its application. Lectures will deliver core content; providing students with the opportunity to acquire the information to enhance their knowledge and understanding of key issues. This groundwork will be complemented by tutorials, each of which will be based on a key contemporary issue in company law. 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, in order to engage with the module. During tutorials, verbal feedback will be provided to students regarding their work and there will be an opportunity to submit formative written work for feedback prior to the summative coursework that tests all five learning outcomes.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Essay of up to 3500 words	100%
Formative	Coursework	Example question allowing students to develop relevant skills	N/A

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.