

Short Form Unit Details

Unit Title	Law 1
Level	1
Reference No. (showing level)	LTP 1.155
Credit Value	15 CAT points
Student Study Hours	Contact hours: 45 Student managed learning hours: 105
Pre-requisite learning	None
Co-requisites	None
Excluded combinations	None
Unit co-ordinator	Margaret Hollins
Faculty/Department	Arts and Human Sciences / Urban, Environment and Leisure Studies
Short Description	This unit is an introduction to the structure and operation of the English legal system.
Aims	<p>This unit aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to provide a general awareness and understanding of the governmental, legal and other institutional structures of the UK and European Union to provide an introductory knowledge of the principles and policies which sustain these institutions to provide an introductory knowledge of how their operation affects both the individual and the UK systems of planning and environmental control.
Learning Outcomes	<p>Knowledge and Understanding: On completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand how law is made and how it develops display an understanding of the legal framework, political system and influences within which the planning system operates distinguish between public and private law demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of the law of torts and human rights. <p>Intellectual Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to identify relevant sources of law and available remedies. Ability to interpret and apply relevant legal provisions, constitutional and case law principles in a planning and environmental context. Critical appraisal of relevant law, its institutions and frameworks Ability to engage in legal discussion and argument. <p>Practical Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to communicate understanding in both oral and written form Ability to locate, read, and reference relevant law. <p>Transferable Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> legal analysis and interpretation problem solving written communication skills research skills
Employability	<p>This unit prepares students for employability by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing an introduction to the operation of the English legal system developing an understanding of the role of law in society and

	professional practice.
Teaching and learning pattern	This unit will place prime importance on student-centred learning. Lectures will be provided as a framework in which students will research issues both individually and in groups. Student activities will include workshops, discussions, problem-solving exercises and seminar presentations.
Indicative content	<p>The nature of law and constitutions; the development of law and the legal system and how the participants in that system use the law with reference to the regulation of land use, development and the environment and the protection of private property rights.</p> <p>The respective roles of the government, Parliament, the judiciary and European institutions in the development and enforcement of law are explored and their inter-relationship considered.</p> <p>The extent of so-called constitutional 'rights' and the impact of planning and environmental law on such rights; influence of Human Rights Act 1998.</p> <p>The nature and extent of legal liability, methods of dispute settlement and the opportunity they afford for public participation and the protection of the public interest.</p>
Assessment <i>Elements & weightings</i>	Assessment consists of one 3 hour seen examination which is 100% of the unit assessment.
Indicative Sources <i>(Reading lists)</i>	<p>PARTINGTON, M., (2008) <u>Introduction to the English Legal System</u>, 4th edition, OUP (<i>Copies of the third edition, 2006 are available from the library.</i>) This is an accessible, introductory textbook and is supported by an Online Resource Centre.</p> <p>SLAPPER, G., and KELLY, D., (2006), <u>The English Legal System</u>, Routledge-Cavendish 8th edition (<i>Note that this book is supported by companion website.</i>) This is a more detailed text than Partington, above.</p> <p>DARBYSHIRE, P., (2005), <u>Darbyshire on the English Legal System</u>, 8th edition, Sweet and Maxwell</p> <p>ELLIOTT, C., (2007) <u>English Legal System</u>, 8th edition, Longman Pearson (<i>Note that this book is supported by a companion website.</i>)</p> <p>GILLESPIE, A., (2007) <u>The English Legal System</u>, OUP</p> <p>INGMAN, T., 2006, <u>The English Legal Process</u>, 11th edition, OUP</p> <p>HARRIS, P., 2006, <u>An Introduction to Law</u>, 7th edition, Cambridge University Press</p> <p>WHEELER, J., (2006) <u>Essentials of the English Legal System</u>, 2nd edition, Longman (<i>Note that this book is supported by a companion website.</i>)</p>