

Module	Law of Evidence
Course code	LLBH-LE
Credits	5
Allocation of marks	100% Final Examination
Schedule	Evening only

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, learners will be able to:

1. Identify and explain the principles and rules underpinning the law of evidence;
2. Analyse and discuss categories of evidence where corroboration may be an issue;
3. Develop an understanding of the rationale behind the exclusion of improperly obtained evidence
4. Appraise and apply the relevance rules of evidence;
5. Apply the concepts of the rules of evidence relating to criminal trials and civil trials in different factual situations

6. Identify potential reforms in the law of evidence.
7. Communicate effectively in relation to the law of evidence

Module Curriculum

- Burdens of proof and standards of proof
- The course of the evidence in a criminal trial
- Competence and Compellability
- Corroboration warnings
- The rule against hearsay and its exceptions
- Opinion evidence and expert evidence
- Improperly obtained evidence
- Confession evidence
- Character evidence and cross-examination of the accused under the Criminal Justice (Evidence) Act 1924
- Privilege
- The privilege against self-incrimination and the right to silence in criminal trials
- The right to legal representation