

Module Specification

Module Details

Module Title	Capstone
Programme(s)	Master of Laws (LLM in Legal Practice)
Credits	60
Core or Elective	Core
Pre-requisites	None
FHEQ Level	7
Workload	600 hours, consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-paced interaction with the course and resources (100 hours) • Reading and personal study, and tutor interaction (400 hours) • Assessment and preparation for assessment (100 hours)

Module Outline & Competencies

Module Description This module develops students' knowledge and skills in focusing on specialised and integrated understanding of an area of law or legal practice.

As such it's one of several modules making up the College's Developing Legal Professionals portfolio of modules in the College's LLM in Legal Practice programme which is for graduates starting out on their pre-qualification journey of professional legal education and focuses on developing transactional, technical and practical proficiency in commercial law through innovative learning methods.

Learning Outcomes By successfully completing this module, the learner will be able to:

1. describe and critically evaluate an issue/s in an area of law or legal practice
2. discuss and critique practical problems and issues that present themselves within the topic
3. evaluate the extent to which any existing, new or emerging approaches may address the practical problems and issue/s

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- draw sound conclusions based on your analysis and evaluation and communicate your findings and conclusions clearly and accurately.
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Module Content There are no course materials or set units for this module. Students will conduct their own research and locate materials relevant to their chosen project paper.

In particular, students will be enabled to develop expert, specialised cognitive skills to analyse critically, reflect on, and synthesise information, current research, advanced scholarship and concepts to address an issue in an area of law or legal practice and to communicate their conclusions to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Students will be assessed through the project paper which must relate to an agreed topic in an area of law or legal practice selected or emerging from one of the CoLP transactional modules (the topic).

Assessment Learners will be assessed through the following:

- Research proposal (10%)
- Project paper of 8,000–10,000 words (90%)

The chosen topic and analysis must be capable of demonstrating all the learning outcomes. The supervisor will grade the final submission.

Link with competencies The competency frameworks that underpin the learning outcomes for this module are:

- The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7; and
- The College's Masters degree Competence Framework..

The:

- Learning outcomes are directed to the development; and
- Criteria for assessment of achievement are directed to the measurement;

of competencies in dealing with complex issues both systematically and creatively and make sound judgements in the absence of complete data at Masters level with the object of developing autonomy in the learner to the extent expected of a newly qualified lawyer working in the practice area for the topic.

Link with FHEQ criteria This module carries credits at FHEQ level 7 which will count towards the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and the College's LLM in Legal Practice.

As such the underpinning FHEQ level criteria are those set out in The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7 contextualised for professional development through study and learning on a professional/practice-based Master of Laws as described in the QAA's Characteristics Statement for Master's Degrees February 2020.
