

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Forensic Linguistics
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	6
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	EGL6126

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>This module will provide you with the knowledge and skills to critically analyse linguistic data and apply the results of the analysis to legal settings, focusing mainly on legal discourse, courtroom discourse, police interviewing, authorship analysis, and plagiarism detection. You will study a wide range of topics which will provide you with a broad understanding of different sub-disciplines of forensic linguistics and language and the law, each with its own methodological approach. You will develop skills necessary for interdisciplinary research at the intersection of linguistics, forensic sciences, legal studies and psychology. You will focus on how to ensure your data is representative, to develop robust methodological approach, and to present your results in a logical way meeting the requirements set by relevant bodies in a range of legal contexts.</p> <p>You will develop the foundation of your knowledge through a series of lectures which are followed by workshops in which you will apply your understanding of the field through a range of practical activities. These might include data analysis, mini presentations, class discussions, continuous group work on the project of your choice and/or field trips. Your formally taught sessions will be supported by pre-sessional learning activities delivered via Moodle and post-sessional reflection on the workshop's learning aims in groups. Your independent learning will be characterised by the development of your wider creative and critical knowledge of the field which will be supported by the application and development of your research skills.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<p>Forensic linguistics, language and the law, courtroom discourse, police interviewing, authorship analysis</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>
<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>	
<b>1</b>	Relate and apply linguistic concepts to legal practice, acknowledging the limitations and strengths of various analytical approaches and any gaps in existing research.
<b>2</b>	Analyse data using the method most appropriate to your research aims and to the requirements of the relevant area of law.
<b>3</b>	Deliver a logical and coherent research project based on a critical evaluation and integration of relevant literature.
<b>4</b>	Communicate clearly, fluently and effectively and present arguments in a professional and engaging manner.

8 Module Assessment			
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1-4			x

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
<b>Scheduled Learning (SL)</b> includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	100
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	64
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200