

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Constitutional & Administrative Law
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	7
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	GDL7002

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>Constitutional &amp; Administrative Law is a core module and one of the seven foundations of legal knowledge that must be successfully completed in order to proceed to the next stage of training to qualify into the legal profession.</p> <p>This module will explore the UK constitutional framework including sources of law, institutions, and key constitutional principles. It will enable you to develop a critical understanding of the UK constitutional institutions involved in the legislative process, including accountability mechanisms. You will explore UK administrative law which is concerned with review mechanisms which hold the Executive to account. You will also develop critical problem-solving skills by applying administrative law mechanisms to everyday problem scenarios.</p> <p>As part of the process of gaining knowledge and insight into public law, you will also engage in activities which will enable you to refine your research and analytical skills, demonstrate your ability to apply knowledge to find alternative solutions to legal problems and improve your ability to communicate complex ideas to others. By doing so you will reinforce your understanding of the relevant legal rules and principles.</p> <p>In keeping with the philosophy and aims of the programme most activities within the module will be practice-led and aligned to the development of the skills that you will need when you enter into employment. You will develop ability to articulate argument and legal reasoning in matters relating to constitutional and administrative law and consequently develop skills used in a real world working environment. Class discussions, presentations, and the final assessment will involve critical reflection on modern constitutional issues and an ability to apply the law to everyday problem scenarios that are likely to arise in legal practice and wider workplace. This further supports the nature of the module as practice-led. You will learn how to use and apply relevant legal terminology and the English language with precision in order to make effective oral and written presentations which are coherent and comprehensible to others within a scholarly and workplace environment. Such skills are key in this development and their focus here demonstrates the approach of the module in focusing on real world skills and as such its practice-led nature. Participation in the module will therefore contribute positively to the future quality of your employability. These skills include the opportunity to engage in the requisite knowledge to engage in this subject area, as well as analytical and communication skills. The assessment will ensure that you gain the skills to apply the law to complex scenarios and will develop your ability to research and analyse documents.</p> <p>This module aligns with the programme's aim of practice-led and knowledge applied through its assessment. The module is designed to help prepare you for the types of challenges you can expect to encounter in a working environment. The Constitutional and Administrative Law module achieves this aim by requiring you complete an MCQ based exam and to produce a piece of written advice on an aspect of constitutional law and an aspect of administrative law under timed conditions. The exams that you sit require you to synthesise their understanding of the module</p>	

and respond to a complex scenario in a time pressured environment as would be expected within a real world environment.

The module will be taught with a mixture of directed self-study periods, and 2-hour seminars. The online lectures aim to provide a general framework for understanding which will then be built upon through directed self-study periods and seminars. The module will use activities and discussions hosted by the Moodle. All of the learning activities will be supported in teaching sessions and on the Virtual Learning Environment, which will also offer interactive practice-orientated opportunities to test and apply your legal knowledge.

6	Indicative Content
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Constitutions and Parliamentary Sovereignty</li> <li>• Reform and challenges</li> <li>• Ministerial responsibility</li> <li>• Human Rights Act 1998</li> <li>• The Ombudsmen</li> <li>• Judicial Review</li> </ul>

7	Module Learning Outcomes
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>
	<b>1</b> Identify, explain and appraise the sources of UK constitutional law, constitutional institutions, and key constitutional principles.
	<b>2</b> Critically analyse and evaluate the role of UK constitutional institutions in the legislative process, mechanisms for their accountability, and current issues impacting on the UK constitution.
	<b>3</b> Identify, explain and appraise key principles of UK administrative law and its mechanisms for reviewing Executive action, legislation, and protection of individual rights.
	<b>4</b> Evaluate the effectiveness and application of administrative law mechanisms in problem scenarios involving challenging the State's power to make laws that impact on the rights of individuals.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
<b>1 - 4</b>		<b>X</b>	

<b>Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities</b>	
<b>Learning Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<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	36
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	128
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200