

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Property Law
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	GDL7003

5	Module Overview
<p>Property Law is a core module and covers TWO 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. The module aims to provide you with an intellectually stimulating and practice-led, knowledge-applied education in both land law (the law of property as it relates to land) and equity and the law of trusts. The module will provide you with a sound basis of the knowledge needed in order for you to apply the legal concepts and principals involved in property law to typical legal problems from land law and trust law practice. It will contribute towards your continuing professional development by learning through the application of law in a real-world context.</p> <p>There are TWO summative assessments for this module. You must pass both of them in order to demonstrate your knowledge of each of the foundations subjects taught and assessed in this module. The summative assessments will require you to outline and justify legal advice that would be given to resolve practical legal issues. The first of these will take the form of a MCQ based exam, while in the exam you will be required to advise parties to a dispute or trustees in the execution of their duties as well as responding to a Law Commission/Ministry of Justice consultative question on law reform. Each of these will require you to combine theory and practice in a professional context. In this way you will evidence your skills of written communication and analysis.</p> <p>Property Law will develop your experience and skills in a practice focused environment to help enhance your employability in accordance with the programme's philosophy and aims. The module will develop your skills, focusing specifically upon oral and written communication, action planning, legal research, analysis and decision making, influencing and negotiating, initiative and leadership, and time-management through your engagement with the skills-based activities in seminars and the summative assessment. Throughout the module emphasis will be placed on developing your ability to put theory into practice, which is a valuable skill that can be transferred into the work place.</p> <p>The module will be taught with a mixture of directed self-study periods, and 2-hour seminars. Online lectures will support learning by providing 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 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.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Property Law? • Proprietary Rights • Leases and Implied Trusts • Priorities, Overriding Interests and Overreaching • Co-ownership • Freehold Covenants • Classification of Trusts • The Three Certainties • Formalities – s9 Wills Act 1837 & Secret Trust • Constitution of Trusts

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and critical understanding of the key principles, rules and concepts in property law.
	2	Apply advanced legal knowledge on matters of the land law and trust law to problem scenarios.
	3	Critically analyse and evaluate principles in land law and trust law.
	4	Communicate effectively relevant legal principles, proposed solutions and supportive reasoning in professional writing using appropriate referencing conventions.

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

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	36	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	128	
Total Study Hours:	200	