

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Legal Method
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	No Credits
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	7
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	GDL7006

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>Legal Method is a core module and part of one of the seven foundations of legal knowledge that must be successfully completed in order to proceed to the next stage of training for entry into the legal profession.</p> <p>The module accommodates the requirement of the Joint Academic Standards Board, comprising the Solicitor's Regulatory Authority and Bar Standards Board, for students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the fundamental doctrines and principles which underpin the law of England and Wales. This includes a knowledge of the sources of law, how law is made and developed; of the institutions within which that law is administered and the personnel who practice law. The Legal Method module aims to provide you with this knowledge in an intellectually stimulating and academically rigorous introduction to the course. A pass in this module, together with the seven foundation modules, is required in order that non-law graduates can proceed to the next stage of training in order to qualify as either a solicitor or barrister.</p> <p>The module will be delivered in a blended learning style with a mix of on-line and face to face lectures, supported by interactive, skills based seminars in order to develop the intellectual and practical skills to research and analyse the law from primary resources (both standard paper and electronic), to identify relevant issues and to formulate and communicate these with clarity. Lectures will be delivered face to face supported by a number of on-line audio lectures, during the initial weeks of the course.</p> <p>In keeping with the philosophy and aims of the course, 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. There will be a strong focus upon effective communication of information, placing significant emphasis on written communication skills. Participation on the module will also contribute positively to the future quality of your employability. These skills include the opportunity to engage in teamwork; the ability to research and report findings, the development of competence in a range of cognitive skills.</p> <p>This module aligns with the programme's aim of practice-led knowledge by requiring students to complete a case analysis assessment, which provides a link between theory and practice. The module is designed to help prepare you for the types of challenges you can expect to encounter in a working environment. Legal Method achieves this aim by requiring you to demonstrate skills of critical analysis, legal research, constructing legal argument and written communication.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Law?</li> <li>• Sources of Law</li> <li>• The Courts</li> <li>• Criminal &amp; Civil Justice System</li> <li>• Judicial Precedent</li> <li>• Statutory Interpretation</li> <li>• Delegated Legislation</li> <li>• Politics of the Judiciary</li> <li>• Legal Personnel</li> </ul>

7	Module Learning Outcomes
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>
	<b>1</b> Demonstrate a critical appreciation of the principles of the English Legal System and its relationship to appropriate European, international and human rights laws and the processes involved in the criminal and civil justice systems.
	<b>2</b> Synthesise knowledge acquired in the module critically evaluating legal concepts, doctrines, principles and alternative approaches to the judicial decision making process.
	<b>3</b> Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and integrate a diverse range of primary and secondary research resources.
	<b>4</b> Engage with a peer assessed library activity, demonstrating an ability to conduct paper and electronic legal research.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
<b>1 - 3</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>X</b>		

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	36	
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	128	
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200	