

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Advanced Legal Research Methods
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	LAW7130

5	Module Overview
<p>This module enables you to gain enhanced knowledge and understanding of the techniques needed for advanced legal research. It serves a double purpose. As a foundation to other Level 7 modules in law, it supports you in acquiring the knowledge of research methods and skills in applying those methods required to succeed in postgraduate legal research – both in scholarship and for practitioners. Secondly, the module as a whole and the particular mode of assessment are both designed to provide you with the essential foundation and framework for completing the Dissertation, and substantial support towards completion of a Live Project or Placement at postgraduate level.</p> <p>The module is delivered primarily online via presentations focussed on the design of a proposal and literature review that will be your summative coursework for this module and a building block for your dissertation, live project or placement.</p> <p>Prior to the submission of your summative coursework you will be required to attend and give an oral presentation. This will be a short proposal to the tutor of your proposed research area on how you have engaged in the process of research so far. It is your opportunity to have your say and justify your chosen area and why it merits further study. Feedback provided to you by the tutor will prove useful to feed forward into the final research proposal for the module.</p> <p>The module is employability-driven in that it will help you master the essential skills required to draft research proposals for applications for research funding or wider presentation of a measured research output. Using your own particular research interest as basis, you will develop valuable transferable skills such as preparing materials for presentation, peer review, project planning and oral and written communication.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to writing research proposals • Practical exercises using research skills • Comparative legal method • Critical legal studies: Law and economics • Scholarly writing • Research proposals 	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	To critically review the extent and nature of existing legal research on a chosen topic within the scope of the postgraduate programmes in law.
	2	To apply knowledge of advanced legal research methods to formulate a proposal for meaningful legal research on a chosen topic within the scope of the postgraduate programmes in law.
	3	To present a scholarly plan of research in a format compliant with OSCOLA.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 – 3	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	10	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	40	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	150	
Total Study Hours:	200	