

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Professional Skills and Practice
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	5
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	LAW5067

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>Professional Skills and Practice is a compulsory module providing you with an opportunity to develop your employability skills and also acting as a preparation for the programme's optional placement modules which can be studied later in the programme.</p> <p>In accordance with the programme's philosophy and aims, the module is practice-led and knowledge based and is experiential by design. It will equip you with simulated experiences of legal practice skills such as interviewing, advising, negotiation, advocacy, communication skills, both written and oral, interpersonal skills (including team-working skills), the ability to prioritise and to work to strict deadlines.</p> <p>As such the module is at the forefront of the employability agenda lying at the heart of the programme's philosophy and one of the significant features of the module is that it encourages you to develop professional behaviour, autonomous learning and also team-working through the work you will carry out as a member of an Action Learning Set. As well as providing opportunities for personal reflection upon the development of your own employability there will be an opportunity to carry out career development planning. The module will prepare you for the emphasis on practice skills that you will encounter on a placement but also anticipating the professional post-graduate qualifications programmes (the Legal Practice Course and the Bar Professional Training Course). The skills encountered and attributes developed on the module are also highly transferable and therefore the module is inter-disciplinary, in general terms, as it will also help to develop your employability in other professional or business contexts.</p> <p>The assessment in this module is aligned with the programme's learning, teaching and assessment strategy by providing you with a portfolio based assessment which will enable you to demonstrate your achievement of the learning outcomes through skills focussed, practice based activities upon which you will reflect to enable you to identify how your employability has developed.</p> <p>This module will be delivered through weekly workshops, fortnightly Action Learning Sets and prescribed Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) activities on Moodle.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<p>Legal practice skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interviewing</li> <li>- Advising</li> <li>- Negotiation</li> <li>- Advocacy</li> <li>- Communication skills</li> <li>- Written and oral skills</li> <li>- Interpersonal skills</li> </ul>	

- Team-working skills

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>	
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>	
	<b>1</b>	Develop effective personal initiative.
	<b>2</b>	Demonstrate effective team-working.
	<b>3</b>	Reflect systematically upon performance in advocacy exercises in order to further develop learning.
	<b>4</b>	Reflect systematically upon development of personal employability in order to further develop learning.

<b>8</b>	<b>Module Assessment</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>		<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Exam</b>
<b>1, 2, 3, 4</b>		<b>X</b>	

<b>9</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