

## Module Specification

### Module Summary Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	Evidence, Proof and Argument
<b>2</b>	<b>Module Credits</b>	20
<b>3</b>	<b>Module Level</b>	6
<b>4</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	LAW6069

<b>5</b>	<b>Module Overview</b>
<p>Evidence, Proof and Argument is an optional module that forms one of your choices on the programme to provide a comprehensive overview of the rules of criminal evidence and procedure.</p> <p>This module will sufficiently prepare students to progress onto one of the legal vocational training courses or to seek employment within the criminal justice system. The module focusses on activities which closely align to the programme's philosophy and aims, in particular the focus on learning that is 'practice-led, knowledge-applied', and 'employability-driven', by facilitating learning through engagement with authentic challenges. Your learning will revolve around two fictitious case studies, each akin to a real-life case, along with a number of complex problem scenarios. The case studies will provide you with a 'practice-led' experience in identifying and solving evidential issues that may arise at trial, and by using authentic pre-trial documents, including witness statements, statements of proof and interview transcripts. This module will build on the knowledge you have already acquired through study at levels 4 and 5, in particular knowledge of Criminal Law and some of the skills developed in the Professional Skills and Practice module.</p> <p>The interactive nature and practice-led design of the teaching sessions and assessment strategy, will encourage you to participate and engage actively in your learning, enabling you to develop and demonstrate a wide range of transferrable skills, which include oral and written communication, research, case analysis skills, and statutory interpretation.</p> <p>The module is delivered through weekly workshops. Workshops will consist of a review of pre-workshop activities and discursive group activities. The workshop will require a high level of student interaction. These session will help prepare your skeleton argument and oral advocacy assessment along with prescribed Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) activities on Moodle.</p>	

<b>6</b>	<b>Indicative Content</b>
<p>Fundamentals of Evidence</p> <p>Process of Trial</p> <p>Witnesses</p> <p>Admissibility and illegal obtained evidence</p> <p>Good Character and Bad Character of a Non-Defendant</p> <p>Bad Character of a Defendant</p> <p>Suspect Evidence</p> <p>Hearsay</p> <p>ID Evidence</p> <p>Confessions</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b>		
	<b>On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:</b>		
	<b>1</b>	Evaluate relevant evidential rules arising from a complex problem scenario.	
	<b>2</b>	Apply relevant statutes and case law which form the rules of evidence.	
	<b>3</b>	Compose appropriate legal written arguments on the admissibility of evidence.	
	<b>4</b>	Formulate coherent, persuasive oral legal arguments, using appropriate language and structure, while complying with courtroom procedure and etiquette.	

<b>8</b>	<b>Module Assessment</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>			
	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>In-Person</b>
<b>1, 2, 4</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>3</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	24	
<b>Directed Learning (DL)</b> includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	48	
<b>Private Study (PS)</b> includes preparation for exams	128	
<b>Total Study Hours:</b>	200	