

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Family Law
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	LAW6070

5 Module Overview

Family Law is an optional module that forms one of your choices on the programme to provide you with a grounding in the principles of Family Law.

You will concentrate on the foundational areas, including the law relating to marriage and separation, divorce and financial matters, and children disputes, to include the involvement of local authorities. After studying the module you will appreciate the importance of how statute and the developing case law continually impacts on family lives.

The module will enable you to provide written answers to demonstrate your knowledge of the law and will develop your confidence in applying the law in complex family situations. You will be able to explain, orally and in writing, how different issues may be resolved prior to or within court proceedings.

The module is designed in line with the philosophy of the programme to be practice-based in that you will be encouraged to consider how the law should be applied in authentic situations to reach practical and realistic solutions. You will learn by practising how to express detailed legal points in order to reach solutions to complex Family Law scenarios.

6 Indicative Content

Introduction to Family Law and Marriage

Divorce and Relationship Breakdown

Financial Orders

Property and Co-habitation

Domestic Violence Issues

Children Issues and Parental Rights

Child Arrangement Orders

Special Guardianship and Adoption

Intervention of the State and Child Protection Issues

7	M	Module Learning Outcomes			
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:				
	1	Critically assess the impact of developing case law on current legal practices.			
	2	Analyse the impact of relevant Family Law statutes on current legal practices in a succinct manner			
	3 Apply current legal principles to Family Law issues.				
	4	Demonstrate effective communication, providing persuasive arguments to justify realistic solutions to family law issues.			



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