

Overview of PART 2 OPTIONAL MODULES



LLB LAW

2020-2021

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Dear Students,

The Law School has compiled this e-leaflet of the modules we will be offering current First year students who are due to progress to Part 2 for 2020-2021. We thought this might be helpful for you, but we are not in charge of the selection procedure. You will receive an email from the RISIS team in due course.

The Online Module Browser will be available from 6th April for viewing only. You can choose modules **between 16th April and 30th April 2020**.

In your second year, you will have 80 credits of compulsory modules (Equity & Trusts, EU Law, Land Law and Public Law 2). That leaves you with 40 credits of optional modules to select.

- You must choose one 20 credit module from the Law Options listed in this e-booklet;
- AND
- You must choose a further 20 credits. This may be another 20 credit Law module or may be module(s) from outside the School of Law adding up to 20 credits

Please note that you cannot select *both* LW2LWC Legal Writing Credit *and* LW2RP Research Project at the same time due to the similarity in the structure of these modules.

It is very important that all your modules add up to 120 credits exactly – or you may not be able to progress to the final year.

Please note that all module selection is **provisional**: the availability of modules is dependent on staffing and student numbers and is also subject to timetabling constraints. There may also be minor changes to module descriptions.



Best wishes



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Detailed existing module descriptions can be found at:

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/modules/module.aspx?sacyr=1920&school=LAW>

Updated module descriptions will be available in due course at:

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/modules/module.aspx?sacyr=2021&school=LAW>

LAW OPTIONS

You must choose at least one Law Option. You can choose two (if you have not chosen any non-law options).

LW2BA Banking Law

Number of Credits: 20

Current Lecturer: Folashade Adeyemo

The module addresses the concept of banking regulation and supervision from a UK and a global perspective. It also addresses specific aspects of banking law, for example, the bank and customer relationship and the duty of banks to maintain confidentiality. The module also aims to provide students with the opportunity to develop and sharpen their logical and analytical skills as it relates to banking law issues.

The module is designed to stretch the student's analytical mind, to enable them to resolve practical legal issues which may arise in banking and provide a clear understanding of the significant role played by banks in society. The module considers banking law generally from a practical, theoretical and legal perspective with the exploration of cases.

Mode of Delivery (including contact hours):

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lectures	20		
Seminars			5
Guided independent study	80	95	
Total hours by term	100	100	

Summative Assessment Methods:

Method	Percentage
Written assignments including essay	50
Oral assessment and presentation	10
Written examination	40

LW2CS Crime and Society in England & Wales

Current Number of Credits: 20

Lecturers: Charlotte Smith, Mark Wilde

This module adopts a historical and socio-legal approach to the study of the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales since 1750. It views the Criminal Justice System as a product of its history, and of the social, political and economic context in which it developed. It traces the shifting nature of this history and context in order to promote an understanding of the forces which shaped the Criminal Justice System, and the needs and objectives which it was designed to meet, and how these have changed over time. This facilitates a critical assessment of the fitness for purpose of different aspects of the system in the light of current social and political contexts.

Students will be encouraged and supported to improve their research skills and legal writing and to understand how to interact with both scholarly literature and relevant primary source materials.

Mode of Delivery (including contact hours):

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lectures	20		
Seminars	10		
Guided independent study	80	90	
Total hours by term	100	100	

Summative Assessment Methods:

Method	Percentage
Written assignments including essay	30
Written examination	70

LW2FIL Foundations of International Law

Current Number of Credits: 20

Current Lecturers: James Green, Lawrence Hill-Cawthorne, Steve Samuel, Anne Thies

This module is designed to introduce students to international law and the international legal system. It teaches the key foundational aspects of that system, such as the way in which international law is created (with a particular focus on treaties and customary international law), the subjects of the international legal system (the states of the world, but also international organisations, individuals and others), international dispute settlement mechanisms, and how states are found responsible for breaches of international law. It also gives students the opportunity to engage with the process of international law-making, through an interactive treaty negotiation exercise.

The module provides a starting point to give students core knowledge applicable to more specialised optional Part F modules in international law and to underpin the work on later international law projects, such as a dissertation in the subject. However, it also aims to provide a holistic account of the core features of international law if taken in isolation.

Mode of Delivery (including contact hours):

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lectures	11		9
Seminars	4		4
Practical classes	2		
Guided independent study	85	87	
Total hours by term	100	100	

Summative Assessment Methods:

Method	Percentage
Written assignments including essay	40%
Report	20%
Written examination	40%

LW2LWC Legal Writing Credit

Number of Credits: 20

Current Lecturers: Annika Newnham, David Wilde

The Legal Writing Credit is a piece of assessed written work which allows a student independently to research a set topic arising out of other Part 2 LLB studies and to produce a critical essay. It provides an opportunity to improve independent legal research, referencing and formal academic writing.

At the start of the Autumn Term you will be allocated a title on a topic arising out of the other Part 2 LLB modules studied (Equity, Land Law, Public Law 2 and EU Law). There will be one general lecture each term: one in the autumn on research and on the spring term on writing the essay.

Please note that no assistance will be provided by any member of staff with respect to the essay, beyond the general lectures. No drafts or plans of essays may be submitted to any member of staff.

You cannot select *both* LW2LWC Legal Writing Credit *and* LW2RP Research Project at the same time due to the similarity in the structure of both modules.

Mode of Delivery (including contact hours):

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lectures			
Guided independent study	99		99
Total hours by term	100		100

Summative Assessment Methods:

Method	Percentage
Written assignments including essay	100

LW2RP Research Project

Number of Credits: 20

Current Lecturers include: Grace James, Annika Newnham, Sharon Sinclair-Graham

This module aims to provide students with a hands-on experience of the academic research process, from the formulation of a research question through to the production of an essay, and to give students the opportunity to obtain an in-depth understanding of a specific topic.

Students will be allocated to work with a supervising member of staff on a research project. You will be able to indicate a preference for which academic you wish to work with, on the basis of their areas of research expertise. After induction into the aims of the module and the skills required to undertake legal research, students will work with their supervisor to design their own question and then produce an individual written research output. This will be supported via a series of workshops, each of which will address a different element of the process.

Students wishing to do a 40-credit dissertation in their final year are advised to take this module.

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Mode of Delivery (including contact hours):

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lectures	2	1	
Seminars	2	1	
Guided independent study	96	98	
Total hours by term	100	100	

Summative Assessment Methods:

Method	Percentage
Written assignments including essay	100