



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-142	Course Title Legal System and Method II	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites LAW-141	Department Law	Semester Spring
Type of Course Required	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Peter Pafitis	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

To provide students with the inner workings of the legal profession and to present a clear perspective of the significant and operational aspects of legal aid, court procedures and the appeals process within the English Legal System.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate an appreciation of the work, qualifications, training and regulation of barristers and solicitors
2. Assess efforts made towards fusion of the legal professions
3. Explain the need for payment for legal services and appreciate the importance, role and effectiveness of state-funding and conditional fee arrangements
4. State the criteria for granting and refusing bail
5. Assess the inner workings of the criminal trial process
6. Demonstrate a broad understanding of the civil justice system
7. Explain the appeals system and understand its pivotal role in overseeing the lower courts and ensuring consistency in the development of the law
8. State how to take initiative, to undertake independent learning and developing powers of enquiry and critical analysis

Course Content:

Legal Profession
Solicitors
Barristers
The Crown Prosecution Service

Legal Aid
The legal aid scheme prior to the Access to Justice Act 1999
The Access to Justice Act 1999
The Legal Services Commission
The Criminal Defence Service (CDS)
The Commission Legal Service (CLS)

Criminal Procedure
Prosecution
Bail
Classification of Offences
Determining the mode of trial
Committal Proceedings

Criminal Procedure
Summary Trial
Trial on Indictment

Criminal Appeals
Following a summary trial
Miscarriage of Justice
Criminal Case Review Commission

Civil Procedure

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, case studies, student participation

Assessment Methods:

Assignment and/or presentation, mid-term examination, final examination

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
English Legal System – The Fundamentals	Jo Boylan-Kemp	Sweet & Maxwell	2018	9780414057555
English Legal System	Steve Wilson, Helen Rutherford, Tony Storey, Natalie Wortley	Oxford University Press	2018	9780198808152

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Introduction to the English Legal System	Martin Partington	Oxford University Press	2018	9780198818861
The English Legal System	Allisdair Gillespie	Oxford University Press	2017	9780198785439
The English Legal System	Jacqueline Martin	Hodder Education	2016	9781471879159
English Legal System in Context	Fiona Cownie, Anthony Bradney & Mandy Burton	Oxford University Press	2013	9780199656561
English Legal System	Catherine Elliot & Frances Quinn	Pearson	2017	9781292146911
English Legal System	G Slapper & D Kelly	Routledge	2017	9781138284470