

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	PUBLIC LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW1005 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module explains and evaluates critically the legal structure of government and the state. It explores the legal relationship between the citizen, the state and the law. Students will evaluate the various methods by which power is exercised and controlled within the UK in the absence of a written constitution. As part of this evaluation students will explore the constitutional roles played by administrative and human rights

MODULE CONTENT

This module will consider:

- the definition and function of a constitution.
- the sources of the UK constitutional system, including constitutional conventions.
- the supremacy of Parliament
- the separation of powers and the rule of law
- judicial review
- the protection of human rights

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. to define and discuss the purpose of a constitution and its relevance in the UK;
 2. to outline the sources and key concepts of the UK's constitutional system, including the role of judicial review and human rights;
 3. to present reasoned and well structured conclusions to problems;
 4. to demonstrate skills of expression, research and the use of IT for information retrieval.
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TEACHING METHODS

A student's ability to articulate, in writing, legal analysis and argument, identify and apply legal sources to a fictitious practical scenario, and work within time/word/presentational constraints, will be assessed by a written assignment and an unseen examination. Additionally, a student's ability to research and marshal legal evidence in support of an argument, express legal analysis and technique, whilst respecting and responding to the viewpoints of others, will be assessed by their oral performance in seminar discussion of legal problems prepared in advance by the student. Performance is assessed over the seminar programme according to the level, quality and frequency of contribution to group discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a written assignment and a written examination.