

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	TORT LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW2504 (L5)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

- Outline and explain the legal principles and doctrines which comprise the rules of civil liability in English Tort Law.
- Explore critically when, how, and why tortious obligations are created as well as identifying appropriate remedies and highlighting the legal rules (and their underlying rationale) which may limit the award of such remedies.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of these principles by applying them to tortious scenarios or evaluative statements (both orally and in writing), evaluating the content, scope and applicability of the legal rules, and by developing reasoned arguments in support of solutions to any legal issues raised.
- Promote legal research and information retrieval skills in constructing both written and oral legal arguments.

MODULE CONTENT

- *Principles of tortious liability*: functions, purpose and rationale for civil liability for Torts; non-legal mechanisms for redressing civil wrongs; remedies and limitations
- *Negligence*: Principles: duty of care, breach, causation and remoteness. Applications: psychiatric injury, omissions, public duties, liability for acts of third-parties, occupier's liability
- *Trespass to the Person*: Assault, Battery, False Imprisonment, the Tort in *Wilkinson v Downton*

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Explain and evaluate the elements comprising the legal rules of civil liability in Tort Law and explain their underlying theoretical rationale
 2. Resolve tortious issues raised by both problem based scenarios and statement based evaluative claims.
 3. Demonstrate skills of written expression, research and the use of information technology.
 4. Work to time-limited deadlines and follow instructions necessary for completing learning tasks.
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TEACHING METHODS

A student's ability to articulate, in writing, legal analysis and argument, research, identify and apply legal sources to fictitious practical scenarios, and work within time/word/presentational constraints, will be assessed by a written assignment and an unseen examination. The module will be delivered on-campus through a combination of lectures and seminars, with a comprehensive virtual learning environment platform providing supplementary materials for supporting learning, assessment and feedback.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

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

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English