MODULE **DESCRIPTOR**

MODULE TITLE	DISSERTATION		
MODULE CODE	LW3904 (L6)	CREDIT VALUE	40 UK CREDITS / 20 ECTS
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE **AIMS**

To create an opportunity for planning and conducting an independent piece of research on a self-directed, and legally-focused, topic or issue of interest.

MODULE **CONTENT**

Indicative syllabus content:

The module comprises detailed study of an area of the law chosen by the student in negotiation with the dissertation supervisor. The topic must have a substantial legal content related to a specific aspect or theme studied in the School of Law. A suitable supervisor must be identified within the Law School academic staff who possesses the expertise required to provide relevant supervision. The student must consult with the supervising tutor throughout the preparation of the dissertation and maintain a record of supervisory sessions (one to one tutorials) attended during the module. At the end of the module, the student must submit a summary of all supervisory meetings to the supervising tutor for certification that the student has complied with the supervisory regime. Both the record of supervisory sessions and the summary of progress must be appended to the completed dissertation prior to submission.

INTENDED **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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

1. Plan and produce an independently conceived and created piece of legal research
2. Select and apply a research methodology appropriate to the chosen area of research.
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the strategies deployed to bring the dissertation to fruition
4. Demonstrate skills of expression, research, and communicate in an evidenced and well-structured manner

TEACHING METHODS

Self-directed learning of research skills and project management, supported by a supervisory relationship that guides the planning, execution, and writing stages of independent research, problem solving, and analysis. Workshop support and guidance on key research and project management skills and techniques, such as time management, schedule planning, working relationships with supervisors, research methodologies, and data collection methods. Presentation of research proposals to peers to gain constructive feedback and encourage critical self-reflection and more effective and realistic planning of research tasks.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through one Oral Presentation and one Dissertation.