

Masters in Legal and Constitutional Studies

Programme Coordinator: Prof C. Humfress

Postgraduate Diploma Taught Element:

60 credits LC5001, LC5002, LC5026;

60 credits: (LC5021 or LC5022), (LC5023 or ME5012 or MS5028), (LC5024 or LC5025)

MLitt:

120 credits as for the Postgraduate Diploma Taught Element plus LC5099

MPhil:

120 credits as for the MLitt Taught Element plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

Compulsory modules:

LC5001 The Idea of Law				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This one-semester core module introduces fundamental concepts, questions and analytical frameworks relevant to legal, historical and constitutional research. Taught by the module co-ordinator supported by experts trained in a variety of different disciplinary approaches, topics will include law and statehood; law and formalism; law and social science; colonialism, empire and law; 'law and/in society'; and 'global law'. Emphasis will be placed throughout the module on developing analytical and critical research skills, including teaching students how to frame relevant research questions and independent-study projects.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Legal and Constitutional Studies Taught Postgraduate Programme.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof C Humfress			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof C Humfress, Prof J Hudson, Prof A Lang, Prof N Rengger			

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LC5002 Comparative Studies in Legal and Constitutional Research				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>Comparative Studies in Legal and Constitutional Research provides a forum for students to develop, present, and write on a particular field or topic, drawing on methodological ideas from Semester 1 modules. Students will receive further guidance on the preparation and presentation (oral and written) of a research subject, including Masters' level argument-construction skills. They will then conduct research in their chosen field, as developed with guidance from those involved in teaching the module. Presentations to the whole class will provide not just feedback on the particular topic, but a forum for an exploration of the possibilities of comparison and comparative methodologies within legal and constitutional research. The module also provides preparation for the writing of dissertations; the research topic may lead into, but must be distinct from, that of the dissertation.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Legal and Constitutional Studies Taught Postgraduate Programme Optional for Intellectual History, International Relations Taught Postgraduate Programme			
Pre-requisite(s):	LC5001			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 7 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof C Humfress			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof C Humfress, Prof J Hudson, Prof A Lang			

LC5026 Special Topic in Legal and Constitutional Studies (2)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>This module provides students with the opportunity for detailed research and tuition within a specialized field of their choice. It thereby complements the other, broader modules being taken at the same time. It also provides for individual or very small group supervision.</p> <p>Following discussions with the student, the MLitt co-ordinator will appoint a supervisor. The supervisor will be responsible for helping the student find an appropriate topic; for bibliographic help; for holding regular meetings to allow discussion and feedback; and for expert assessment of written work, with the assistance of a second marker).</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Legal and Constitutional Studies Taught Postgraduate Programme			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-hour tutorial (x 6 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof C Humfress, Prof A Lang			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof C Humfress, Prof A Lang, Prof J Hudson, Prof N Rengger, Prof C Kidd, Dr A Bower, Dr M Peter			

LC5099 Dissertation in Legal and Constitutional Studies				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides students with the opportunity for detailed research within a specialized field of their choice. Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by a specified late August deadline.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Legal and Constitutional Studies MLitt Programme.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 9 hours to be arranged with supervisor			
Assessment pattern:	Dissertation = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof C Humfress, Prof A Lang			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof C Humfress, Prof A Lang, Prof N Rengger, Prof J Hudson, Prof R Houston, Prof C Kidd, Prof K Haakonssen, Dr A Bower, Dr M Peter			

Optional modules:

One of:

LC5021 Approaches to Legal History				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides students with a grounding in particularly influential authors and works on the history of law, and also requires critical reflection on method. It will provide students with a detailed knowledge of certain fundamental texts and the debates that they generated, thereby helping them to develop the skills needed to understand and evaluate the arguments presented by legal historians since the nineteenth century. Themes covered will include the common law tradition of legal history stretching back to Maitland; writings on law and society, including those of marxist historians such as E.P. Thompson; and the influence of social anthropology on the historical study of disputes.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Early Modern History, Intellectual History, Legal and Constitutional Studies, Mediaeval History, Mediaeval Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof J Hudson			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof J Hudson, Prof C Humfress, Prof C Kidd, Prof R Houston			

OR

LC5022 The Philosophy of International Law				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module will explore the philosophy of international law. Its focus will be less on the history and more on underlying philosophical issues arising from the nature and practice of international law.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Intellectual History, International Political Theory, Legal and Constitutional Studies Taught Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof A Lang			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr M Peter, Dr W Eves			

One of:

LC5023 Special Topic in Legal and Constitutional Studies (1)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides students with the opportunity for detailed research and tuition within a specialised field of their choice. It thereby complements the other, broader modules being taken at the same time. It also provides for individual or very small group supervision. Following discussions with the student, the MLitt co-ordinator will appoint a supervisor. The supervisor will be responsible for helping the student find an appropriate topic; for bibliographic help; for holding regular meetings to allow discussion and feedback; and for expert assessment of written work, with the assistance of a second marker).				
Programme module type:	Optional for Legal and Constitutional Studies			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-hour tutorial (x 6 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof C Humfress, Prof A Lang			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof C Kidd, Dr A Bower, Dr M Peter			

OR

ME5012 Sources and Source Criticism (20)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module addresses interpretation and criticism of mediaeval sources. It concentrates upon a selected central body of documentation and its associated problems and introduces appropriate skills training. Both students already familiar with the challenge of mediaeval sources and newcomers are welcome.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme. Optional for Legal and Constitutional Studies Postgraduate Programme.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1.5-hour seminar and individual tutorials as required.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

OR

MS5028 Latin for Mediaeval Studies				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Whole Year
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides an introduction to Latin language for the study of the Middle Ages.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme Optional for Legal and Constitutional Studies Postgraduate Programme.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	1 seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			

One of:

LC5024 Comparative Studies in Legal History				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides a forum for students to develop, present, and write on a particular field or topic, drawing on methodological ideas from Semester 1 modules. Students will receive further guidance on the preparation and presentation (oral and written) of a research subject. They will then conduct research in that field, based as appropriate on primary and secondary sources. Presentations to the whole class will provide not just feedback on the particular topic, but a forum for an exploration of the possibilities of comparison within legal history. The module also provides preparation for the writing of dissertations; the research topic may lead into, but must be distinct from, that of the dissertation.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Early Modern History, Intellectual History, Legal and Constitutional Studies, Mediaeval History, Mediaeval Studies.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 7 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof J Hudson			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof J Hudson, Prof C Humfress, Prof C Kidd, Prof R Houston			

OR

LC5025 Global Constitutionalism				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module examines a range of approaches to Global Constitutionalism, exploring their assumptions, justifications, benefits, and limitations. It draws on key thinkers in the history of legal and political thought and explores a range of issues relating to the emergence of a global constitutional order.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Legal and Constitutional History and International Relations Taught Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof A Lang			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof A Lang			

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