

Legal and Constitutional Studies

Programme Requirements:

Legal and Constitutional Studies - MLitt
LC5001 (20 credits) and LC5002 (20 credits) and LC5026 (20 credits) and (LC5021 (20 credits) or LC5022 (20 credits)) and (LC5023 (20 credits) or ME5012 (20 credits) or 20 credits from Module List: MS5123 - MS5124) and (LC5024 (20 credits) or LC5025 (20 credits)) and LC5099 (60 credits)

Legal and Constitutional Studies - PG Dip
LC5001 (20 credits) and LC5002 (20 credits) and LC5026 (20 credits) and (LC5021 (20 credits) or LC5022 (20 credits)) and (LC5023 (20 credits) or ME5012 (20 credits) or 20 credits from Module List: MS5123 - MS5124) and (LC5024 (20 credits) or LC5025 (20 credits))

Compulsory modules:

LC5001 The Idea of Law				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module coordinator:	Prof C Humfress			
Module teaching staff:	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
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
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.				
Pre-requisite(s):	Before taking this module you must pass LC5001			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 7 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	New coursework: 3,000-word essay			
Module teaching staff:	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
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
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. 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).				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-hour tutorial (x 6 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module teaching staff:	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	Both
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 9 hours to be arranged with supervisor			
Assessment pattern:	Dissertation = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	No Re-Assessment Available			
Module teaching staff:	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:

LC5021 Approaches to Legal History				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module coordinator:	Prof J G H Hudson			
Module teaching staff:	Prof J Hudson, Prof C Humfress, Prof C Kidd, Prof R Houston			

LC5022 Approaches to International Law				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module coordinator:	Prof N J H Rengger			
Module teaching staff:	Prof N Rengger			

LC5023 Special Topic in Legal and Constitutional Studies (1)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
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).				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 1-hour tutorial (x 6 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module coordinator:	Prof C Humfress			
Module teaching staff:	Prof J Hudson, Prof C Humfress, Prof A Lang, Prof N Rengger, Prof R Houston, Prof C Kidd, Dr A Bower, Dr M Peter			

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ME5012 Sources and Source Criticism (20)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 1.5-hour seminar and individual tutorials as required.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module coordinator:	Prof J G H Hudson			

MS5123 Latin for Mediaeval Studies 1				
SCOTCAT Credits:	10	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	10.00 am - 12.00 noon Mon (flexible)			
This module provides an introduction to Latin language for the study of the Middle Ages.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Pass / Fail) = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	Re-Assessment coursework = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Prof B M E Bildhauer			

MS5124 Latin for Mediaeval Studies 2				
SCOTCAT Credits:	10	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	10.00 am - 12.00 noon Mon (flexible)			
This module provides an introduction to Latin language for the study of the Middle Ages.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Pass / Fail) = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Prof B M E Bildhauer			

LC5024 Comparative Studies in Legal History				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 7 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	"New coursework: 3,000-word essay"			
Module coordinator:	Prof J G H Hudson			
Module teaching staff:	Prof J Hudson, Prof C Humfress, Prof C Kidd, Prof R Houston			

LC5025 Global Constitutionalism				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
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.				
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 2-hour seminars (x 11 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Re-assessment pattern:	New coursework: 3,000-word essay			
Module coordinator:	Prof A Lang			

Co-requisite(s):	If not already passed you must take LC5001
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