

Module code: MOD008481	Version: 2 Date Amended: 24/Jun/2026
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1. Module Title
Undergraduate Major Project in Law (Dissertation)

2a. Module Leader
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3a. Level
6

3b. Module Type
Project or dissertation (fine graded)

4a. Credits
30

4b. Study Hours
300

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:	LLB (Hons) Law LLB (Hons) Law with Business (subject to approval) BA (Hons) Legal Studies		

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

In this module you'll undertake a substantial piece of law research or a legal practice related project, focused on a topic relevant to your studies and career aspirations. You'll identify and formulate problems and issues, conduct secondary research, determine solutions and engage in critical evaluation, including formulating proposals for reform of the law or procedure where appropriate.

6b. Outline Content

As appropriate to the nature and field of study

This module is exempt from the full ethical approval process in accordance with section 6 of the Academic Regulations (www.anglia.ac.uk/academicregs).

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

As appropriate to the nature and field of study.

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)

No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Choose and define the scope of an appropriate area for structured investigation;
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Acting autonomously and with minimal supervision: collect, organise, understand and interpret information from a variety of appropriate resources, including statistical and other numerical information where relevant;
3	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a detailed knowledge and clear and accurate understanding of an agreed area of legal study;
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically evaluate evidence to justify and support conclusions / recommendations;
5	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically evaluate the law and its operation within society, suggesting appropriate reforms;
6	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Communicate effectively in writing and produce detailed and coherent work, conforming to the conventions of legal academic writing and demonstrating the necessary information technology skills.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2026/7	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	4	1-6	Communicate effectively in writing and produce detailed and coherent work, conforming to the conventions of legal academic writing and demonstrating the necessary information technology skills.
Other teacher managed learning	4	1-6	4 hours individual supervision
Student managed learning	292	1-6	Proposal/hypothesis formulation, research, preparation of draft, writing and submission of final project.
TOTAL:	300		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	2-6	90 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Substantial Written Report, maximum 9,000 words.					
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011	Coursework	1	10 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Research Proposal maximum 1,000 words					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

- (a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above**
- (b) pass any pass/fail elements**

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]