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1. Module Title
Postgraduate Major Project in Law

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
School of Economics, Finance and Law

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
7

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

4a. Credits
60

4b. Study Hours
600

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:			

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

The Postgraduate Major Project in Law represents the culmination of your master's degree and provides an opportunity for you to undertake a substantial piece of independent research within your chosen area of law..

Working under the guidance of an academic supervisor, you will identify a focused research question or problem and design a project that demonstrates originality, critical engagement, and advanced understanding of legal principles, theories, and methodologies.

This module enables you to apply and extend the knowledge and skills developed throughout your course, integrating legal reasoning with wider contextual, ethical, and policy considerations. At this level of study, your dissertation is expected to combine theoretical, practical, and policy-oriented dimensions of research. You will engage critically with existing scholarship and legal principles (theoretical), apply your analysis to professional or real-world contexts (practice-based), and evaluate or propose developments in law, regulation, or governance (policy-oriented). This integrated approach reflects the expectations of advanced postgraduate research, ensuring your project demonstrates rigorous analysis, methodological robustness, and critical insight while evidencing both academic rigour and professional relevance.

You will plan, conduct, and present your research, engaging critically with relevant literature and data, and communicating your findings with clarity, authority, and scholarly precision. The module develops your autonomy, intellectual independence, and reflective awareness, providing a strong foundation for professional, academic, or research-based career progression.

6b. Outline Content

Guidance session will cover:

- Introduction to dissertations
- Legal Research
- Methodology
- Literature review
- Alignment

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6c. Key Texts/Literature

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

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

None

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	Critically evaluate and synthesise legal frameworks, principles, doctrines, institutions, and processes relevant to your law degree programme, assessing how they interact and evolve across complex and contested social, political, commercial, and ethical contexts.
2	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically analyse and interrogate a range of legal materials, theories, and perspectives relevant to your research topic, identifying ambiguity, conflict, and potential reform, and developing original interpretations grounded in advanced legal reasoning.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Apply and evaluate complex legal principles to novel, interdisciplinary, or uncertain scenarios, creating solutions that show creativity, originality, and integration of legal analysis with wider policy, ethical, and contextual dimensions.
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Design and critically evaluate a focused and original research enquiry that is directly relevant to your law degree programme, framing clear research questions, selecting appropriate methodologies, and situating your work within broader legal and interdisciplinary debates.
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6	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Demonstrate autonomy, self-direction, and reflective awareness in managing a complex research project, evaluating your own learning and development, and identifying how your work contributes to academic, professional, or policy contexts relevant to your law degree programme.

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	0	N/A	N/A
Other teacher managed learning	6	1-6	6 hours of supervision as arranged between supervisor and supervisee.
Student managed learning	594	1-6	To include such things as watching screencasts, VLE activities, private study, supervisory meeting preparation, proposal/hypothesis formulation, research, preparation of draft, writing and submission of final project
TOTAL:	600		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-6	100 (%)	Fine Grade	40 (%)
A 12,000-word independent dissertation critically evaluating a chosen area of law identifying key challenges and proposing evidence-based reforms through advanced legal research and analysis.					

Assessment components for Element 010				
Component No.	Assessment Title	Submission Method	Weighting (%)	Components needed for Mark Calculation?
010/1	Viva 5 minutes		20 (%)	All
010/2	Dissertation 12000 words		80 (%)	

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]