

Module specification

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Module code	LAW507
Module title	Equity, Wills and Probate
Level	5
Credit value	30
Faculty	Glyndŵr University: Faculty of Social and Life Sciences Bloomsbury Institute: School of Law
Module Leader	TBC
HECoS Code	100485 (Law) 100692 (Legal Practice)
Cost Code	GACJ

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice	Core

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	55 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	55 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	245 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	300 hrs

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Module aims

The module aims to:

- Enable students to acquire a sound knowledge and critical understanding of the key principles, rules and concepts of Equity and Trusts.
- Enable students to gain an understanding of the key principles and rules of wills and probate.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Identify and critically analyse and evaluate the key principles, rules and concepts of Equity and Trusts.
2	Apply the principles, rules and concepts of Equity and Trusts to critically analyse and evaluate relevant issues, and to communicate such analysis and evaluation effectively in writing.
3	Explain how Equity and Trusts is subject to the ethics and values of those who make and apply it, to identify relevant ethical questions and dilemmas, and to select appropriate solutions.
4	Apply the key principles and rules of wills and probate.

Assessment

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module.

Indicative Assessment 1: Will take the form of a 2,000 word problem-based coursework.

Indicative Assessment 2: Will take the form of a 2,000 word case study.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1, 2, 3	Coursework	50%
2	4	Case Study	50%

Derogations

None

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The module will be completed over one term.

Students will undertake 2-weeks of pre-reading and online activities.

The module is taught through weekly 1-hour lecture, 2-hour seminars and 2-hour workshops.

Additional recorded lectures may also be provided through the VLE.

Lectures provide a broad outline structure for each topic to be covered. Lectures offer a good way of covering a lot of information and, more importantly, of conveying ideas to many people at once.

Seminars enable students to undertake directed self-study and to answer questions and solve problems which are set by the lecturer. Students will present their answers and solutions within the seminar group. Seminars enable students to explore further the topics introduced in the lectures.

Workshops follow on from lectures and seminars. They are designed to enable students to work within a small group to perform set tasks (e.g. working on an exercise or case study). They reinforce proactive learning by providing opportunities for discussion and interaction.

The seminar/workshop groups are small, thereby enabling students to develop a deep understanding.

Student digital literacies are developed on this module through the use of, *inter alia*:

- Online libraries and databases for gaining access to full-text journal articles and eBooks, including Westlaw UK and Westlaw Practical Law.
- Communication means provided through the VLE and learning technology applications.
- Online group-work, for planning, developing, improving, submitting and reflecting on collaborative work completed as part of the module.
- Assessment and feedback tools such as Turnitin and the VLE's Gradebook – enabling timely and detailed feedback on student work.
- Web-based Office 365.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

- Key principles, rules and concepts of Equity and Trusts
- Requirements for wills and codicils
- Co-ownership of property and wills
- Beneficiaries, vulnerable clients, family members and risk of undue influence
- Taxation
- Preliminary steps when someone has died
- Applying for probate, intestacy and personal representatives
- Grant of probate and letters of administration

Indicative Bibliography:

Essential reading

Hayley, M. and McMurty, L. (Latest Edition) *Equity and Trusts: Textbook Series*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Westlaw Practical Law: Law School Resource Centre – LPC (Legal Practice Course) – Wills and Probate

Westlaw Practical Law: Law School Resource Centre – LPC (Legal Practice Course) – Private Client

Other indicative reading

Glister, J. and Lee, J. (Latest Edition) *Hanbury & Martin: Modern Equity*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Westlaw Practical Law: Private Client

Students will be expected to consult a range of law journals (within Birkbeck Library and/or through Westlaw) with a view to developing appropriate legal research skills and to access supplementary readings in preparation for assessments.

Employability skills – the Glyndŵr Graduate

Each module and programme is designed to cover core Glyndŵr Graduate Attributes with the aim that each Graduate will leave having achieved key employability skills as part of their study. The following attributes will be covered within this module either through the content or as part of the assessment:

Core Attributes

Engaged
Enterprising
Ethical

Key Attitudes

Commitment
Curiosity
Confidence

Practical Skillsets

Digital Fluency
Organisation
Critical Thinking
Emotional Intelligence
Communication