

Module specification

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| Module code | LAW609 |
| Module title | Wills and Probate Practice |
| Level | 6 |
| Credit value | 30 |
| Faculty | Glyndwr 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 |
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| LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice | Option |
| LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice [Top-up] | Option |

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

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| Learning and teaching hours | 44 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 | 44 hrs |
| Placement / work based learning | 0 hrs |
| Guided independent study | 256 hrs |
| Module duration (total hours) | 300 hrs |

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| For office use only | |
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| Date and details of revision | |
| Version number | 1 |

Module aims

The module aims to:

- Provide students with a broad, detailed and systematic understanding of the key aspects of Wills and Probate Practice.
- Enable students to identify and critically explain the principles of legal professional ethics as they apply to Wills and Probate Practice matters, and the duties of the adviser.
- Enable students to apply key issues relating to Wills and Probate Practice and to provide practical advice and assistance within the context of a specific legal situation.

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

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| 1 | <p>Explain and apply the following key principles of Wills and Probate Practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wills: drafting, executing and amending wills • Administering an estate • After death: post-death alterations • Trusts: creating and ending a trust • Trusts: trustees • Trusts: taxation • Co-ownership and trusts of land • Lifetime tax planning • Taxation of international individuals • Contentious matters (e.g. claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975) |
| 2 | Identify and critically explain the principles of legal professional conduct and ethics as they apply to Wills and Probate Practice matters, and the duties of the adviser. |
| 3 | Apply the principles and rules of Wills and Probate Practice to provide evidenced conclusions to complex problems in order to provide practical advice and assistance. |

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 portfolio divided into 2 tasks that could take one or more of the following formats: In-class test [1.25 hours]; time constrained

assessment (including MCQs) [1.25hours]; essay [1,250 words]; report [1,250 words]; presentation (including Pecha Kucha presentations) [15 minutes].

Indicative Assessment 2: Will take the form of a 2,500 word problem-based case study.

| Assessment number | Learning Outcomes to be met | Type of assessment | Weighting (%) |
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| 1 | 1 | Portfolio | 50% |
| 2 | 2, 3 | 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 2-hour seminars and 2-hour workshops.

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.

Recorded lectures will be provided through the VLE to provide a broad outline structure for each topic to be covered.

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

- Wills: drafting, executing and amending wills
- Administering an estate
- After death: post-death alterations
- Trusts: creating and ending a trust
- Trusts: trustees
- Trusts: taxation
- Co-ownership and trusts of land
- Lifetime tax planning
- Taxation of international individuals
- Contentious matters (e.g. claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975)

Indicative Bibliography:

Essential reading

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

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
Creative
Ethical

Key Attitudes

Commitment
Curiosity
Resilience
Confidence

Adaptability

Practical Skillsets

Digital Fluency

Organisation

Leadership and Team working

Critical Thinking

Emotional Intelligence

Communication