

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

MRes(Law)Thesis

Reference	LLM589	Version	1
Created	February 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	July 2023	SCQF Points	60
Amended		ECTS Points	30

Aims of Module

To enable students generate new knowledge by means of independent investigation of a subject or issue(s) which has practical relevance in law or a cognate field.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Generate a suitable topic for investigation through an extensive review of relevant laws and literature.
- 2 Critically evaluate a range of appropriate research methods and tools for the collection and analyses of data.
- 3 Design a piece of research and a feasible plan for execution within a stipulated timescale.
- 4 Analyse and critically evaluate the results obtained with the work place and professional practice in mind.
- 5 Produce, at an advanced level, appropriate skills of written communication and presentation.

Indicative Module Content

A research proposal developed as part of GSM010 and GSM011 will form the basis for development of the thesis. Students will work independently, but under supervision to undertake the research and prepare the thesis.

Module Delivery

Students are expected to take full responsibility for their own learning, and will receive guidance and support from their supervisory team, and others as appropriate.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	20	20
Non-Contact Hours	580	580
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	600	600
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 Description: The assessment will consist of a 20,000 word thesis with an oral defence of the thesis.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The thesis and oral defence will be assessed in accordance with Regulation A6: Research Degrees.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
Pass	Pass
Fail	Fail
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Students are eligible for the MRes thesis if they have achieved 120 credits at SCQF level 11 or equivalent, including GSM010, GSM011 and LLM590.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

This module is available to students who are unable to complete the DLaw for good reasons and therefore opt to exit the programme with research masters (in law) degree.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 3 Finch & Fafinski, Legal Skills, 8th ed., Oxford University Press, 2021,
- 4 McConville M. and Chui W.H., 2017. Research methods for law. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press
- 5 Higgins E. and Tatham L., 2015. Successful legal writing. 3rd ed. London: Sweet and Maxwell.