

# LA212-30 French Law

**21/22**

**Department**

School of Law

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

30% coursework, 70% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

The module has its focus on the contemporary French legal system, its origins, its ideological inspirations and its developments. In the light of these principles, students are introduced to the basics of constitutional law, civil law and administrative law in France.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

The major aim of the module is to get students acquainted with the materials, methods and linguistic skills necessary for the study of French law and French legal procedure and to enable them to understand and evaluate their relationship to social and political issues.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

THE SPIRIT OF FRENCH LAW - A brief study of the French Legal System within its wider European context and differences as compared to Common Law systems.

FRENCH CIVIL LAW - The formation of a contract in French law as set out in the Code civil and

developed by the Courts and the rules on Tort law.

AN INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - Defining the term “Administration”; history of the public institutions and administrative courts; administrative contract and administrative liability.

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand basic concepts and structure of French civil and administrative law
- To understand and use court cases
- To improve their understanding and complete their knowledge supplement through use of secondary materials
- Understand the historical and institutional context in which French Constitutional law has developed
- Commenting on French court cases using French law analytical methodology
- Use of French Civil Code
- Ability to identify issues in terms of doctrinal relevance
- Ability to produce clean synthesis of doctrinal evolutions (civil law)(administrative law)
- Can act independently in planning and managing tasks with limited guidance in areas which they have studied; able to identify own resources
- Can reflect on own learning; can seek and make use of feedback
- Ability to identify and use primary legal sources and journals. Limited ability to research primary and secondary sources relevant to topic studied
- Understanding and application of French and French Legal terminology both orally and in written work
- Team work - ability to work and communicate in French within a small group.
- Word processing

## **Indicative reading list**

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## **International**

This module, taught in French, focuses on French civil, administrative and constitutional law.

## **Subject specific skills**

No subject specific skills defined for this module.

## **Transferable skills**

No transferable skills defined for this module.

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# Study

## Study time

| Type          | Required                    |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Lectures      | 36 sessions of 1 hour (12%) |
| Seminars      | 14 sessions of 1 hour (5%)  |
| Private study | 250 hours (83%)             |
| Total         | 300 hours                   |

## Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

## Assessment group D

|  | Weighting | Study time |
|--|-----------|------------|
| 2000 word essay<br>2000 word essay on a given topic.   | 30%       |            |
| Online Examination<br>This is a 2hr exam to be completed within the given 24hr period.<br>~Platforms - AEP | 50%       |            |

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

French Law Moot 20%

Students will have 10 minutes to present their argument and 3 minutes to respond. A skeleton argument should also be submitted in writing to Moodle.

## Feedback on assessment

Essay and moot feedback will be provided via Tabula. Face to face feedback for the exam by student request in October. Generic feedback for the exam provided via Moodle.

[Past exam papers for LA212](#)

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of ULAA-M10A Undergraduate Law with French Law (Qualifying Degree)

This module is Optional for:

- ULAA-M300 Undergraduate Law
  - Year 2 of M300 Law
  - Year 3 of M300 Law
- ULAA-M105 Undergraduate Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M105 Law (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M106 Undergraduate Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M106 Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M106 Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of M106 Law (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M104 Undergraduate Law (Year Abroad)
  - Year 2 of M104 Law (Year Abroad)
  - Year 4 of M104 Law (Year Abroad)
- ULAA-M108 Undergraduate Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of M108 Law (Year Abroad) (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology
- Year 2 of ULAA-M10C Undergraduate Law with German Law (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 3 of ULAA-M110 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (3 Year)
- ULAA-M113 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (4 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M113 Law with Humanities (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M113 Law with Humanities (4 year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M115 Undergraduate Law with Social Sciences (3 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 2 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)

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This module is Option list A for:

- Year 4 of ULAA-M10C Undergraduate Law with German Law (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 4 of ULAA-M113 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (4 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
- ULAA-M115 Undergraduate Law with Social Sciences (3 Year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of M115 Law with Social Sciences (3 year) (Qualifying Degree)

This module is Option list B for:

- ULAA-ML34 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 5 of ULAA-ML35 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree) (with Intercalated year)
- UFRA-R10P Undergraduate French Studies
  - Year 3 of R10P French Studies (Part-Time)
  - Year 3 of R10P French Studies (Part-Time)
- Year 4 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Option list E for:

- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law

This module is Unusual option for:

- Year 2 of UFRA-R101 Undergraduate French Studies