

FP072-15 Introduction to Data Protection

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Department

Warwick Foundation Studies

Level

Foundation

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

12 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

The law relating to data protection is increasingly relevant to all aspects of our daily lives. This module will offer foundation students an introduction to data as a commodity and the need for data protection. Students will discover the rights and protections afforded by GDPR and make comparisons with other jurisdictions.

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Module aims

This module will offer foundation students an introduction to this fast-paced and globally significant topic, thus providing preparation for future Law study. Students will consider the desirability of data collection, and the need for data protection and subject rights to balance interests. Once an awareness of GDPR has been developed, students can make comparative analysis with other jurisdictions, to consider the effectiveness of protection and identify potential areas for development. Students will be able to apply theoretical understanding to an array of real-life examples, with opportunities to hear from guest speakers (where possible).

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.

In Introduction to Data Protection, students will be introduced to data collection and protection. Particular focus will be on GDPR (UK and European protections) but with a comparative element that allows scope for investigation of another regional approach to protecting data.

Learning outcomes

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

- State the importance of data collection, including identifying the main uses of collected data.
- Recognise how data is collected through surveillance, the internet of things and social media.
- Recall legal responses to data protection in the UK and Europe.
- Apply principles of data protection to factual situations.
- Conduct investigatory research to build awareness of regional differences in data protection.
- Compare approaches to data protection in different legal jurisdictions.

Indicative reading list

TBC

International

There is no global system for data protection and the collection, use and protection of data varies globally. The module will provide opportunities for students to reflect on differences in international approaches and to evaluate the different responses.

Subject specific skills

Develop detailed understanding of data collection and protection, and its importance. Identify relevant risks in providing access to data, from which to formulate questions about protection of data. Apply understanding to a range of real-life situations. Evaluate the actions of individuals and businesses in data protection. Articulate reasoned arguments and practical solutions for risk mitigation. Conduct investigatory research and build awareness of regional differences in data protection. Draw upon appropriate sources of law to support reasoning. Develop skills in presenting information.

Transferable skills

Analytical skills; Communication skills; Compare and contrast; Confidence; Creative problem solving; Critical thinking; Ethical awareness; Flexibility; Independent working; Initiative; Planning and organisation; Presentation skills; Research skills; Self awareness; Team working; Time management; Use / Application of knowledge.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	12 sessions of 1 hour (8%)
Seminars	36 sessions of 1 hour (24%)
Private study	72 hours (48%)
Assessment	30 hours (20%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Private study includes preparation for seminars, independent reading and research, completion of tasks set in class or for extension study (via Moodle) and preparation for formative and summative assessments.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A

	Weighting	Study time
Multiple Choice Test: Data Collection	20%	8 hours
Multiple choice questions designed to test understanding of methods of data collection, uses of data and the risks of data collection. Questions will also cover key principles of the GDPR in relation to protection against data collection.		
Group Presentation: Data Protection Comparison	80%	22 hours
Small group (2-3 students per group) presentation, comparing UK data protection legislation to the legal approach taken by another country. Overall marks/grades will balance 50/50 a group mark (given equally to all students in the group) with a mark based on individual performance.		

Feedback on assessment

For the multiple choice test, feedback of mark / grade achieved will be provided via Tabula. A summary of correct answers will also be provided on Moodle after assessments results have been released, so that students can learn from any mistakes.

For the presentation(s), written feedback will be provided via Tabula and at a minimum will address:

Performance as group, including choice of comparative country, overall addressing of task, levels of understanding of UK legislation, coordination between team members, use of supporting evidence, balancing of arguments, presentation skills (layout, use of visuals, referencing).

Performance as individual, including levels of understanding, confidence, clarity of message, use of vocabulary, use of supporting evidence, engagement with audience, reliance on notes, critical analysis.

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of FIOE Warwick International Foundation Programme