

# LA103-30 Introduction to the Law of Property Relations

**22/23**

**Department**

School of Law

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

18 weeks

**Assessment**

100% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module focuses on the role of law in the implementation of ideas and policies concerned with the ownership, use and development of land.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

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### 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.

Introduction to the module - introduces the basic ideas, themes and problems that are expanded upon in later sections of the course. It also introduces some of the basic vocabulary of land law

(e.g. "legal" and "equitable" rights, "freehold" and "leasehold" estates) and provides an opportunity to develop some core legal skills (e.g. reading cases and statutes). The introduction includes a contextual overview of the importance of property in law and political philosophy.

Boundaries - considers the extent to which the law allows access to neighbouring land.

Land Transactions - examines the formal methods of creating and transferring interests in land.

Finance of Land Transactions - investigates the legal issues surrounding the arrangements used to finance the acquisition of interests in land.

Methods of Protecting Rights in Land - considers the development and application of the systems (Land Charges

Registration and Land Registration) used to provide protection for interests in land.

Family Occupation Rights in Land - explores informal methods of creating rights in land, particularly in the context of family living arrangements.

Trusts of Land - analyses the use of the trust concept in the co-ownership of land.

Easements - considers the rights of landowners to use and to prevent others from using land.

Covenants - compares the development of public and private law techniques in controlling the use and development of land.

## Learning outcomes

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

- Understand basic concepts and structure of English land law and able to understand and use primary legal material
- Analyse, evaluate and form critical judgements on individual cases/statutory provisions, analyse form critical judgements on a series of linked materials on a discrete topic
- More advanced (understand at undergraduate degree level) key doctrinal and policy issues through reading primary materials and secondary texts
- Understand the social, political and economic context in which property rights exist and legal decisions are made
- Application of English Law to hypothetical cases relating to property issues
- Work independently to gain understanding of materials/issues in property law without explanatory lectures
- Understand the language of property law, be able to speak and write about property law with accurate use of specific terms
- Work collaboratively to complete defined task within a limited time
- Use internet to access module materials

## Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

## 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

Private study.

## 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 BA

|                                                                  | Weighting | Study time | Eligible for self-certification |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Assessment component                                             |           |            |                                 |
| Online Examination                                               | 100%      |            | No                              |
| This is a 3hr exam to be completed within the given 24hr period. |           |            |                                 |
| ~Platforms - AEP                                                 |           |            |                                 |

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required
- LA001: Course Material S (Law of Property Relations)

Reassessment component is the same

## Feedback on assessment

Face to face feedback by student request in October. Generic feedback provided via Moodle.

[Past exam papers for LA103](#)

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 3 of ULAA-ML34 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)

This module is Optional for:

- UIBA-MN34 Law and Business Four Year (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 3 of MN34 Law and Business Studies Four Year (Qualifying Degree)
  - Year 4 of MN34 Law and Business Studies Four Year (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 3 of UIBA-MN31 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies
- UIBA-MN32 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies
  - Year 3 of MN32 Law and Business Studies (Four-Year)
  - Year 4 of MN32 Law and Business Studies (Four-Year)
- UIBA-MN37 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 4 of MN37 Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 5 of MN37 Law and Business Studies (Qualifying Degree) with Intercalated Year
- UIBA-MN35 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (3+1)
  - Year 3 of MN35 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (3+1)
  - Year 4 of MN35 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (3+1)
- UIBA-MN36 Undergraduate Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
  - Year 4 of MN36 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
  - Year 5 of MN36 Law and Business Studies with Intercalated Year (4+1)
- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology