

LA130-0 Introduction to French Law and Methodology

23/24

Department

School of Law

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

0

Module duration

30 weeks

Assessment

50% coursework, 50% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module is a two hours weekly class for first year Law with French Law students designed to prepare students for studying French law of obligations in their second year and studying at a French university during their third year.

Module aims

This course will aim at: equipping students with advanced linguistic competence in French; providing a political, legal and cultural awareness of the country; developing students' ability to speak and write good French; and familiarising them with the French legal methodology.

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.

Students will be introduced to the French political and legal system by looking at the French

constitution and the history, main features and sources of French Law and its courts system. It will also give students the opportunity to read French newspapers articles and watch extracts of films on political, social and legal matters and to discuss those issues in class.

Learning outcomes

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

- identify the basics of French Legal Language
- use (oral and written) French Legal Language
- understand the basic structure of the French Legal System
- apply French Legal Methodology, in particular preparation of case summaries (Fiche d'arrêt) and essay writing/structuring skill

Research element

The oral assessment requires students to (a) identify a French Law topic; (b) research the topic and (c) deliver a short 10-minute presentation of their research.

Interdisciplinary

use of French legal language

International

Investigation of French legal system

Subject specific skills

Familiarity with French Legal Language

Basic ability to use (oral and written) French Legal Language

Basic understanding of the structure of the French Legal System

Reading French legal material, in particular cases.

Apply French Legal Methodology, in particular preparation of case summaries (Fiche d'arrêt) and essay writing/structuring skills

Transferable skills

Work collaboratively to present findings

Use the internet to find relevant French case law and legal text

Oral presentation skills

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Seminars	18 sessions of 2 hours (100%)
Total	36 hours

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group C

	Study time
Written examination	6 hours
Timed essay	
Oral assessment	6 hours
Oral presentation	

Feedback on assessment

Verbal feedback on presentation + written feedback

[Past exam papers for LA130](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of ULAA-M133 Undergraduate Law with French Law
- Year 1 of ULAA-M10A Undergraduate Law with French Law (Qualifying Degree)