

# LA2E3-15 Introduction to French Law

**26/27**

**Department**

School of Law

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

20% coursework, 80% 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 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
- 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)
- 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.

## **International**

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

## **Subject specific skills**

Developing knowledge of French administrative and private law

Ability to use French legal materials

## **Transferable skills**

Case analysis

Utilisation of secondary source in formulating a reasoned analysis/argument

Word-processing

Team-working

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## **Study**

## **Study time**

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	7 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Private study	100 hours (67%)
Assessment	25 hours (17%)
Total	150 hours

## Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group D1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
<b>Assessment component</b>			
French Law Moot	20%	4 hours	No
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.			
<b>Reassessment component</b>			
Extended Skeleton Argument			Yes (extension)
Students have to prepare a written skeleton argument and supplement this with a short written account of the arguments they would make during a moot.			
<b>Assessment component</b>			
Final exam	80%	21 hours	No
This is a 2hr in-person exam, timetabled locally.			

**Weighting**

**Study time**

**Eligible for self-certification**

Reassessment component is the same

## **Feedback on assessment**

Exam and moot feedback will be provided via Tabula. Generic feedback for the exam provided via Moodle.

[Past exam papers for LA2E3](#)

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## **Availability**

### **Courses**

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of ULAA-M133 Undergraduate Law with French Law