

Module Specification

Module Details

Module Title	O Shaped: People & Business Skills
Programme(s)	Master of Laws (LLM in Legal Practice) Developing Legal Professionals
Credits	30
Core or Elective	Elective
Pre-requisites	None
FHEQ Level	7
Workload	300 hours, consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interaction with the course and resources, (270 hours) • Assessment and preparation for assessment (30 hours)

Module Outline & Competencies

Module Description	This module develops competency in legal business skills, that is, key people skills and attributes needed by learners entering legal practice and adjusting to the workplace environment.
Learning Outcomes	By successfully completing this module, the learner will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the applicability of core O Shaped skills and attributes in the context of working in a professional legal services environment; 2. Analyse the economics of professional legal services and evaluate the potential applications of legal technology from both provider and client perspectives 3. Analyse and evaluate issues that arise in the context of a legal services business, and propose O Shaped based solutions that meet the needs and interests of, variously, clients, the business, and individual lawyers; 4. Recognise the complementary nature of and interaction between O Shaped skills and attributes in the provision of legal services; 5. Critically evaluate and reflect on the ability to apply O Shaped skills and attitudes to achieve positive solutions within a professional legal services environment; and 6. Develop a personal career and development plan integrating O Shaped skills and attributes.

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Module Content	<p>The module content includes online instruction, supervision, written resources and audio-visual media materials engagement with scenarios and personal reflection.</p> <p>In particular, students will be enabled to develop expert, specialised cognitive and technical skills to analyse critically, reflect on, and synthesise information and concepts to facilitate the resolution of legal problems within the context of a legal services business.</p> <p>The skills and approaches set out above will be developed in the context of a range of learning activities.</p> <p>Learning activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understanding the O Shaped skills and attributes through media, self-testing and scenario-based learning2. Identifying, critically analysing and evaluating the relevant skill and associated behaviours, and3. Evaluating the practical and commercial considerations involved in meeting client and business objectives through the use of O Shaped skills and attributes.
Assessment	<p>Learners will be assessed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portfolio comprising submissions from the module• Reflective Analysis submission
Link with competencies	<p>The competency frameworks that underpin the learning outcomes for this module are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7; and2. The College's Masters degree Competence Framework. <p>The:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) learning outcomes are directed to the development; andb) criteria for assessment of achievement are directed to the measurement; <p>of competencies in key transactional skills at Masters level with the object of developing autonomy in the learner to the extent expected of a newly qualified lawyer utilising the business skills in this module.</p>
Link with FHEQ criteria	<p>This module carries credits at FHEQ level 7 which will count towards the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and the College's LLM in Legal Practice.</p>

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As such the underpinning FHEQ level criteria are those set out in The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7 contextualised for professional development through study and learning on a professional/practice-based Master of Laws as described in the QAA's Characteristics Statement for Master's Degrees February 2020.

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