

1. Title of the module

Self-Managed Learning (single module, level 7)

2. School or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Pearson College London

3. The level of the module (e.g. Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 7

4. The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

15 credits (7.5 ECTS)

5. Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

This module can be run in any term: Autumn or Spring or Summer

6. Prerequisite and co-requisite modules

None

7. The programmes of study to which the module contributes

- MLaw (Integrated Masters) Professional Legal Practice

8. The intended subject specific learning outcomes.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

- 8.1 Demonstrate a systematic knowledge and understanding of current aspects of the topic, including acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge, at least some of which is at or informed by, the forefront of defined aspects of a discipline.
- 8.2 Demonstrate a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights in the topic or area of professional practice
- 8.3 Critically evaluate current research and advanced scholarship relating to the topic or area of professional practice
- 8.4 Demonstrate an ability to devise and sustain arguments, and/or to solve problems, using ideas and techniques to critically discuss scholarly output, data, concepts, and assumptions related to the topic.
- 8.5 Demonstrate an appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge in relation to the topic or area of professional practice.
- 8.6 Develop a conceptual understanding of the subject area independently.

9. The intended generic learning outcomes.

On successfully completing the module students will be able to demonstrate:

- 9.1 Effectively communicate the results of their study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments that are made in an appropriate context to the audience.

- 9.2 Achieve greater personal development through developing and applying their learning to an independent course of study.
- 9.3 Initiative and the ability to work autonomously and independently with minimal guidance from others at a professional or equivalent level.
- 9.4 Innovation and creativity in their learning.
- 9.5 Personal responsibility and decision making in relation to their own learning.

10 A synopsis of the curriculum

The self-managed module aims to allow the student to demonstrate their initiative by applying their skills and knowledge to a specialist area which is of particular interest to them. Using this module, students can design some of their own learning, incorporate learning from other sources apart from Pearson College, or incorporate work based or entrepreneurial activities. This allows students to demonstrate their autonomy in transferring and applying learning in a range of settings, in ways appropriate to unique situations. This will help to ensure that the student has the confidence to take their learning and personal development further into new areas and emerging sectors, and allows them to pursue their own unique interests.

Students could draft an essay or report in an area of interest not covered in the main syllabus, create a practical project applying a topic in depth, write a report on work based learning on an internship or complete a professional qualification etc. They will be assessed according to the learning outcomes of this module, regarding their self-managed learning.

Students could also study a module at another institution (e.g. a language at another university), if studying a module at another institution students may undertake assessment at that institution, but they will also be set an assessment by the College assessing the student according to the learning outcomes of this module, regarding their self-managed learning during the external module.

Through this module students can extend the range of electives into any area that interests them, provided it contributes to the overall learning outcomes of the programme and is suitably assessed.

Students will work with the Module leader (and their mentor where relevant) to devise additional learning objectives, assessment, content and reading for the module tailored to the student's individual interests and needs.

Overview of syllabus

Since the elective offers a flexible and tailored course of study for the students, the student will need to supply documentation covering the following areas to the Programme Leader to gain approval for undertaking a Self-Managed Learning Module.

This will be in the form of an Assignment Proposal and will include such elements as description, level, credits (related to expected learning hours), learning objectives, assessment, proposed duration and submission deadlines, and resources needed.

The Module Leader, who will review it against the academic qualifications criteria, the FHEQ level descriptors, the scope of the project, and the appropriateness of deadlines. The student and/or Module Leader will also identify a Project Mentor, who will be approved by the Module Leader. The Mentor can be:

- a member of academic staff from Pearson college, or;
- a member of academic staff another institution , or;
- an industry-based sponsor who is suitably senior to the learner, and willing to serve as their Mentor for the project, or
- An appropriate individual from another background

The student will review any feedback from the Module Leader and/or the Mentor, and finalise their proposal. The Module Leader will formally approve or reject the proposal based on the suitability and equitability of the learning objectives. They will also ensure that the topic is not covered in detail within the programme syllabus.

The learner will have the opportunity to meet with the Mentor as appropriate during the project. Unless assessed by another institution, the learner will also be able to submit one draft version of their assignment to the Module Leader for formative feedback before the hand in deadline.

11 Reading List (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)

Core study text

As appropriate for the topic

Supplementary texts

As appropriate for the topic

12 Learning and Teaching methods

The learner will have responsibility for their own project. A crucial part of this module is to allow the learner to develop their ability to take initiative and responsibility for their own learning. Therefore the learning strategy used will be unique to the individual project undertaken, but during the mentoring sessions the mentor will utilise the Socratic method using probing questions to draw out the student's ideas, prompting them to consider how they will manage and take responsibility for their learning.

Scheduled Hours: Contingent on project, indicatively 10 hours
 Placement Hours: as agreed
 Independent Study Hours: 140
 Total Study Hours: 150

13 Assessment methods.

Main assessment method

1) 5,000 word essay (100% of the marks)

14 Map of Module Learning Outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to Learning and Teaching Methods (section 12) and methods of Assessment (section 13)

Module learning outcome		8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
Learning/ teaching method	Hours allocated											
Private Study	140	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lectures	00											
Seminars	00											
Mentored sessions (indicative only)	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Assessment method												
Approved assignment(s)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

15 Inclusive Module Design

Pearson College recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

- a) Accessible resources and curriculum
- b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods.

16 Campus(es) or Centre(s) where module will be delivered:

Pearson College London

17 Internationalisation

This unit provides students with the chance to explore a legal issue in depth from a variety of contexts. While the focus of the programme is on English law, students will be expected to explore international developments in their chosen research area via their literature review, which should engage with the latest research on their topic from a variety of contexts, and through their reading related to their chosen research design and methodology. Students will be encouraged to think about how local and international contexts affect research approaches and outcomes and how developments in law and theory in other countries and internationally can be applied in their analysis. Examples and case studies in seminars will also be taken from a variety of international contexts so students have an up-to-date understanding of research trends and topics from around the world. Materials for lectures and those given to the students via their assigned readings will include international content so that students can place their research method and topic in global contexts.

18 Partner College/Validated Institution:

Pearson College London

19 University School responsible for the programme:

Division for the study of Law, Society and Social Justice

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Date approved	Major/minor revision	Start date of delivery of revised version	Section revised	Impacts PLOs (Q6&7 cover sheet)