

Module Title **INDEPENDENT STUDY** **Date of Approval**

Module Code **6LA998** **Pre-requisite**

Module Level **6**

Credit value **20**

**Total Number
of Learning Hours** **200**

Key Words Research, evaluation, critical analysis, autonomy, ethics, presentation.

**Module Delivery
Mode** Blended/Face to face/

Module Description

This module seeks to provide students with a structured route to develop appropriate legal-specific research skills. It aims to equip students with both the practical and analytical abilities to complete a research project and also the skills to present an academic paper. Students are given the freedom to identify their preferred research topic areas. The module equips students, where necessary to address ethical and professional research issues, but also scaffolds the development of pure normative research approaches. Students will develop advanced research skills through independent learning, online and collaborative sessions with limited guidance from academic staff.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- demonstrate learner autonomy under limited supervision;
- independently identify and use appropriate research methodology;
- demonstrate awareness and understanding of the role of hypothesis and synthesis in the development of research ideas;
- evidence an ability to critically analyse their own research proposal, including its aims, objectives and methodology;
- present findings in a logical manner with a clear progression of ideas;
- provide conclusions based upon evidence, authority and evaluative argument;
- demonstrate the ability to reference appropriately;
- demonstrate the ability to research within appropriate academic and professional constraints;

Module Content

As determined by the student, in agreement with a designated supervisor.

Module Learning and Teaching Methods

Lecture:	4 hours
Individual tutorials:	6 hours
Guided Independent Study:	190 hours
Total:	200 hours

Scheduled learning and teaching activities:	5%
Guided independent study:	95%
Placement/study abroad:	0%

Module Assessment Method Coursework 100%

Assessment is by way of a summative piece of coursework. Students will be provided with formative feedback throughout the module on methodology, referencing and presentation. There may be opportunities to get feedback through peer presentations.

CW 1: 100% weighting: 10,000 word written assessment.