

## Common law reasoning and institutions [LA1031]

- (a) The nature of the common law tradition with particular reference to human rights.
- (b) Sources of law and principles of legal research with an emphasis on case noting, reading cases/statutes and essay writing.
- (c) Conduct of legal research and retrieval of legal information, with particular reference to the use of the London online library and web based resources in finding cases, statutes and journal articles.
- (d) The doctrine of precedent and the principles of statutory interpretation
- (e) Judicial reasoning in relation to (i) cases, and (ii) statutes
- (f) The judiciary – with particular reference to the role of the judges and the Human Rights Act
- (g) The criminal justice process (in outline) and the role of rights in the process with particular attention to the jury and the impact of the Human Rights Act.
- (h) The civil justice process (in outline) with particular attention to reform and the role of rights.