

Prifysgol Wreccsam Wrexham University

Module specification

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Module code	LAW609
Module title	Wills and Probate Practice
Level	6
Credit value	30
Faculty	Wrexham University: Faculty of Social and Life Sciences Bloomsbury Institute: School of Law
Module Leader	TBC
HECoS Code	100485 (Law) 100692 (Legal Practice)
Cost Code	GACJ

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice	Option
LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice [Top-up]	Option

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	44 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	44 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	256 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	300 hrs



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Initial approval date	8 April 2022
With effect from date	June 2022
Date and details of revision	25/09/2024 – addition of texts to the essential reading list and updated to new template. June 2025 – updated Syllabus and format of LO1.
Version number	3

Module aims

The module aims to:

- Provide students with a broad, detailed and systematic understanding of the key aspects of Wills and Probate Practice.
- Enable students to identify and critically explain the principles of legal professional ethics as they apply to Wills and Probate Practice matters, and the duties of the adviser.
- Enable students to apply key issues relating to Wills and Probate Practice and to provide practical advice and assistance within the context of a specific legal situation.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Explain and apply the key principles of Wills and Probate Practice.
2	Identify and critically explain the principles of legal professional conduct and ethics as they apply to Wills and Probate Practice matters, and the duties of the adviser.
3	Apply the principles and rules of Wills and Probate Practice to provide evidenced conclusions to complex problems in order to provide practical advice and assistance.

Assessment

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module.

Indicative Assessment 1: Will take the form of a portfolio divided into 2 tasks that could take one or more of the following formats: In-class test [1.25 hours]; time constrained assessment (including MCQs) [1.25hours]; essay [1,250 words]; report [1,250 words]; presentation (including Pecha Kucha presentations) [15 minutes].

Indicative Assessment 2: Will take the form of a 2,500 word problem-based case study.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1	Portfolio	50%
2	2, 3	Case Study	50%



Derogations

None

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The module will be completed over one term.

Students will undertake 2-weeks of pre-reading and online activities.

The module is taught through weekly 2-hour seminars and 2-hour workshops.

Seminars enable students to undertake directed self-study and to answer questions and solve problems which are set by the lecturer. Students will present their answers and solutions within the seminar group. Seminars enable students to explore further the topics introduced in the lectures.

Workshops follow on from lectures and seminars. They are designed to enable students to work within a small group to perform set tasks (e.g. working on an exercise or case study). They reinforce proactive learning by providing opportunities for discussion and interaction.

The seminar/workshop groups are small, thereby enabling students to develop a deep understanding.

Recorded lectures will be provided through the VLE to provide a broad outline structure for each topic to be covered.

Student digital literacies are developed on this module through the use of, *inter alia*:

- Online libraries and databases for gaining access to full-text journal articles and eBooks, including Westlaw UK and Westlaw Practical Law.
- Communication means provided through the VLE and learning technology applications.
- Online group-work, for planning, developing, improving, submitting and reflecting on collaborative work completed as part of the module.
- Assessment and feedback tools such as Turnitin and the VLE's Gradebook – enabling timely and detailed feedback on student work.
- Web-based Office 365.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

- Wills: drafting, executing and amending wills
- Administering an estate
- After death: post-death alterations
- Trusts: creating and ending a trust
- Trusts: the Trust Registration Service
- Trusts: trustees
- Trusts: taxation
- Co-ownership and trusts of land
- Inheritance Tax: key principles relating to lifetime transfers, transfers on death and trusts
- Inheritance Tax: rates, allowances exemptions, reliefs, liability and burden.
- Lifetime tax planning
- Taxation of international individuals



- Contentious matters (e.g. claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975)

Indicative Bibliography:

Essential reading

Westlaw Practical Law: Law School Resource Centre – LPC (Legal Practice Course) – Wills and Probate

Westlaw Practical Law: Law School Resource Centre – LPC (Legal Practice Course) – Private Client

Private Client 2024: Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning - Legal Practice Course Guides (LPC)/ King, Ed. Bristol, GB, Bristol: College of Law Publishing, Jan 1, 2024.

Legal Foundations 2023/2024: Legal Practice Course Guides (LPC)/Browne; Bamford. Bristol, GB, Bristol: College of Law Publishing, Jun 1, 2023.

Other indicative reading

Westlaw Practical Law: Private Client

Students will be expected to consult a range of law journals (within Birkbeck Library and/or through Westlaw) with a view to developing appropriate legal research skills and to access supplementary readings in preparation for assessments.

