

An introduction to European and British Law

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AIMS OF COURSE

The course aims to give prospective legal students a taster into what the academic study of law brings. The also course aims to give students an introduction to the analysis of both primary and secondary legal material. Critical thinking and discussion will be a key element of each class.

Week One:

Students will be given an introduction into the workings of UK Criminal Law after understanding how to navigate primary and secondary legal material)

Topics covered:

(It should be noted that the first lesson will largely be spent working out how to read a case and going through the associated vocabulary. Following that we will move onto the following topics)

Actus Reus and Mens Rea

Homicide: Murder and Manslaughter

Defences

Sexual Offences

Intoxication

Week Two:

Students will be given a brief introduction into the workings of UK Tort Law. Students will spend the latter part of the week focusing on the legal impact of Brexit and the constitutional options available to the British government.

Topics Covered:

The Duty of Care

The Standard of Care

Negligently Inflicted Psychiatric Harm

Brexit- What were the legal implications of the European Union before the vote out? What did it mean for British Sovereignty?

Brexit- Working out the difference between political story and the legal story behind the Brexit vote.

Students will be asked to consider Britain's legal position now and whether it is constitutionally permissible for any single UK Prime Minister to trigger Article 50 negotiations without the explicit democratic permission of the UK Parliament.

Suggested Reading

Students may wish to read the *"The Rule of Law"* by Tom Bingham. It provides a fascinating introduction into what law actually is.