

# Property Law

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## Module Descriptor

Module Code: LAW5PRL  
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# Summary Module Details

### Module details

**Module Title:** Property Law

**Module Leader:** Richard Jordan

**Module Mode:** Supported online learning

**Semester:** Autumn (UK) and Spring (UK)

**Level:** 5

**Credits:** 20

**Learning Hours:** 200

### Contact & Study Hours

**Directed Study Time:** 90 hrs (45%)

**Self-directed Study Time:** 50 hrs (25%)

**Assessment Study Time:** 60 hrs (30%)

### Assessment Type

**Coursework:** 100%

## Module Summary

This module introduces the system of property law in England and Wales. It gives students a grounding in the basic principles of ownership of land (freehold and leasehold) including the acquisition and protection of third-party rights. It also provides an understanding of the common law and statutory rules governing the landlord and tenant relationship and aims to develop an analytical approach to legal problem-solving.

## Taken on which Programmes

BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management (C)

**Core (C) or Elective (E)**

# Module Aims

This module aims to:

- Provide an understanding of ownership, rights, and interests in land.
- Demonstrate how landlord and tenant relationships are governed by both common law and statutory provisions.
- Understand the special legal provisions relating to property.
- Develop an analytical approach to legal problem solving.

# Module Learning Outcomes

- LO1. Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the common law principles of property law and the underlying system of freehold and leasehold ownership.
- LO2. Articulate the application and impact of common law and relevant statutory provisions.
- LO3. Evaluate and articulate the function and effect of the legal relationship between landlord and tenant in respect of commercial property and business tenancies.
- LO4. Undertake critical analysis of information, draw logical conclusions based on legal principles and provide strategic advice to clients to enable them to take appropriate action.

# Indicative Module Content

## Module topics

- Introduction to property law and its context
- Ownership of different interests in property
- Third-party rights over land
- Freehold and leasehold covenants
- Rent and rent review affecting commercial property
- Repairs and dilapidations
- Business properties

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This content will be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect the legal, moral and financial changes in professional standards and practice.

# Overview of Summative Assessment

Module learning outcomes	Assessment	Word count or equivalent	Weighting
LO1, LO2	<b>Assessment 1</b> Coursework	1,600	40%
LO3, LO4	<b>Assessment 2</b> Coursework	2,400	60%

**Module Pass Mark (as a weighted average of all assessments): 40%**

## Key Module Learning Resources

### Core Sources and Texts

The core reading resources within each module will be provided via the specific Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) module pages and within the e-Library. Additional reference material and supplementary resources to support your studies are available through the University e-Library.

### Module tools

Students will have access to study materials, dedicated academic support, student forums, and learning activities via an online learning platform (VLE).

The module page on the VLE is broken down into structured study weeks to help students plan their time, with each week containing a mixture of reading, case studies, videos/recordings and interactive activities to go through. Online webinars/seminars led by the Module Leader can be attended in real time and provide opportunities to consolidate knowledge, ask questions, discuss topics and work through learning activities together. These sessions are recorded to support students who cannot attend and to enable students to recap the session and work through it at their own pace. Module forums on the VLE provide further opportunities to discuss topics with other students, complete collaborative work and get extra help from the module team.

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## Professional online resources

The e-Library provides access to trusted, quality online resources, selected by subject specialists, to support students' study. This includes journals, industry publications, magazines, academic books and a dissertation/work-based library. For a list of the key industry specific and education resources available please visit [the VLE e-Library](#).

## Other relevant resources

Access is also provided to further information sources that include the British Library and Open University UK catalogues, as well as providing a monthly current awareness service entitled, **Knowledge Foundations** - a compendium of news, research and resources relating to the educational sector and the Built Environment.

The module resource list is available on the module VLE page and is updated regularly to ensure materials are relevant and current.