

Module Code	BMFR4002
Title	Introduction to Law and Politics
Date	28/07/2025
Level	4
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To equip the student with a broad understanding of the operation of the English legal system, the UK Government and political systems, how policy is made and implemented, and the specific legislation that pertains to the fire and rescue service.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key legislation and the legal process including the relationship between legislation and policies and practice;
- apply knowledge and understanding of the key principles of the British constitution, the functions of Britain's national political institutions and their role in delivering accountable and representative outcomes;
- identify and evaluate the applications of such legislation in relation to the fire and rescue service.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- The Rule of Law.
- The development of law.
- Judicial Precedent.
- Acts of Parliament.
- Delegated Legislation.
- European Law and Human Rights.
- Statutory Interpretation.
- Law Reform.
- Civil and Criminal cases.
- Criminal Justice system.
- The Judiciary.
- Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Fire Safety Act 2021.
- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSW Act).
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR).
- The Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations.
- The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022.
- Principles of British democracy and constitution.
- Political systems.
- Political institutions.
- Policy Making.
- Political parties.

- Elections and voting systems.
- Government structures.
- Public Sector organisations and their structures.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	48	24%
Independent learning	152	76%
Placement learning	0	0
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1 (Tick one)

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Application of legislation and policy to a contemporary emergency scenario	1500 words	50%

Assessment Component 2 (Tick one)

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Group court room simulation	5 minutes per person	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0
Coursework	50%
Practical	50%
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

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Module Title	Introduction to Law and Politics	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Kelly, D. and Slapper, G. (2020) <i>Slapper and Kelly's the English legal system</i> . Nineteenth edition. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.	☐
Essential	Loveland, I. (2021) <i>Constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights : a critical introduction</i> . Ninth edition. Oxford, United Kingdom ; Oxford University Press.	☐

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Essential	Thompson, B., Gordon, M. (Michael J.) and Tucker, A. (2021) <i>Cases and materials on constitutional and administrative law</i> . Thirteenth edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☐
Further	Hazell, R. and Foot, T. (2022) <i>Executive Power: The Prerogative, Past, Present and Future</i> . 1st edn. London: Hart Publishing. Available at: https://doi.org/10.5040/9781509951475 .	☒