



**UNDERGRADUATE**  
**1 SEMESTER, ONLINE**  
**6 ECTS @ LEVEL 8**

Link-in module code LA4082 - Registration Pass/Fail

# LAW OF EVIDENCE

The Law of Evidence is the means by which we go about determining accurately what occurred in the past, while also determining how it ought fairly to be understood or interpreted, and how it ought fairly to be evaluated. It is the material offered in court during a trial for the purpose of enabling the finder of fact (judge or jury) to reach a decision on the issues in dispute.

**CPD Credit - A solicitor practising on a full-time basis and undertaking this course, can claim a maximum of 9 hours eLearning.**

The purpose of this online course is to examine all of the main topics within the Law of Evidence.

Along with such basic concepts as relevance and the court's discretion to exclude technically admissible evidence, the topics that will be covered include the burden of proof, the course of the trial, the competence and compellability of witnesses, the opinion rule, the rule against hearsay, cross-examination, the law governing the admissibility of confessions, corroboration, privilege, and the principles that regulate the admission of character evidence.

It will be suitable for anyone with an interest in the court process and fact finding.



## PROGRAMME OF STUDY / DELIVERY

The module will run over one semester (12 weeks) and is offered by the Law Department. The module will be delivered on a blended online learning basis and will incorporate a combination of self-instructional materials. These include: online lectures, student guide, interactive learning elements, core texts and recommended readings. There will be regular tutor led interactions and online tutorials.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

Week 1: Introduction
Week 2: Burden of Proof
Week 3: Competence and Compellability
Week 4: Corroboration
Week 5: Opinion Evidence
Week 6: Cross-Examination
Week 7: Similar Fact Evidence
Week 8: Hearsay
Week 9: Confessions and Admissions
Week 10: Illegally and Unconstitutionally Obtained Evidence
Week 11: Privilege
Week 12: Discovery

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are invited from anybody who will be 23 years of age or over on the 1st January of the year of registration. Each candidate is considered on an individual basis whose academic qualifications, work experience, motivation and overall potential for the programme are evaluated.

## FEES

€300 per student.

€100 for those on low income or in receipt of DSP payments.

If you have any queries, please email [cpe@ul.ie](mailto:cpe@ul.ie) or Tel: 061 202530

## HOW TO APPLY / MORE INFORMATION

Students complete a link-in occasional registration form. The module is graded on a pass/fail basis.

The link-in application form is available to print on our [www.ul.ie/cpe](http://www.ul.ie/cpe)

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Return form, passport photo and fee to:

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