

Legal Aspects

Module Overview

The module aims to give a systematic understanding of how the legal process has influenced the development of occupational health both nationally and internationally. The module brings together from all other modules the role of the regulatory process within occupational health. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of relevant legislation within the UK and EU framework but will also tackle issues of globalisation and ethics. The module includes: Review of how law making, regulatory and legal processes have influenced the evolution of occupational health practice and their current relevance for the practitioner; The State involved in Occupational Health and Safety including Health and Safety risks and the English legal system, asbestos, food safety and hygiene; Development and implementation of risk management systems including risk management and the six pack, the health and safety practitioner and risk management and the role of HSE inspectors; Employment law including discrimination, DDA, performance at work, fitness standards, risks, screening and ethics; Factors contributing to the shaping of legal aspects of occupational health practice including the influence of special interest groups, the regulation of environmental and consumer risk, the EU and health and safety regulation and international bodies and globalisation.

Credits

10 credits

Module Attendance Required

1 block week of teaching - Mon -Fri 9.30- 5pm

Module Dates

9 – 13 March 2015

Assessment

Extended essay (100%)

Academics involved in the delivery of this module

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