

## LLM Socio-Legal Method

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Teaching and assessment (2014): Semester 2, Essay - 4,000 words (70%), 2,000 word research proposal (30%)

### Module description:

Socio-Legal Method introduces students to the methods used in law and society research. The module will explore socio-legal methods of data generation and analysis. Alongside this practical introduction to research method will sit a critical interrogation of the theoretical underpinnings of the methodological and analytic approaches used in socio-legal research, and consideration of the need for ethical research practices.

The module provides the appropriate foundations of socio-legal methodological training for students to go on to pursue empirical socio-legal research.

In each seminar, a range of interactive teaching methods will be used alongside tutor-led discussion, including practical work such as: designing research projects, generating data, and analysing data extracts, transcripts and quantitative results.

### Seminar topics:

- Introduction to socio-legal studies
- Research ethics and managing data
- Research credibility and generalizability
- Archival research methods
- Qualitative research methods 1 (interviews and focus groups)
- Analytic approaches to qualitative data 1
- Qualitative research methods 2 (ethnography and observation)
- Analytic approaches to qualitative data 2
- Quantitative research methods (questionnaires and statistics)
- Analytic approaches to quantitative data