

Module Catalogue

Westminster Law School

Undergraduate Exchange 2019/0

Semester 2

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Semester	UK Credit Value	Credit Equivalency
Law					
4LLAW006W	People, Culture and Property	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW007W	Criminal Justice: Crime and Punishment	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW008W	Introduction to Business Law	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW009W	Introduction to Rights and the Law	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW010W	Mooting and Advocacy	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW011W	The Portrayal of Justice: Screen Representations of Law and Lawyers	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW012W	Law and Social Media	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
4LLAW015W	Islamic Law in Context	4	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
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4LLAW016W	Introduction to Legal Practice	4	2	20	ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW003W	Equity and Trusts	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW004W	Adjudication and Alternative Dispute Resolution	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW005W	Introduction to Human Rights Law	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW006W	Law and Culture	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW007W	Medical Law and Ethics	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW008W	Rethinking Criminal Justice	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW009W	Housing Law	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW010W	Child Protection Law and Policy	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW011W	Law and Social Justice	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW012W	Law and Sport in Contemporary Society	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW022W	Criminology and the Law	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
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5LLAW024W	Law and Mental Health	5	Semester 2	20	ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW025W	Consumer Law	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW026W	Legal Psychology	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW103W	Public Law	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
5LLAW104W	Criminal Law	5	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW020W	Projects in Law	6	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW023W	Elements of Criminal Procedure and Evidence	6	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW025W	Elements of Family Law and Family Justice	6	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW028W	Elements of Media Law	6	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW030W	Elements of Law of International Trade	6	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*
6LLAW034W	Elements of Competition Law	6	Semester 2	20	US Credits 4 / ECTS credits 10*

* All transcripts are issued in UK credits. Please note the recommendation of a 4 US credit value equivalency is provided as guidance. Final credit values for all modules for US students are decided by your home institution and will be dependent on its credit transfer policies.

Law

People, Culture and Property

Module Code: 4LLAW006W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module offers a fresh and innovative approach to property law including a variety of approaches to alternative definitions of property law. The development and classification of modern property law are considered from various perspectives; historical, analytical and philosophical. The module can be studied on its own or may be a valuable introduction to several higher level modules.

Assessment: Presentation Group (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Criminal Justice: Crime and Punishment

Module Code: 4LLAW007W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

Aims of a Penal System; Overview of Criminological Theory; Purpose and Effectiveness of Penalties; Prisons; Media, Statistics and Crime; Police; Youth Crime and Justice; Victims

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Essay (70%)

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Introduction to Business Law

Module Code: 4LLAW008W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

Review of the elements of a valid contract, contracts covered by The Sale of Goods Act 1979, The Sale and Supply of Goods Act 1994, the Consumer Credit Act 2006 and The Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982, Equality Act 2010. The employment contract, agency, consumer credit and an insight into business organisations, partnerships and company law and competition law.

Assessment: Coursework (50%), Presentation (50%)

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Introduction to Rights and the Law

Module Code: 4LLAW009W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module provides an introduction to rights while at the same time trying to motivate students to later deepen their interest in human rights law. It starts with broad discussion on rights and continues with an exploration of the central institutions of the human rights regime while pointing to some of the main controversies in the human rights system. The module will address the tension between universalism and relativism, the difficulties with regard to the right holders (individuals, groups, collectivities, organisations) and point to current and future controversies and

challenges in the areas of rights in general and human rights in particular.

Assessment: Coursework (70%), Oral (30%)

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Mooting and Advocacy

Module Code: 4LLAW010W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

Students will be guided through the processes required to undertake a moot, by practically researching and applying the law and developing confidence in advocacy. Students will also explore basic theories of how the space and performance of the courtroom affects both practitioner and client experience of law, in order to enhance understanding of how to effectively deliver and perform oral arguments. Students will receive constructive feedback throughout the course of the module in terms of their progress, and will be required to reflect upon this in their journals.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Presentation (50%), Coursework (30%)

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The Portrayal of Justice: Screen Representations of Law and Lawyers

Module Code: 4LLAW011W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module draws upon a range of material from film and television to explore representations of law, justice and legal personnel. What do the images; plots, characters and storylines tell the viewers about the law and legal system? The module uses the films and television portrayals as the primary source of material in concert with texts and other academic commentary.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Law and Social Media

Module Code: 4LLAW012W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module introduces the regulatory framework for individual behaviour on social media sites, particularly Facebook and Twitter. It considers why such sites are attractive, how they are used and how the law interacts with individual usage. It covers the psychology of trolling and the application of both civil and criminal penalties. Case studies are used to explore both behaviour and punishment.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

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Islamic Law in Context

Module Code: 4LLAW015W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This course aims to provide students with an introduction to the sources, nature and function of Islamic law; as well

as to offer a framework for thinking about social realities and institutional structures that help shape Islamic law. It will include both issues of theory such as the relationship between Islam and the state and the practical application of these concepts such as contracts and Islamic finance law. In the first part of the module, students will be provided with an overview of Islamic history and Islamic law, its origins and its continuous developments within modern society. It will then move forward to cover the main sources and guiding principles of Islamic law. Also, given that Islamic law is based upon the legal tradition of different schools, the genesis and development of the latter will be investigated. The second part of the module will focus on specific legal applications of Islamic commercial law, criminal law and family law.

Assessment: Essay (50%), Examination - closed book (50%)

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Introduction to Legal Practice

Module Code: 4LLAW016W

Level 4

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module introduces students to essential elements of law in practice. It explains the application of the law and makes students familiar with the operation of legal rules and procedures in the main practice areas.

Assessment: Coursework (50%), Coursework (50%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Equity and Trusts

Module Code: 5LLAW003W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This core LLB module will provide an opportunity to consider the role of equity and trusts in relation to family and commercial trusts. The module will address the ways in which equity may intervene to mitigate the harshness of common law and the significance of equitable remedies for individuals in the context of the infringement of civil law rights and the protection of human rights. The module will also identify the substantive law in key areas, consider its origins and development, and consider its application to solve factual problems.

Assessment: Examination - closed book (100%)

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Adjudication and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Module Code: 5LLAW004W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The variety of mechanisms for peaceful dispute resolution (mainly civil): including negotiation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, and the adjudication processes of arbitration, and litigation. Private and public international aspects of peaceful dispute resolution processes. The relationships between the variety of processes nationally, cross-border and internationally. The roles of third party neutrals and of representatives (including lawyers) in dispute resolution, and the ethical considerations attaching to these roles. Some of the themes in, and theories of dispute resolution; and some of the debates and practices of dispute resolution, including the advantages, disadvantages of adjudication and ADR. An outline consideration of the use of methods of dispute resolution in different situations (e.g. family, victim-offender, and construction disputes).

Assessment: Examination - closed book (100%)

Introduction to Human Rights Law

Module Code: 5LLAW005W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module provides a broad introduction to the legal protection of human rights at the national, regional and international levels. It introduces students to the historical development of the legal protection of human rights protection along with introducing the legal frameworks for the protection of human rights in place at the national (UK), regional (Europe) and international (UN) levels.

Assessment: Coursework (30%), Essay (70%)

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Law and Culture

Module Code: 5LLAW006W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

The module offers a broad scope for exploration of the interplay between law and culture, understood in all its complexity, covering the body of arts, popular culture, the way of life of a people and the potential ideological underpinnings of these. The module explores the relationship between these aspects of social life and the law, the way they interact, shape and influence each other. The module is case study driven, allowing the exploration of the theoretical aspects of the law and culture interplay starting from concrete contemporary social issues.

Assessment: Essay (60%), Coursework (40%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Medical Law and Ethics

Module Code: 5LLAW007W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module is design to provide an understanding of the law relating to medical practice. The module will begin with an introduction focussing on the ethical principles in relation to medical practice. Thereafter, student will be introduced to the legal remedies and procedures available in a medical negligence claim.

Assessment: Essay (50%), Examination - closed book (50%)

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Rethinking Criminal Justice

Module Code: 5LLAW008W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module will introduce students to the principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of the criminal justice system in respect of both victims and offenders. Students will analyse the law, policy, practice and debate surrounding specific issues and appreciate the contextual dimension of the subject as well as competing perspectives. Students will apply a wide range of research skills and develop effective writing skills with some supervision.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Essay (80%)

Housing Law

Module Code: 5LLAW009W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module will consider the law, practice and policy relating to housing law and in particular: the respective rights and obligations of tenants and landlords and the resolution of common conflict between those two groups. The rights of the homeless to access to accommodation and the enforcement and realisation of those rights. The module will develop students' skills in legal writing and research.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Child Protection Law and Policy

Module Code: 5LLAW010W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module will address the public law child protection and family support provisions in Parts III, IV and V of the Children Act 1989, including local authority support for children and families, care and supervision of children and child protection powers and duties. It will also look at the broader context of policy and guidance in this area.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Law and Social Justice

Module Code: 5LLAW011W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module provides, predominantly through case studies, a broad introduction to the role and function of law with respect to social justice, in particular in relation to global issues 'brought home'. The module will focus on how the law can be a tool for social justice or an instrument of injustice that can bring about or condone marginalisation, exclusion and repression. Starting from case studies that bring together domestic, international and global issues, the module will introduce basic concepts of law, ethics and social theory, and will examine their relevance for understanding and effecting social change.

Assessment: Essay (60%), Presentation (40%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Law and Sport in Contemporary Society

Module Code: 5LLAW012W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module identifies ideas, principles and concepts of sports law from a variety of perspectives. Students will critically evaluate the fundamental knowledge base that forms the core of the subject and appreciate its contextual dimension. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills and demonstrate effective writing skills with minimal supervision.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Criminology and the Law

Module Code: 5LLAW022W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module would consider a range of political and criminological theories that will lead to a better understanding the law in its criminal and cultural context, including its social role and theoretical foundations. Students will explore how theories put forward by authors from Erving Goffman and David Garland to Gilles Deleuze and Michel Foucault, have relevance for contemporary understandings of the law, culture and crime. Students will learn about explanations for crime causation, including psychological and sociological theories, as well as how political populism has informed criminal justice policy, particularly over the last 40 or so years. Subcultural and deviancy theories will also be explored, whilst students will have the opportunity to study thematic areas including sex and victimisation, youth justice and drugs/alcohol in order to consider how social and cultural theories have informed the development of the law and the contemporary criminal justice system.

Assessment: Essay (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Law and Mental Health

Module Code: 5LLAW024W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module examines the interactions between the Law and Mental Health Sciences. Students will cover a range of topics – including issues of Detention, Housing, Welfare, and Relationships – that provide an overview of the legal, social and clinical issues involved in the regulation of persons suffering from mental health concerns. For example, the module will consider when mandatory detention can take place and what the safeguards to ensure a balance of liberty and protection. It will also examine the impact of housing on mental health outcomes in light of widely reported issues concerning the quantity and quality of affordable homes. It contrasts the ‘dimensional’ fluidity of the Mental Health Sciences with the ‘categorical’ rigidity of the law in approaching a range of key issues. Students will consider the law’s determination of the notions of ‘capacity’ and ‘competency’. Drawing on a range of expertise from the teaching team, it offers an insightful overview of a variety of issues affected by mental health.

Assessment: Presentation Group (50%), Coursework (50%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Consumer Law

Module Code: 5LLAW025W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module examines the various types of complaints a consumer may make against suppliers of goods and services. Students will consider the civil and criminal law remedies available to consumers. The module is designed to focus on the Consumer Rights Act 2015, an overview on the Sale of Goods Act 1979 and the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982, the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (which has now been amended by the Consumer Credit Act 2006), the Consumer Protection Act 1987, and the relevant consumer Regulations that apply to consumers. The module will also consider consumer issues of a topical nature; litigation in the County Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and the role of the Ombudsman.

Assessment: Presentation Group (40%), Examination - restricted (60%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Legal Psychology

Module Code: 5LLAW026W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module explores the interaction between the two different disciplines of law and social psychology. It covers aspects of the criminal trial process including the reliability of eye witness testimony and identity parades through theories of interrogation to false confessions and jury selection. It includes the controversial use of lie detectors and truth drugs.

Assessment: Presentation Group (40%), Coursework (60%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Public Law

Module Code: 5LLAW103W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module is an introduction to basic principles of constitutional law and administrative processes including British Constitution, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers, Parliamentary Supremacy (and EU/ECHR impact), Constitutional Reform, Responsible Government, and Judicial and other forms of Review, placing them in their practical, social, economic and political context. It will identify principle and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of Public Law and assess their relative merits. Students will explore the constitutional and administrative legal issues that form the core of Public Law and become aware of the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will develop their research and writing skills within defined guidelines.

Assessment: Examination - restricted (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Criminal Law

Module Code: 5LLAW104W

Level 5

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This module will introduce students to the sphere of criminal law. This module will identify the law, principles and concepts that underpin the practical and theoretical framework of Criminal Law. Students will explore the different issues that form the core of Criminal Law and become aware of the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will develop their research and writing skills within defined guidelines

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Projects in Law

Module Code: 6LLAW020W

Level 6

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

Students practise their research skills and apply them to further study of law or an issue relating to law that interests

them. This module will enable students to identify the ideas, principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework in the specialist area of law in which they undertake their research project and encourage them to stress competing perspectives. Students will critically evaluate the (fundamental knowledge base) that forms the core of their research project and appreciate the contextual dimension of law in this area.

Assessment: Project (100%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Criminal Procedure and Evidence

Module Code: 6LLAW023W

Level 6

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

Pre-requisite: *Criminal Law*

This module looks at the process by which the criminal law is enforced. It encompasses an examination of the rules of evidence and the practical application of these rules. The emphasis is on issues of theory and principle rather than on technical details. Students will consider in detail both statutory provisions and the wealth of case law, including decisions from the European Court of Human Rights. In addition to critically appraising current developments, students will consider proposals for reform.

Assessment: Coursework (40%), Examination - open book (60%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Family Law and Family Justice

Module Code: 6LLAW025W

Level 6

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

The module will provide an opportunity to consider the role of the law in relation to the family and how it shapes notions of family justice. It will explore the ways in which the state and the law intervene in and regulate private and family life, and whether such intervention and regulation is justifiable. The module will also identify elements of the substantive law in key areas, consider its origins and development, and consider its application to solve factual problems.

Assessment: Project (100%)

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Elements of Media Law

Module Code: 6LLAW028W

Level 6

Semester 2

Location: Regent

UK Credit Value: 20

Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10*

This course will consider the relevance of the media in today's society and the impact of regulation on the media within its political context. The course consists of two main elements: the structure of the media, including regulation relating to ownership and competition law, and the impact of technological convergence on that regulation; and the regulation of the content of the material that may be disseminated, including specific areas of contemporary concern such as contempt of court, privacy case law and taste and decency.

Assessment: Coursework (20%), Project (80%)

*All transcripts are issued in UK credits.

Elements of Law of International Trade

Module Code: 6LLAW030W

Location: Regent

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 2

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module is designed to familiarise students with the rights and obligations of the exporter and importer in an international sales transaction. It will enable students to recognise the complexities of international trade and identify the essential elements of such transactions. It will stress competing perspectives and explore the principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of international trade. It will assist students to appreciate and analyse the many contracts (i.e. contract of sale, contract of insurance, contract of carriage and documentary credit) involved in international commerce and the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills and demonstrate writing skills with minimal supervision.

Assessment: Coursework (100%)

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Elements of Competition Law

Module Code: 6LLAW034W

Location: Regent

Level 6

UK Credit Value: 20

Semester 2

**Equivalent Credit Value: US Credits 4 /
ECTS credits 10***

This module will identify the ideas, principles and concepts that underpin the theoretical framework of the specialist area of Competition Law and stress competing perspectives. Students will critically evaluate the fundamental knowledge base that forms the core of Competition Law and appreciate the contextual dimension of the subject. Students will apply a wide range of developed research skills and demonstrate effective writing skills with minimal supervision.

Assessment: In-Class Test/Assignment exam conditions (100%)

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