Presentation pattern  February to October

Module description
This module examines the legal frameworks that shape and regulate social care decision making. It considers how social work can make use of the law in a positive way and examines the value of law from the perspectives of service users and professionals. The module deals with a range of legal issues related to social care and social work practice including child and families services; youth justice; community care; housing; and how the Human Rights Act 1998 has affected practice.

Person specification
The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:
- a first degree in the social sciences or a relevant discipline (including law)
- a professional social work qualification or considerable experience in a related field of work (e.g. you might be a lawyer working in a social welfare field)
- familiarity with the law, policies and research in the social work field
- familiarity with current practice regarding the delivery of personal social services.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 30
Number of assignments submitted by the student: 4
Method of submission for assignments: 1b
Level of ICT requirements: 1
Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20
Salary band: 4
Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 4