

Law

Example 10 hr bespoke programme for a pre-degree student

Module 1: What is Justice?

- ▶ Ideas in popular culture and the media: how are issues of justice presented in film and TV?
- ▶ Procedural justice
- ▶ Distributive justice: ideas about equality and whether laws can ensure equality

Pre-tutorial preparation—independent learning to help you get ahead

1. Watch [Justice: What's The Right Thing To Do? Episode 01 "THE MORAL SIDE OF MURDER"](#). Based on this, write around one side of A4 on what you think justice is, which scientific disciplines it is relevant to, and which part you found most interesting.
2. Read Franz Kafka's short parable [Before the Law](#)

Formal submission—your tutor will give written feedback on each submission

Essay question: "Describe the concept of procedural justice and how it relates to a real-world example of injustice in a courtroom." (1000 ± 200 words, not including references)

Module 2: Rights, needs and the law

- ▶ Justice as individual rights: human rights and rights to be protected by law
- ▶ Justice as human needs: ideas about justice facilitating human needs, wants or desires
- ▶ Can law be unjust?

Pre-tutorial preparation

1. Familiarise yourself with this definition of justice [Justice \(Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy\)](#)
2. Read selected extracts from Jeremy Bentham's theories.

Formal submission

Essay question: "Justice has an equally important role in protecting human rights and facilitating human desire. Discuss whether you agree or disagree." (1000 ± 200 words, not including references)

Module 3: Justice in the real world

- ▶ Applying ideas of justice: case studies and whether they are unjust
- ▶ Current injustices in law: examples from the media, TV and real life
- ▶ Law reform and justice: how law has corrected injustices (e.g. slavery, womens' voting rights)

Pre-tutorial preparation

Familiarise yourself with the case studies provided by your tutor ready for discussion. This means reading them critically, writing short summaries and making a note of any questions that arise.

Formal submission

Essay question: Find a relevant example of injustice in the past and discuss whether or not it has been rectified by law. (1000 ± 200 words, not including references)

Example topics only. Exact content will depend on the expertise of the individual tutor and will be tailored to the prior knowledge, ability and interests of the student.