# COURSE DETAIL

| INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM |
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| **Country**<br>United Kingdom - England |
| **Host Institution**<br>London School of Economics |
| **Program(s)**<br>London School of Economics |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Lower Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Legal Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>57 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>INTRO TO LEGAL SYST |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**
The course is designed as a foundation course to familiarise law students with the basic characteristics and functioning of legal systems. While most LLB courses focus on particular areas of law, covering the main doctrinal rules and principles which govern them, this course is distinctive in equipping students with three further important tools for a rounded understanding of law, its practical operation, and its impact in society. These are, first a detailed study of the rules, protocols and conventions which govern the judicial interpretation and development of law in the English legal system; second a comparative and historical analysis of the very different way in which those rules and protocols have developed in both the civilian systems of the continent of Europe, and the common law system of the United States, implying key difference in the constitutions of these legal systems; third, an examination of the distinctive ways in which legal rules and processes are embedded in particular institutional structures and traditions, and of the ways in which these institutions have been changing over the last 30 years, with implications for the social impact of law and for the relationship between law and other social rules, conventions and regulatory systems.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
LL109

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**

**Host Institution Campus**
LSE

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
Law

**Course Last Reviewed**

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