

**Joint Master in Parliamentary procedures and legislative drafting (EUPADRA)****Legislative Drafting**

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Timetable: 10:30-12:30 (unless otherwise indicated)

The aim of this Module is to analyse and explore the distinct problems faced by professional drafters in the Common Law world and to propose and promote best practice in statutory drafting. The module will be taught by weekly 2-hour seminars covering the provisional list of topics set out below, and will be examined by two 3,500 word essays (maximum length) at set dates. Exercise sessions will be offered upon agreement with students.

Class 1 – 25 April	Introduction to Legislative Drafting (CS)
Class 2 – 2 May	Drafting instructions
Class 3 – 8 May	Designing a legislative solution: constraints of the drafter
Class 4 – 15 May	Clarity, Ambiguity
Class 5 – 23 May	Plain language
Class 6 – 6 June	Structure of a bill
Class 7 – 13 June	The legislative sentence Words and expressions; Syntax
Class 8 – 20 June	Preliminary provisions
Class 9 – 26 June	Substantive and administrative provisions
Class 10 – 4 July	Final provisions