

KATE SIGNORINI: Hello, and welcome to the course. I'm Kate Signorini, and I work at the Open University in Scotland. On this course, you'll explore legal skills and debates in Scotland.

If you're a fan of crime or legal dramas, you may think that the courtroom, client interviews, and detective work are what the legal system is all about. Whilst they form a part of the system, there is so much more to learn about. In this course, you'll have the opportunity to try out some of the skills that lawyers use in their work and think about the reasoning processes they go through. You'll consider how legislation may be interpreted, learn about the art of legal reasoning, and explore the relationship between society's values and the laws which it supports.

Throughout the course, there'll be activities to provide an opportunity to try out some key legal skills. And there'll be quizzes to test how much you've learned. Enjoy your journey.