

One-Week Curriculum: Land Law for Beginners (Our PDF-based)

Day 1 – Introduction & Key Concepts

Read: pp. 3–4 (“What does it mean to own land?”).

Focus:

Estates in land (duration of ownership).

Interests in land (non-ownership rights like easements).

Task: Write a short summary in your own words: *What’s the difference between estates and interests?*

Day 2 – Estates in Land: Freehold, Leasehold, Concurrent & Successive Estates

Read: pp. 4–5 (Cedar Lodge case study; successive estates example).

Focus:

Freehold (fee simple).

Leasehold (term of years).

Concurrent ownership (Jasmine & Leo).

Successive estates (Grace, Max & Noah).

Task: Draw a timeline for successive estates to show who holds rights at different times.

Day 3 – Proprietary Rights in Land

Read: pp. 6–7 (Maple Grove scenario & recap).

Focus:

Proprietary rights (lease, easement, profit à prendre, mortgage).

Why proprietary rights matter (binding third parties).

Task: Make a table: “Estates vs Proprietary Interests” with examples.

Day 4 – Recognised Interests & Their Creation

Read: pp. 7–8 (finite list of recognised interests; creation by deed or implication).

Focus:

Recognised interests: leases, easements, profits, mortgages, restrictive covenants, options to purchase.

Express creation (by deed).

Implied creation (prescriptive easements, implied tenancies).

Task: Write a short note explaining the prescriptive easement example (James’ cottage).

Day 5 – Binding Third Parties

Read: pp. 9–10 (whether rights bind purchasers).

Focus:

Legal vs equitable rights.

Registered vs unregistered land.

Why not all rights automatically bind purchasers.

Task: Make a mind map showing:

Legal vs equitable rights

Registered vs unregistered system

Day 6 – Problem Question Practice

Read: pp. 11–12 (Problem Q1: concurrent ownership; Problem Q2: easement).

Focus: Apply IRAC method to analyse:

How leases bind successors.

How easements run with the land.

Task: Write your own IRAC answer for **Problem Q1** before checking the model answer.

Day 7 – Consolidation with MCQs

Read: pp. 13–14 (10 MCQs + answers).

Focus: Self-test on:

Definition of estates.

Proprietary interests (lease, easement, profit, mortgage).

Case law: *Street v Mountford*, *Re Ellenborough Park*.

Task: Redo the 10 MCQs without looking at answers, then mark yourself.

End of Week Outcome

By the end of this 1-week study plan, you should be able to:

Define estates vs interests in land.

Distinguish freehold, leasehold, concurrent, and successive estates.

Identify and explain proprietary rights.

Understand how rights are created (deed vs implication).

Analyse binding effect on third parties.

Answer basic problem questions with IRAC.

Test knowledge with MCQs for self-assessment.