

Module specification

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Module code	LAW407
Module title	Dispute Resolution
Level	4
Credit value	30
Faculty	Glyndwr University: Faculty of Social and Life Sciences Bloomsbury Institute: School of Law
Module Leader	Dr Joe Stevens
HECoS Code	100485 (Law) 100692 (Legal Practice)
Cost Code	GACJ

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice	Core

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	66 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	66 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	234 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	300 hrs

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With effect from date	June 2022
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Module aims

The module aims to:

- Provide students with a broad overview of the Law of Tort, and the rules of causation and availability of remedies in both Contract Law and the Law of Tort.
- Enable students to gain an understanding of the key aspects of civil litigation in the context of a contractual or tortious dispute.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Identify, explain and apply the principles and rules of the Law of Tort.
2	Identify, explain and apply the rules of causation and the available remedies in Contract Law and the Law of Tort.
3	Apply key principles of civil litigation, in the context of a contractual or tortious dispute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pre-action steps which should be considered before a claim is issued • The aspects relating to the initial stages of proceedings • Progressing a matter to trial • Orders and judgments, appeals and costs • The role played by negotiation within legal practice

Assessment

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module.

Indicative Assessment 1: Will take the form of a 1,500 word coursework.

Indicative Assessment 2: Will take the form of a 1,500 word project that relates to a civil litigation case involving a contractual or tortious dispute.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1, 2	Coursework	50%
2	3	Project	50%

Derogations

None

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The module will be completed over one term.

Students will undertake 2-weeks of pre-reading and online activities.

The module is taught through weekly 2-hour lectures, 2-hour seminars and 2-hour workshops.

Lectures provide a broad outline structure for each topic to be covered. Lectures offer a good way of covering a lot of information and, more importantly, of conveying ideas to many people at once.

Seminars enable students to undertake directed self-study and to answer questions and solve problems which are set by the lecturer. Students will present their answers and solutions within the seminar group. Seminars enable students to explore further the topics introduced in the lectures.

Workshops follow on from lectures and seminars. They are designed to enable students to work within a small group to perform set tasks (e.g. working on an exercise or case study). They reinforce proactive learning by providing opportunities for discussion and interaction.

The seminar/workshop groups are small, thereby enabling students to develop a deep understanding.

Student digital literacies are developed on this module through the use of, *inter alia*:

- Online libraries and databases for gaining access to full-text journal articles and eBooks, including Westlaw UK and Westlaw Practical Law.
- Communication means provided through the VLE and learning technology applications.
- Online group-work, for planning, developing, improving, submitting and reflecting on collaborative work completed as part of the module.
- Assessment and feedback tools such as Turnitin and the VLE's Gradebook – enabling timely and detailed feedback on student work.
- Web-based Office 365.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

- Negligence
- Nuisance
- Occupiers Liability
- Employers Liability
- Causation and remedies in contract and tort
- Key features of the civil procedure rules
- Introduction to alternative dispute resolution
- Funding civil actions
- Commencing civil proceedings
- How actions are processed by the system

- Preparing for trial
- The trial and its outcomes

Indicative Bibliography:

Essential reading

Giliker, P. (Latest Edition) *Tort: Textbook Series*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Other indicative reading

Brennan, D., Blair, W., Jacob, R. and Landstaff, B. (Latest Edition) *Bullen & Leake & Jacob's Precedents of Pleadings*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Brownsword, R. (Latest Edition) *Smith & Thomas: A Casebook on Contract*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Murray, R. (Latest Edition) *Contract Law: The Fundamentals*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Peel, E. (Latest Edition) *Treitel on the Law of Contract*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

Whitebook (Latest edition) [available through Westlaw Books]

Westlaw Practical Law: Dispute Resolution

Westlaw Practical Law: Law School Resource Centre – LPC (Legal Practice Course) – Civil Litigation / Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

Students will be expected to consult a range of law journals (within Birkbeck Library and/or through Westlaw) with a view to developing appropriate legal research skills and to access supplementary readings in preparation for assessments.

Employability skills – the Glyndŵr Graduate

Each module and programme is designed to cover core Glyndŵr Graduate Attributes with the aim that each Graduate will leave having achieved key employability skills as part of their study. The following attributes will be covered within this module either through the content or as part of the assessment:

Core Attributes

Engaged
Enterprising
Creative
Ethical

Key Attitudes

Commitment
Curiosity
Confidence

Practical Skillsets

Digital Fluency

Organisation

Communication