

Module specification

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Module code	LAW402/LAW402D
Module title	Contract Law
Level	4
Credit value	20
Faculty	FSLS
Module Leader	TBC
HECoS Code	100485
Cost Code	TBC

Programmes in which module to be offered

LLB (Hons) Law	Core
BA (Hons) Law and Criminal Justice	Core
BA (Hons) Law and Business	Core

Pre-requisites

None

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	36 hrs
Placement tutor support	0hrs
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	36 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	164 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	200 hrs

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With effect from date	September 2021
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Version number	2

Module aims

The aim of this module is to enable students to develop an understanding of substantive rules and principles of contract law in relation to legally binding obligations and how the law of contract may be applied.

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

1	Explain the fundamental principles and concepts related to the law of contract.
2	Understand the history of contractual law, the context in which key principles were developed and its impact on society
3	Identify the legal issues which can arise in the process of contracting.
4	Explore the influence and impact of legal decision making in the development of the concepts and application of the law of contract, in its practical and commercial setting.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

Oral assessment 15 minutes: In role as a solicitor (persuasive; confident; engaging; enthusiastic) students will present a 'prepared' response to a series of questions about the history and fundamental principles underpinning contract law

In class test (1.5 hours) students to answer a series of questions on aspect of contract law in a range of settings

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1-2	Oral Assessment	50%
2	3-4	In-class test	50%

Derogations

PSRB requirement for LLB Law only:

The minimum pass mark for all LLB Law foundations of legal knowledge (FLK) subjects is 40%. Compensation is only permitted for a maximum of one module across the whole programme for a marginal fail (35-39) covering FLK subjects. (applies to LAW401D, LAW402D, LAW403D, LAW404, LAW502D, SOC575D, LAW601D, LAW603D)

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The learning and teaching strategy is grounded in the University's commitment to an Active Learning Framework (ALF) so that learning will be both accessible and active, and include synchronous and a-synchronous elements. Face to face classroom teaching will be supplemented by online lectures wherein students will be expected to complete activities such as watching Panopto videos; undertake additional reading; complete quizzes and exercises; and post comment for a-synchronous debate. These activities will be the subject of formative feedback by the module tutor. Added to this, will be access to staff who provide presence, challenge and support for student learning and can relate learning to real world uses

Indicative Syllabus Outline

Contract formation: offer and acceptance and termination, consideration, intention to create legal relations

Certainty of agreement Certainty and uncertainty

Parties – privity & rights of third parties.

Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Co, 1893

Contract terms and content: express terms; incorporation of terms; implied terms (common law & statute); exemption clauses; Boiler plate, retention of title, insurance and title clauses; Interpretation and variation.

Vitiating factors-misrepresentation, mistake, unfair terms, duress and undue influence.

Termination-expiry, breach, frustration.

Illegality and public policy

Sales of Goods Acts

Consideration and parol evidence

Capacity and incapacity arrangements

Restitutions and Remedies-damages, liquidated sums and penalties; specific performance and injunctions; duty to mitigate; indemnities and guarantees; discharge

Causation.

Consumer protection

Indicative Bibliography:

Essential Reading

Stone, R and Devenney, J. (2019). Modern Law of Contract. Routledge, London

Stone, R and Devenney, J. (2014). Text, Cases and Materials on Contract Law. Routledge, London.

Other Indicative Reading

Richards, P. (2017) Law of Contract. London: Pearson

O'Sullivan, J and Hilliard, D. (2017) The Law of Contract (7th ed) Oxford: Oxford University Press

Merkin, R and Saintier, S (2019) Poole's Casebook on Contract Law. Oxford: Oxford University

Students will be expected to consult a range of law journals and selected e-journals from WestLaw with a view to developing appropriate legal research skills and to access important supplementary readings in preparation for assessments.

Employability skills – The Glyndŵr Graduate

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Ethical
Commitment
Curiosity
Confidence
Digital fluency
Organisation
Communication