

## Module specification

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Module code	LAW608
Module title	Business Law and Practice
Level	6
Credit value	30
Faculty	Glyndwr University: Faculty of Social and Life Sciences Bloomsbury Institute: School of Law
Module Leader	TBC
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	Option
LLB (Hons) Law and Legal Practice [Top-up]	Option

### Pre-requisites

None

### Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	44 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
<b>Total active learning and teaching hours</b>	<b>44 hrs</b>
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	256 hrs
<b>Module duration (total hours)</b>	<b>300 hrs</b>

<b>For office use only</b>	
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With effect from date	June 2022
Date and details of revision	
Version number	1

## Module aims

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The module aims to:

- Provide students with a broad, detailed and systematic understanding of the key aspects of Business Law and Practice.
- Enable students to identify and critically explain the principles of legal professional ethics as they apply to Business Law and Practice matters, and the duties of the adviser.
- Enable students to apply key issues relating to Business Law and Practice and to provide practical advice and assistance within the context of a specific legal situation.

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

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1	<p>Explain and apply the following key principles of Business Law and Practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of business</li> <li>• Partnerships</li> <li>• Setting up a company</li> <li>• Constitution</li> <li>• Shareholders</li> <li>• Directors and officers</li> <li>• Company decision-making</li> <li>• Equity finance and share capital</li> <li>• Debt finance and taking security</li> <li>• Commercial</li> <li>• Competition</li> <li>• Insolvency</li> <li>• Joint Ventures</li> <li>• Tax</li> <li>• Company accounts</li> </ul>
2	<p>Identify and critically explain the principles of legal professional conduct and ethics as they apply to Business Law and Practice matters, and the duties of the adviser.</p>
3	<p>Apply the principles and rules of Business Law and Practice to provide evidenced conclusions to complex problems in order to provide practical advice and assistance.</p>

## Assessment

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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 portfolio divided into 2 tasks that could take one or more of the following formats: In-class test [1.25 hours]; time constrained assessment (including MCQs) [1.25hours]; essay [1,250 words]; report [1,250 words]; presentation (including Pecha Kucha presentations) [15 minutes].

**Indicative Assessment 2:** Will take the form of a 2,500 word problem-based case study.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1	Portfolio	50%
2	2, 3	Case Study	50%

## Derogations

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None

## Learning and Teaching Strategies

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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 seminars and 2-hour workshops.

**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.

Recorded lectures will be provided through the VLE to provide a broad outline structure for each topic to be covered.

**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**

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- Type of business
- Partnerships
- Setting up a company
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- Shareholders
- Directors and officers
- Company decision-making
- Equity finance and share capital
- Debt finance and taking security
- Commercial
- Competition
- Insolvency
- Joint Ventures
- Tax
- Company accounts

## **Indicative Bibliography:**

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### **Essential reading**

Westlaw Practical Law: Law School Resource Centre – LPC (Legal Practice Course) – Business Law

### **Other indicative reading**

Kawamura, A. (Latest Edition) *Corporate Governance*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

*Palmer's Company Law* [available through Westlaw Practical Law]

Totty, P., Moss, G. and Segal, N. (Latest Edition) *Insolvency*, Sweet & Maxwell eStore [available through Westlaw Books]

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**

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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  
Resilience  
Confidence  
Adaptability

**Practical Skillsets**

Digital Fluency  
Organisation  
Leadership and Team working  
Critical Thinking  
Emotional Intelligence  
Communication