

MODULE SPECIFICATION FORM

Module Title: Business Law	Level: 5	Credit Value: 20
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Module code: BUS539	Cost Centre: GAMG	JACS2 code: N211
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Trimester(s) in which to be offered:	Trimester 2 (F/T 2 year) Semester 1 (F/T 3 year) Semester 2 (P/T)	With effect from: September 2014
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Existing/New: New	Title of module being replaced (if any): Business Law
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Originating Department: Business	Module leader: Neil Pritchard
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Module duration (total hours): 200	Status: core/option/elective (identify programme where appropriate):	Core:
Scheduled learning & teaching hours: 30		BA (Hons) Business BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance
Independent study hours: 170		Option: BA (Hons) Global Business
Placement hours: 0		

Programme(s) in which to be offered: BA (Hons) Business BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance	Pre-requisites per programme (between levels): None
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Module Aims:

To develop a critical understanding of the concepts and principles of the law of obligations & company law and the ability to apply them to practical commercial situations.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this module, students should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Explain the main concepts and principles of the law of obligations & company law (KS1, KS5, KS6)
2. Apply the main concepts and principles of the law of obligations & company law to realistic commercial situations (KS3, KS5, KS6)
3. Critically evaluate the main concepts and principles of the law of obligations & company law in terms of their commercial consequences (KS1, KS3, KS6)

Key skills for employability

1. Written, oral and media communication skills
2. Leadership, team working and networking skills
3. Opportunity, creativity and problem solving skills
4. Information technology skills and digital literacy
5. Information management skills
6. Research skills
7. Intercultural and sustainability skills
8. Career management skills
9. Learning to learn (managing personal and professional development, self management)
10. Numeracy

Assessment:

Assessment	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting	Duration (if exam)	Word count or equivalent if appropriate
1	LO: 1, 2, 3	Coursework	50%	N/A	2,500
2	LO: 1, 2, 3	Exam	50%	2 hours	

Indicative Assessment One: A two part assignment consisting of a critical analysis of the law of obligations followed by a case study requiring an application of legal principles to a realistic commercial situation.

Indicative Assessment Two:

A two part exam consisting of a critical analysis of company law followed by a case study requiring an application of the legal principles to a realistic situation involving a company.

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

Students' time will be divided between lectures where the underlying principles are explained and tutorials where further development of these principles will take place and directed study and research which will extend and deepen students' understanding of the subject.

Lectures will be provided to students digitally, a minimum of three working days before the classroom tutorials. The classroom tutorials will facilitate interactive discussion and feedback on the lecture material which forms a basis for group work through practical exercises.

To this end the module is embedded within the values and practices espoused in the Glyndŵr University's Teaching and Learning and Assessment strategy whereby students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and staff facilitate the learning process, with the aim of encouraging high levels of student autonomy in learning and the capacity to apply it within the wider environment.

Syllabus outline:

1. The essential elements of the law of contract and tort
2. Consumer protection agencies
3. Trade descriptions
4. Product liability
5. Consumer safety
6. Contracts for sale of goods and supply of goods and services
7. The nature of a company and other business organisations
8. The formation, financing and constitution of a company
9. The management and administration and regulation of a company
10. Legal implications of companies in difficulty

Bibliography:

Essential reading

Riches, S. and Allen, V. '*Business Law*', (2013) Pearson

Background Reading

Textbooks

Roach, L. '*Card & James Business Law*' (2014) Oxford

Adams, A. '*Law for Business Students*' (2013) Pearson

Marson, J. '*Business Law*' (2013) Oxford

MacIntyre, E. '*Business Law*' (2013) Pearson

ACCA – '*F4 Corporate & Business Law (English) Study Text*', (2012) BPP Learning Media

McLaughlin, S. '*Unlocking Company Law*' (2013) Routledge

Turner, C. '*Unlocking Contract Law*' (2013) Routledge

Turner, C. '*Unlocking Torts*' (2013) Routledge

Woodroffe, G. & Lowe, R. '*Woodroffe's and Lowe's Consumer Law and Practice*' (2013) Sweet & Maxwell

Journals

Merkin, R.M. '*Journal of Business Law*', Sweet & Maxwell