

Module specification

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Module Code	BUS693
Module Title	Employment Law
Level	6
Credit value	20
Faculty	FSLS
HECoS Code	100485
Cost Code	GAMG
Pre-requisite module	N/A

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Core/Optional/Standalone
BA (Hons) Business and Management	Core
BA (Hons) Business & HRM	Core
LLB (Hons) Law	Core

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	24 hrs
Placement tutor support hours	0 hrs
Supervised learning hours e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision hours	0 hrs
Active learning and teaching hours total	24 hrs
Placement hours.	0 hrs
Guided independent study hours.	176 hrs
Module duration (Total hours)	200 hrs

Module aims

To develop a critical understanding of the concepts and principles of employment law and the ability to apply these concepts to the business world.

Module Learning Outcomes

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

1	To develop a critical understanding of the concepts and principles of employment law and the ability to apply these concepts to the business world.
2	Critically evaluate the contractual relationship between employer and employee and those of workers and the self-employed.
3	Assess and apply the various forms of employment protection given to different types of workers.
4	Critically discuss the provisions regarding equality and family friendly rights.
5	Demonstrate a practical understanding of the law of dismissal and redundancy and actions short of dismissal and redundancy.
6	Explain and evaluate the legal principles underpinning the law on health and safety and industrial action.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

Assessment 1:

A two-part assignment consisting of a critical analysis of the legal principles of the employment contract followed by a case study requiring an application of the legal principles of dismissal/redundancy to a realistic commercial situation. (Max word count 2,500)

Assessment 2:

A two-part assignment consisting of a critical analysis of the legal principles of equality/family friendly rights law, health and safety policies or industrial action law followed by a case study requiring an application of the principles of equality/family employment law or health and safety policies to a realistic commercial situation.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Duration/Word Count	Weighting (%)	Alternative assessment, if applicable
1	1, 2, 3	Coursework	2,500 words	50%	N/A

2	4, 5, 6	Coursework	2,500 words	50%	N/A
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Derogations

None.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

Lecture material will be provided to students online, 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.

The module is embedded within the values and practices espoused in the Wrexham 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.

Welsh Elements

Students can present their work, access forms, resources, email correspondence, work placements and personal tutorials in Welsh.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

Topic	Source
The sources and structure of employment law	UK, European Law
Determining employment status	UK Employment Rights Act 1996, Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, Multiple Criteria Tests, Employment Status and employment rights guidance for hr professionals, legal and other groups
The contract of employment	UK Employment Rights Act 1996, The Working Time Regulations 1998, National Minimum Wages Regulations 1999
Family friendly employment rights	UK Equality Act 2010
Protection from discrimination and equal pay provisions	UK Equality Act 2010
Wrongful and unfair dismissal	UK Employment Rights Act 1996, ACAS Code of Practice
Redundancy - the rights of employees, the obligations of employers	UK Employment Rights Act 1996
Health and safety in the workplace	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
Industrial action and trade union rights	UK The Trade Union Act 2016

Delivery at Hong Kong Institute of Technology (HKIT) and Hong Kong Management Association (HKMA):

Topic	Source
The sources and structure of employment law	HK, UK, European Law
Determining employment status	HK Cap.57 Employment Ordinance, UK Employment Rights Act 1996, Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, Multiple Criteria Tests, Employment Status and employment rights guidance for hr professionals, legal and other groups
The contract of employment	HK Cap.57 Employment Ordinance, Cap 608 Minimum Wage Ordinance, UK Employment Rights Act 1996, The Working Time Regulations 1998, National Minimum Wages Regulations 1999
Implied terms regarding working hours, holidays and pay	HK Cap.57 Employment Ordinance, UK Employment Rights Act 1996
Family friendly employment rights	HK Cap.527 Family Status Discrimination Ordinance, UK Equality Act 2010
Protection from discrimination and equal pay provisions	HK Cap.602 Race Discrimination Ordinance, Cap.480 Sex Discrimination Ordinance, Cap.487 Disability Discrimination Ordinance, Equal Pay Act 1970, UK Equality Act 2010
Wrongful and unfair dismissal	HK Cap.57 Employment Ordinance, UK Employment Rights Act 1996, ACAS Code of Practice
Redundancy - the rights of employees, the obligations of employers	HK Cap.57 Employment Ordinance, UK Employment Rights Act 1996
Health and safety in the workplace	Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance Chapter 509, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
Industrial action and trade union rights	HK Cap 392 Trade Union Ordinance, UK The Trade Union Act 2016

Indicative Bibliography:

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads

Lewis, D., Sargeant, M. and Schwab, B. (2023), *Employment Law: The Essentials*. 16th ed. London: Kogan Page.

Other indicative reading

Daniels, K. (2022), *Introduction to Employment Law: Fundamentals for HR and Business Students*. 6th ed. London: Kogan Page.

Emir, A. (2020), *Selwyn's Law of Employment*. 21st ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Honeyball, S. (2016), *Honeyball & Bowers' Textbook on Employment Law*. 14th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Pitt, G. (2020), *Pitt's Employment Law*. 11th ed. London: Sweet & Maxwell.

Sargeant, M. and Lewis, D. (2020), *Employment Law*. 9th ed. London: Routledge.

Smith, I. and Baker, A. (2021), *Smith & Wood's Employment Law*. 14th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Websites:

www.legislation.gov.uk
www.gov.uk
www.acas.org.uk
www.employmentlaws.co.uk
www.personneltoday.com

Delivery at Hong Kong Institute of Technology only:

Hern, A., & Walsh, P. (2011). *Hong Kong employment law—A practical guide* (4th ed.). Hong Kong: CCH Ltd.

Glofcheski, R., & Aslam, F., (2016), *Employment Law and Practice in Hong Kong*, 2nd Edition: Sweet & Maxwell Hong Kong

Downey, M., (2006), *Hong Kong Employment Ordinance: An Annotated Guide*: LexisNexis Hong Kong

Websites:

www.eoc.org.hk/zh-hk
www.labour.gov.hk/eng
www.elegislation.gov.hk



Administrative Information

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