

MODULE SPECIFICATION PROFORMA

<b>Module Title:</b>	Legal Obligations	<b>Level:</b>	7	<b>Credit Value:</b>	15
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<b>Module code:</b>	BUS7AT	<b>Is this a new module?</b>	Yes	<b>Code of module being replaced:</b>	n/a
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<b>Cost Centre:</b>	GAMG	<b>JACS3 code:</b>	M221
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<b>Trimester(s) in which to be offered:</b>	1, 2, 3	<b>With effect from:</b>	September 18
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<b>School:</b>	Business	<b>Module Leader:</b>	Neil Pritchard
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Scheduled learning and teaching hours	24
Guided independent study	126
Placement	0
<b>Module duration (total hours)</b>	<b>150</b>

<b>Programme(s) in which to be offered</b>	Core	Option
Executive MBA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Pre-requisites</b>
None

Office use only

Initial approval April 17

APSC approval of modification *Enter date of approval*

Version 1

Have any derogations received SQC approval?

N/A

**Module Aims**

The aim of this module is to develop a critical understanding of the concepts and principles of the law of obligations and the ability to apply them to practical business situations.

**Intended Learning Outcomes**

Key skills for employability

- KS1 Written, oral and media communication skills
- KS2 Leadership, team working and networking skills
- KS3 Opportunity, creativity and problem solving skills
- KS4 Information technology skills and digital literacy
- KS5 Information management skills
- KS6 Research skills
- KS7 Intercultural and sustainability skills
- KS8 Career management skills
- KS9 Learning to learn (managing personal and professional development, self-management)
- KS10 Numeracy

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

Key Skills

		Key Skills	
1	Critically evaluate the essential elements of a legally binding contract including terms and vitiating factors, how it may be discharged and the remedies available	KS1	KS9
		KS3	
		KS6	
		KS6	
2	Demonstrate a practical appreciation of the law related to the sale of goods and the supply of services including the evaluation of the statutory provisions of product liability and any defences available	KS1	KS6
		KS2	
		KS5	
		KS5	
3	Critically discuss the principles of the law of tort and their application to business.	KS1	KS6
		KS3	KS9
		KS5	

Transferable/key skills and other attributes

- An ability to communicate, orally or in writing, technically challenging material

- An ability to analyse critically problems arising in both academic and practical contexts
- An ability to use learning resources for research purposes

**Derogations**

None

**Indicative Assessment:**

**Assessment** – will consist of two parts:

A critical analysis of the principles of contract law followed by a case study requiring an application of its principles of to a realistic commercial situation. 50% of final weighting.

A critical analysis of the principles of the law of tort followed by a case study requiring an application of the principles of product liability to a realistic commercial situation. 50% of final weighting.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)	Duration (if exam)	Word count (or equivalent if appropriate)
1	1,2,3	Essay	100%		3000

**Learning and Teaching Strategies:**

Lecture material 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.

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. Introduction to English law.
2. The nature of the agreement: offer and acceptance.
3. Intention, capacity, consideration and privity.
4. Terms of a contract, including standard form business contracts.
5. Vitiating factors – misrepresentation, mistake, duress and exclusion clauses.
6. Discharge of the contract and remedies.
7. The sale of goods and services.
8. The tort of negligence.
9. Product liability and defences.

**Bibliography:**

**Essential reading**

**Textbooks:**

Poole, J. (2016) *Textbook on Contract Law* (13<sup>th</sup> Ed), OUP Oxford  
**And**  
Horsey, K & Rackley, E (2015) *Tort Law* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed), OUP Oxford

**Other indicative reading**

**Textbooks:**

Chen-Wishart, M. (2015) *Contract Law* (5<sup>th</sup> Ed) OUP Oxford  
Cook, J. (2015) *Law of Tort (Foundation Studies in Law Series)* (12<sup>th</sup> Ed) Pearson  
Dua, SK. & Turner, C. (2013) *Unlocking Torts* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed) Routledge  
Elliott, C. & Quinn, F. (2015) *Tort Law* (10<sup>th</sup> Ed), Pearson.  
Elliott, C. & Quinn, F. (2015) *Contract Law* (10<sup>th</sup> Ed), Pearson  
McKendrick, E. (2016) *Contract Law: Text, Cases & Materials* (7<sup>th</sup> Ed) OUP Oxford  
Richards, P. (2015) *Law of Contract (Foundation Studies in Law Series)* (12<sup>th</sup> Ed) Pearson  
Turner, C. (2013) *Unlocking Contract Law* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed) Routledge

**Journals:**

Booth, E (Ed), *New Law Journal*, Lexisnexis