



Module Specification

Business Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Business Law

Module code: UMADYG-15-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

College: College of Business and Law

School: CBL Bristol Business School

Partner institutions: None

Field: Accounting and Finance

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This module is an introductory law module for accounting and finance students.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: 1.To provide the students with knowledge of the English legal system and dispute settlement methods.

2.To help the students understand the relationship between law and business and

the role of the legal system in the promotion and protection of business.

3.To equip students with basic business law knowledge and an understanding of the practical application of law in business.

4.To promote awareness of personal legal rights and obligations for business students.

Outline syllabus: This module will cover:

The main divisions and Sources of English Law, including the European Union. The English Legal System including courts, tribunals, and other ways of resolving disputes, the role of the legal profession. The differences between criminal and civil law, and ways of enforcing Court judgments.

The legal personality, formation and features of sole traders partnerships and companies. Types of companies, e.g. public and private, and the concept of limited liability and corporate personality, e.g. the corporate veil.

The law of contract, e.g. formation, terms including exclusion of liability, defects, termination, and remedies. Selected aspects of the law of torts affecting business, e.g. identify the meaning of a tort, aspects of the law of negligence, vicarious liability, contribution, and indemnity. The law of employment, e.g. the distinction between the self-employed and employees, the contract of service, dismissal, and redundancy.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Prepare - The approach to teaching and learning will be student-centered and use a variety of techniques to encourage independent thought, analysis, and constructive criticism. Staff will be available during the semester within their office hours for face-to-face meetings with students. Queries can be directed to staff through email.

Participate - Dialogue is promoted between student and lecturer, and between students in an interactive relationship that emphasises the flow of information

between students and lecturers.

Practice - Students will be expected to conduct research with both traditional and electronic sources and will be instructed how to do this, where necessary, within the module. Directed reading, internet sources, and sometimes videos will be suggested.

Full use will be made of the module blackboard to support this module, e.g. to post announcements, work, feedback, and access to relevant reading materials, such as e-books, journal articles, and other resources available in the library.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Describe and illustrate an outline of the English Legal System, and the selected areas of the laws of contract, torts, employment

MO2 Describe and illustrate an outline of the legal rules and regulations relevant to business organisations with particular reference to companies

MO3 Show an understanding of the interplay between legal rules, as they apply to the operation of business, and business organisations

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 0

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umadyg-15-1.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/umadyg-15-1.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module will be assessed using formative and summative assessment.

Formative assessment will take various forms, such as opportunities to use multiple choice questions which will be offered throughout the module, and revision questions during workshops.

Summative assessment will comprise a two-hour examination (100%) at the end of the module. The end-of-module examination will be conducted under controlled conditions which will test the core knowledge and concepts covered in the syllabus via essay and problem-based questions.

Assessment tasks:**Examination (First Sit)**

Description: There will be an end-of-module examination (2 hours) conducted under controlled conditions which will test the core knowledge and concepts covered in the syllabus via essay and problem-based questions.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Examination (Resit)

Description: There will be an end-of-module examination (2 hours) conducted under controlled conditions which will test the core knowledge and concepts covered in the syllabus via essay and problem-based questions.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Accounting and Finance {Foundation}[Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2024-25

Accounting and Business Management {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2024-25

Accounting and Finance [Villa] BSc (Hons) 2025-26

Accounting and Finance [Phenikaa] BA (Hons) 2025-26

Accounting and Finance [BIBM] BSc (Hons) 2025-26

Accounting and Finance {Dual} [Taylors] BA (Hons) 2025-26

Accounting and Finance [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2025-26

Accounting and Business Management [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2025-26