



Module Specification

Company Law in Context

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Company Law in Context

Module code: UJUUKP-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Field: Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

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: Companies are the cornerstone of much of legal practice as well as commercial and economic life. This module therefore aims at providing a sound understanding of the essential principles of company law and will introduce the essential concepts, rules and elements.

Features: Module Entry Requirements: Either UJUJJC-15-1 Legal Method + Law modules at level 1 worth at least 30 credits or 80 credits acceptable to the Law award on which the student is registered.

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

In addition, the educational experience may explore, develop, and practise but not formally discretely assess the following:

Working as a team member during workshop tasks, therefore effectively communicating information and arguments

Organising and managing work load both in preparation for and during the workshops.

Outline syllabus: The syllabus includes:

TERM 1

Incorporating a company:

Business Organisations and Types of Companies

Corporate Personality

Promotion and Registration Process

Company Officers

Company Membership

Corporate Governance

TERM 2

Running a company:

Meetings and Resolutions

Directors' Duties and Liabilities

Corporate Liability

Membership Disputes and Minority Protection

Raising and Maintaining Capital

Corporate Rescue and Liquidation Procedures

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The emphasis for this module is on providing the students with the opportunity to question, understand, analyse and evaluate the law in its practical, academic and social context. The learning context is student centred and utilises a variety of techniques to encourage independent thought and constructive criticism. Dialogue is promoted between student and lecturer in an interactive relationship which emphasises the two-way flow of information and criticism.

Students will be directed towards the University Library online Study Skills resources for the development of skills appropriate to the level and style of the module.

Students will be directed on how the resources on this site should be used to develop the skills that will underpin their studies in the module handbook and via Blackboard (designated folders containing subject-specific links to websites and articles).

The module is accompanied by a module handbook, which contains, inter alia, the following information:

Aims and objectives

Module structure

Assessment information

Reading list

Syllabus and lecture notes

Workshop preparation material

Appendices

Information on assessment offences

Information on academic writing skills and referencing

Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning; supervised time in studio/workshop.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study

preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

Contact Hours:

The module will be delivered through three hours of contact per week, separated into a one-hour tutorial and a two-hour workshop.

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

MO1 Show a systematic and critical understanding of the key aspects of company law, including the acquisition of coherent and detailed knowledge on aspects of corporate governance

MO2 Identify the structures and relationships at work in companies

MO3 Explain the principal legal and non-legal mechanisms affecting those structures and relationships

MO4 Critically interpret and accurately use the variety of legal sources applicable to company law and apply these to factual situations by deploying accurately established techniques of analysis and enquiry; devising and sustaining arguments; solving problems; describing and commenting on particular aspects of current research; and appreciating the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge within the field of company law

MO5 Critically evaluate the impact of company law on society and the economy

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujuukp-30-3.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujuukp-30-3.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment comprises:

Assessment 1: (30% of module mark) Coursework involving completion of relevant documentation to incorporate a company and an 800 word reflection.

Assessment 2: (70% of module mark) Coursework addressing specific issues arising in the running of a company (2000 words)

Assessment criteria:

Marks for the coursework are awarded based on students' demonstration of a very good understanding of the law, its application and issues affecting structures and relationships through critical analysis and evaluation; logical presentation of legal arguments; evidence of independent research using a variety of sources and information; coherent presentation of materials and good referencing.

Opportunities for formative assessment and feedback:

The workshops are designed to be inherently flexible. Students will thus have opportunities for a variety of interactive learning experiences, e.g. presentations (allows for peer assessment and constructive feedback from tutor on content and presentation style).

Feedback is provided as a matter of course on all work submitted, whether assessed or not.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: A written assignment involving completion of relevant documentation to incorporate a company with a report / reflection (800 words).

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: A written assignment addressing specific issues arising in the running of a company (2,000 words)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: A written assignment involving completion of relevant documentation to incorporate a company with a report / reflection (800 words).

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: A written assignment addressing specific issues arising in the running of a company (2,000 words)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Business and Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Business and Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business and Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Business and Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law [May][FT][Villa][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law [Sep][FT][Alexander][3yrs] - Not Running LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law [Jan][FT][Villa][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Business [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Business Management with Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Law [Sep][SW][UCW][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Commercial Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] - Not Running LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Commercial Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] - Not running LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Business Management with Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Law with Business {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Law with Business [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Commercial Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2019-20

Business Management with Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2019-20

Law with Business {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2019-20