



## **Module Specification**

### **Business Law**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Business Law

**Module code:** UJUUKX-15-1

**Level:** Level 4

**For implementation from:** 2021-22

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Business & Law

**Department:** FBL Dept of Law

**Partner institutions:** None

**Delivery locations:** Frenchay Campus

**Field:** Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

**Module type:** Standard

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Not applicable

**Features:** Module entry requirements: No person may take this module who has passed modules in contract or company law or their equivalent in a law degree.

**Educational aims:** See Learning Outcomes.

**Outline syllabus:** This module will cover:

Part A:

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 judgements.

The Human Rights Act, or other topical matters that illustrate problems of law-making and enforcement in the business world or private life.

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 contract, e.g. formation, terms including exclusion of liability, defects, termination and remedies.

The law of employment, e.g. the distinction between the self-employed and employees, the contract of service, dismissal and redundancy.

Part B:

The legal personality, formation and features of sole traders partnerships and companies.

A brief outline of the law of agency in the context of business organisations, e.g. duties of partners and directors and authority of the agent.

Concept of limited liability and corporate personality, e.g. the corporate veil.

Types of companies, e.g. public or private.

The procedures for registering a company and thereafter regulation of companies.

The constitution of a company, e.g. articles of association.

Lectures will focus on core materials whilst workshops will explore the use and application of these materials in problem solving exercises and analysis and evaluation of the use of legal rules as they apply to the business environment.

Clinics will focus on revisiting and exploring the more difficult legal concepts and the nature of these sessions will be led by student demand.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** The approach to teaching and learning will be student centred and use a variety of techniques to encourage independent thought, analysis and constructive criticism dialogue is promoted between student and lecturer, and between students in an inter-active relationship which emphasises the flow of information between students and lecturers.

Staff will be available during the semester within their office hours for face to face meetings with students. Queries can be directed to staff though email.

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 announcement, work, feedback, and, access to relevant reading materials, such as journals , articles and e-books.

**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 of 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

**MO4** Analyse and solve problems with a legal element

**MO5** Evaluate the interplay of business and legal considerations applicable thereto

**MO6** Find and apply the appropriate legal principles in order to identify the relevant facts of a problem

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.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 question.

Summative assessment will comprise a 1500 word coursework during the course of the module and a two hour examination at the end of the module.

Component A – There will be an end of module examination conducted under controlled conditions which will test the core knowledge and concepts covered in

Part A of the syllabus via essay and problem based questions.

Component B – There will be one piece of coursework, maximum 1500 words based on the core knowledge and concepts delivered under Part B of the syllabus. This will test the student's ability to analyse and solve problems within the context of business organisations and the business environment.

**Assessment components:**

**Examination - Component A (First Sit)**

Description: Examination (2 hours)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

**Written Assignment - Component B (First Sit)**

Description: Problem question (1500 words maximum)

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

**Examination - Component A (Resit)**

Description: Examination (2 hours)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

**Written Assignment - Component B (Resit)**

Description: Problem question (1500 words maximum)

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

## Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Accounting and Finance [Sep][SW][Villa][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Jan][SW][Villa][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [May][SW][Villa][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Sep][FT][Villa][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [May][FT][Villa][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Jan][FT][Villa][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Business Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

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

Accounting and Finance [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Finance [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Management [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] [NOT RUNNING] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting and Management [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] [NOT RUNNING] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Accounting {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

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

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

Accounting and Management {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons)  
2020-21