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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Business Law

Reference	BS2258	Version	8
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	July 2019	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with an introductory understanding of the domestic legal framework within which organisations must operate. Students will study the interaction between various principles of business law, current issues in the business world, cases studies and learn how to apply legal rules to hypothetical problems.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Discuss the basic principles of the law that relates to business and the constraints they place on businesses.
- 2 Describe the various sources of law and the Scottish Legal System.
- 3 Identify and explain the key issues of law and fact arising from legal problems relating to business.
- 4 Evaluate and apply the principles of law to problems associated with businesses and business transactions.

Indicative Module Content

Sources of law: Legislation, judicial precedent, institutional writers, customs and equity

Courts: civil and criminal, personnel and jurisdiction;

An overview of the law relating to business organisations: agency, sole traders, partnerships and companies;

Law of contract: establishing contractual obligations, performing the contract, contractual breakdown.

Delict: duty and standard of care, proof of negligence, liability.

Employment law: employees and independent contractors, express and implied terms of a contract of employment, unfair and wrongful dismissal, health and safety legislation and consequences of non-compliance.

Module Delivery

Topics are introduced in lectures and developed in tutorials for which students are expected to undertake directed independent learning.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	114	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Examination	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Closed book examination				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

Component 1 comprises 100% of the module grade. To pass the module, a D grade is required.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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