

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Corporate Governance

Reference	BS3195	Version	3
Created	August 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	August 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with an understanding of corporate governance issues, focusing upon the system found in the UK and contrasting this with other systems worldwide. Students will critically explore: distribution of power within companies, the importance of risk management, audit, the role of institutional investors, global corporate governance and the interaction of corporate social responsibility, sustainability and ethics as concerns for good corporate governance.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Explain and critically analyse the legal, societal and governmental aspects of corporate governance;
- 2 Critically evaluate the fundamental concepts, principles and drivers behind the 'good governance' movement;
- 3 Compare and contrast the various corporate governance systems found in the global business arena;
- 4 Discuss the notorious corporate governance failures and the remedial actions they inspired;
- 5 Critically evaluate the effectiveness of the current corporate governance regime found in the United Kingdom.

Indicative Module Content

This module will focus primarily on the Anglo/American system of corporate governance. The following aspects will be explored: The dynamics of the company; defining corporate governance; corporate governance failures; reform in the United Kingdom; the role of the board in corporate governance; the role of institutional investors; internal control and risk management; global aspects of corporate governance; stakeholder theory, corporate social responsibility and sustainability.

Module Delivery

This is a lecture and tutorial based module. Lectures provide core module content. Tutorials develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	10
Non-Contact Hours	114	140
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<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, 5

Description: Closed book examination.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Examination - 100% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	70% or above
B	60% - 69%
C	50% - 59%
D	40% - 49%
E	35% - 39%
F	0% - 34%
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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