

LAWS C2319: Tort Law 2

Module Title:		Tort Law 2
Language of Instruction:		English
Credits:	10	
NFQ Level:	8	
Module Delivered In		4 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:		Lectures - communication of knowledge and ideas from the lecturer to the student. Problem Solving Exercises - students will work as part of a team and will work together to resolve various legal scenarios. Class Discussion/Debate - Students will be encouraged to actively participate in the class sessions which will develop their analytical and communication skills. E-Learning - It is envisaged that the module will be supported by online learning materials. Self-Direct Independent Learning - the emphasis on independent learning will develop strong and autonomous work and learning practices.
Module Aim:		To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the general principles of tort law by examining the various forms of liability attaching to the main torts; the principles upon which liability is based in such areas as negligence, nuisance, liability for escapes, trespass and defamation; the relationship between common law, legislation and judicial policy. This module also aims to contribute to the development of the student's skills in legal analysis and problem-solving as well as research and reasoning skills.

Learning Outcomes			
On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:			
LO1	Solve legal problems by analysing factual situations and identifying and applying the relevant law in order to produce reasoned solutions.		
LO2	Explain the role of tort law in addressing the requirements of public policy and issues of personal responsibility.		
LO3	Demonstrate understanding of both general and specific defences and the remedies available in an action in tort law.		
LO4	Critically evaluate existing tort law in order to produce convincing arguments for reform.		

Pre-requisite learning

Module RecommendationsThis is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.

No recommendations listed

Incompatible Modules
These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.

No incompatible modules listed

Co-requisite Modules

No Co-requisite modules listed

Requirements

This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.

No requirements listed

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Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Introduction • General Characteristics • Trespass to the Person • Trespass to land • Trespass to chattels • Defences

Introduction • Private nuisance • Public Nuisance • Defences

Strict Duties

Introduction • Rylands v Fletcher • Duty in relation to ultra-hazardous activities

Introduction • Deceit • Injurious Falsehood • Passing Off • Interference with Economic Relations • Other torts – conspiracy, intimidation, interference with contractual relations, detinue, conversion, breach of confidence

Introduction • Elements of a cause of action • The Common Law rules • The Defamation Act 2009 • Defences

Emerging Causes of Action

Introduction • Interference with Constitutional Rights • Breach of EU Law • Non-contractual liability in EU law

Miscellaneous Torts

Abuse of Process • Interference with Domestic Relations • Liability in respect of fire • Liability in respect of animals • Actions on the case • Innominate torts

Defences, Proofs and Limitations
Defences – contributory negligence, consent or waiver • Proof – burden and standard of proof, res ipsa loquitur, types of evidence, appealing findings of fact • Limitation of actions

Parties to Tort Actions

Introduction • The State • Foreign States • The EU • Associations • Minors • Mentally Disabled persons • Concurrent Wrongdoers • Personal Representatives • Relatives

Responsibility for Others

Introduction • Vicarious Liability • non-delegable duties • Duties of Control

Introduction • Damages – categories of damages and quantum • Fatal Injuries and Death • Injunctions – quia timet, mandatory, prohibitory, interim, interlocutory and perpetual injunctions • Self-help • Alternative Dispute resolution • Injuriesboard.ie

Assessment Breakdown	%
End of Module Formal Examination	100.00%

No Continuous Assessment

No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination				
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Formal Exam	n/a	1,2,3,4	100.00	End-of-Semester

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment



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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time			
Workload Type	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload	
Lecture	Every Week	3.00	
Independent Learning Time	Every Week	14.00	
	Total Hours	17.00	

Workload: Part Time		
Workload Type	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	Every Week	1.50
	Total Hours	1.50

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_BBLAW_B	Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Business with Law	4	Mandatory
CW_BBLEG_C_1	Higher Certificate in Arts in Legal Studies	4	Mandatory
CW_BBLAW_C	Higher Certificate in Business with Law	4	Mandatory
CW_HHLAW_B OLD	Honours Bachelor of Laws Degree - LLB	2	Mandatory