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| Module Title: | Farm Business and Agri Food Law |
| Language of Instruction: | English |
| Credits: | 10 |
| NFQ Level: | 8 |
| Module Delivered In | 2 programme(s) |
| Teaching & Learning Strategies: | Lectures Independent learning – reading materials (conventional and e-learning); Class discussion/debate; and Project work/problem solving. |
| Module Aim: | The aim of the module is to give learners an introduction to the operation of the Irish Legal System in a farming context, explore aspects of Business Law, Probate Law, Succession Law, Land Law and Regulatory Issues, and extract the provisions of Irish and International Law which impact upon Farmers. |

| Learning Outcomes | |
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| <i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i> | |
| LO1 | Critically evaluate the key principles of the law relevant to farm businesses. |
| LO2 | Analyse problems and propose solutions by applying the law to specific situations. |
| LO3 | Effectively communicate the legal principles relevant to farm businesses both orally and in writing. |
| LO4 | Demonstrate knowledge of legislation at primary producer level |
| LO5 | Examine the legislative structures that apply to the agri-food industry |

| Pre-requisite learning |
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| Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i> |
| No recommendations listed |
| Incompatible Modules <i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i> |
| No incompatible modules listed |
| Co-requisite Modules |
| No Co-requisite modules listed |
| Requirements <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i> |
| No requirements listed |

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

Irish Legal System and Legal Principles

Difference between criminal law and civil law; sources of law relevant to farming (Constitution/legislation/EU/international law); Principles of contract law.

Introduction to Land Law

Land Lease, Occupier's Liability and Adverse Possession.

Structuring Your Farm Business

Sole Trader, Registered Farm Partnership, Succession Farm Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Collaborative Farming, and the legal concepts of separate legal personality and limited liability.

Introduction to Succession and Probate

Formal requirements of a valid will, rules governing intestacy, legal avenues to challenge a will, and enduring powers of attorney; Rules relating to CAT, Stamp Duty and Capital Gains Tax, and the reliefs available in respect thereof in a farming context.

Employment Law

Legal Obligations of Farmers who are Employers.

| Assessment Breakdown | % |
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| Continuous Assessment | 20.00% |
| Project | 50.00% |
| End of Module Formal Examination | 30.00% |

Continuous Assessment

| Assessment Type | Assessment Description | Outcome addressed | % of total | Assessment Date |
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| Project | Law Project (as prescribed) | 1,2,3 | 50.00 | n/a |
| Examination | In-class examination assessing students knowledge of Learning Outcomes 4 and 5 | 4,5 | 20.00 | n/a |

No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination

| Assessment Type | Assessment Description | Outcome addressed | % of total | Assessment Date |
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| Formal Exam | Terminal Exam | 4,5 | 30.00 | End-of-Semester |

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Module Workload

| Workload: Full Time | | |
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| <i>Workload Type</i> | <i>Frequency</i> | <i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i> |
| Lecture | 12 Weeks per Stage | 6.00 |
| Independent Learning | 15 Weeks per Stage | 11.87 |
| Total Hours | | 250.00 |

Module Delivered In

| Programme Code | Programme | Semester | Delivery |
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| CW_SWOAG_B | Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Organic Agriculture | 7 | Mandatory |
| CW_SWSFM_B | Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sustainable Farm Management and Agribusiness | 7 | Mandatory |