

Module Title:	Business Law
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	5
NFQ Level:	6
Module Delivered In	1 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	<p>The learning outcomes detailed above will be achieved through the following teaching methodologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 with on-line learning materials. • Self-Directed Independent Learning – the emphasis on independent learning will develop a strong and autonomous work and learning practices.
Module Aim:	The overall aim of this course is to introduce students to the Irish Legal System and the fundamentals of Irish tort and contract law
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Appreciate and discuss the general legal environment in which business is carried out
LO2	Demonstrate understanding of contract law and its importance as a framework in business transactions
LO3	Understand the key concepts of tort law and their application to business scenarios.
LO4	Demonstrate an increased awareness and insight of how the law influences decision making in a business context.
Pre-requisite learning	
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

The Irish Legal System

• Nature, sources and classification of Irish law. o The Irish Constitution - Separation of powers and fundamental rights o Legislation and the legislative process o Common Law and the Doctrine of Precedent o European Union Law - Primary and Secondary Sources - Role of EU Institutions • The Irish Court System – Structure and Jurisdiction • Personnel of the Law

Introduction to the Law of Torts

The Nature of Tort. • Causation and Remoteness • Negligence and Contributory Negligence • Vicarious Liability • Product Liability • Occupier's Liability • Defences

The Tort of Defamation

• Defamation Act 2009 • Elements of a cause of action, publication (Twitter, facebook etc.) • Defences

The Law of Contract

• The nature and formation of a contract. • Agreement, intention and consideration. • Form of a Contract. • Terms and exemption clauses. • Capacity to contract. • Invalid contracts • Discharge of contract and remedies for breach • Electronic Contracts

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

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	3.00
Independent Learning	15 Weeks per Stage	5.93
Total Hours		125.00

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_BBLEG_C_1	Higher Certificate in Arts in Legal Studies	1	Mandatory