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| Module Title: | Business Law for Accountants | |
| Language of Instruction: | English | |
| Credits: | 10 | |
| NFQ Level: | 6 | |
| Module Delivered In | 2 programme(s) | |
| Teaching & Learning Strategies: | Lectures - communication of knowledge and ideas from the lecturer to the student. Problem Solving Exercises - student 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-Direct Independent Learning - the emphasis on independent learning will develop a strong and autonomous work and learning practices. | |
| Module Aim: | The aim of this module is to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the Irish legal system and a sound working knowledge of the basic principles of contract law, tort law, land law, company law, and the law relating to personal bankruptcy. | |
| Learning Outcomes | | |
| On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to: | | |
| LO1 | Demonstrate a sound understanding of the basic structure of the Irish legal system, sources of law and the structure of government | |
| LO2 | Describe and explain the fundamental principles of contract law, sale of goods law, and tort law | |
| LO3 | Describe and explain the main principles of company law | |
| LO4 | Describe and explain the basic principles of land law | |
| LO5 | Describe and explain the basic legal principles relating to personal insolvency and bankruptcy | |
| LO6 | Access and utilise both paper and electronic sources of legal information for research purposes | |
| Pre-requisite learning | | |
| Module Recommendations This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module. | | |
| 7265 | LAWS H1302 | Business Law |
| 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 | | |

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

THE IRISH LEGAL SYSTEM (15%)

• Definition and Classification of law • Sources of Irish Law • Common Law and precedent • Legislation – types and legislative process • Constitution – Separation of Powers and Fundamental Rights. • EU law – sources and institutions.

THE LAW OF CONTRACT (15%)

• Formation of contract • Contract Terms • Validity of Contracts –vitiating factors; • Discharge of contract; • Remedies for breach of contract; • E-Commerce and electronic contracts.

TORT LAW (15%)

• Negligence simpliciter and vicarious liability • Negligent misstatement • Professional negligence and disclaimers • Liability for Defective Products • Remedies

ASPECTS OF COMMERCIAL LAW (10%)

• Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Law • Unfair Terms Regulations • Consumer Credit Act 1995 - HP, Credit Transactions

INTRODUCTION TO COMPANY LAW (15%)

• Different Forms of Business Organizations • Company Formation • Separate Legal Personality and Limited Liability • Directors' Duties and Obligations • Receivership, Examinership, and Liquidations • Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement - Restriction and Disqualification

DATA PROTECTION LAW (10%)

• Statutory Basis for Data Protection Law - GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 • Data Controllers and Data Processors • Legal Obligations of Data Controllers - Accountability Principle • Rights of Data Subjects • Consent • Breach - Notification Requirements • Enforcement - Data Protection Commission

PRINCIPLES OF LAND LAW (10%)

The meaning of property and interest in land; Distinction between ownership and possession; Distinction between legal and equitable interests; Possessory Interests; Meaning of freehold, fee simple, life estate and the effect of Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009; Relationship of Landlord and Tenant; Lease-licence distinction; Meaning of assignment and sub-letting; Basic distinctions between joint tenancy and tenancy in common; Nature of a mortgage; Meaning of adverse possession and limitation

PERSONAL INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY LAW (10%)

The role of Debt Relief Notices (DRNs), Debt Settlement Arrangements (DSAs) and Personal Insolvency Arrangements (PIAs); the main provisions of Personal Insolvency Act 2012 and the Personal Insolvency (Amendment) Act 2015; the role of the Insolvency Service of Ireland in administering DRNs, DSAs, PIAs, and bankruptcy procedures; the role of Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIPs)

| Assessment Breakdown | % |
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| Continuous Assessment | 40.00% |
| End of Module Formal Examination | 60.00% |

Continuous Assessment

| Assessment Type | Assessment Description | Outcome addressed | % of total | Assessment Date |
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| Other | A written unseen or "take home" examination which will be given in term one and will require candidates to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills in answering one or more essay and/or problem question(s). The answer(s)/solution(s)/findings may be presented in writing, orally, or both. | 1,2,6 | 10.00 | n/a |
| Other | A written unseen or "take home" examination which will be given in term one and will require candidates to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills in answering one or more essay and/or problem question(s). The answer(s)/solution(s)/findings may be presented in writing, orally, or both. | 1,2,6 | 10.00 | n/a |
| Other | A written unseen or "take home" examination which will be given in terms one or two and will require candidates to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills in answering one or more essay and/or problem question(s). The answer(s)/solution(s)/findings may be presented in writing, orally, or both. | 1,2,6 | 10.00 | n/a |
| Other | A written unseen or "take home" examination which will be given in terms one or two and will require candidates to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills in answering one or more essay and/or problem question(s). The answer(s)/solution(s)/findings may be presented in writing, orally, or both. | 1,2,6 | 10.00 | 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 | End-of-Semester Final Examination | 1,2,3,5,6 | 60.00 | End-of-Semester |

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

Module Workload

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

| Workload: Part Time | | |
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| <i>Workload Type</i> | <i>Frequency</i> | <i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i> |
| Lecture | Every Week | 3.00 |
| Independent Learning Time | Every Week | 15.00 |
| Total Hours | | 18.00 |

Module Delivered In

| Programme Code | Programme | Semester | Delivery |
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| CW_BBACT_B | Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting | 2 | Mandatory |
| CW_BBCAA_C | Higher Certificate in Accounting | 2 | Mandatory |