

Module Title:	Legal Studies 1
Credits:	5
NFQ Level:	6
Module Delivered In	No Programmes
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	The learning outcomes detailed above will be achieved through the following teaching methodologies: • 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 equip the student with background knowledge of the operation of the legal system and its application and relevance to social work.
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Explain the legal, institutional and support frameworks
LO2	Demonstrate an insight into how social workers should approach the law
LO3	Explain relevant topics impacting on law for social workers
LO4	Describe a knowledge of relevant areas of contracts and other legal issues in the management of social work practice.
LO5	Describe Torts and how the law provides compensation for injury and deters unsafe practice.
LO6	Explain Irish employment Law and Health and Safety Law
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 and History of Irish Law • Sources of Irish law • Doctrine of Precedent • Legislative Process • Introduction to Constitutional Law • Administration of Justice in Ireland, Judges, Courts, Tribunals, Law of Evidence • Legal Profession • Introduction to EU Law • Impact of International Law and Conventions

Topics Relevant to Law for Social Workers

• Client relationship, confidentiality • Consent • Capacity • Mediation • Sources of Advice, Agencies • Preparing reports for the Court

Aspects of Commercial Law/Torts

• Introduction to Law of Contract • Introduction to Insurance • Information Protection: Freedom of Information, Data Protection • Introduction to Torts • Overview of Employment Law and Health and Safety Law

Assessment Breakdown

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

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Other	Project /Report based on material covered in class	2,3	40.00	n/a

No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Formal Exam	2 Hour Written Examination	1,2,3,4,5,6	60.00	End-of-Semester

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

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
Workload Type	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	30 Weeks per Stage	1.50
Estimated Learner Hours	30 Weeks per Stage	3.67
Total Hours		155.00

