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| Module Title: | Introduction to Law and Legal Methods |
| Language of Instruction: | English |

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| Credits: | 10 |
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| NFQ Level: | 6 |
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| Module Delivered In | 2 programme(s) |
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| 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 - 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. |
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| Module Aim: | The aim of this module is to introduce students to the sources and fundamental aspects of Irish law (in a business context) and to provide them a thorough grounding in legal research and communication skills, enabling them to gather, assemble and competently communicate legal information. |
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| Learning Outcomes | |
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| <i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i> | |
| LO1 | Demonstrate an increased awareness of the general legal environment in which business is carried out and how the law influences decision making in a business context. |
| LO2 | Demonstrate an understanding of the key principles of the main areas of business law and to apply this knowledge to modern business situations. |
| LO3 | Gather, comprehend and analyse legal information from various sources and properly communicate that comprehension in written and verbal form both individually and as part of a team. |
| LO4 | Correctly apply relevant legal theories to problem scenarios/case studies through research, critical analysis and reasoning. |

| 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

Legal Research - Sources of Law

• The Constitution • Legislation o The Irish Statute Book – Acts of the Oireachtas and Statutory Instruments o Locating and Understanding Legislation • Common Law/Case Law o Proper use of citation o Finding a case from a citation o Reading and analysing a case o Unreported cases o Determining whether a case has been affected by later authority • EU law • International Law • Scholarly Writings/Journals/Articles, including citation of cases/articles • Electronic sources of law

Legal Communications

Latin and French Terms Commonly Used in Legal Writing. • Writing Letters, Essays, Assignments & Case Notes • Addressing Problem Scenarios • Organization and Presentation of Written Work • Referencing including citations, bibliographies, footnotes, endnotes and plagiarism. • Style of Writing: Accuracy, Relevance & Brevity • Oral and Non-Verbal Communication Skills including presentations

Introduction to Law

Main Sources of Irish Law • Constitution of Ireland 1937 - Legislation - Case Law - EU 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 • Defamation • Defences Introduction to Contract Law • 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 Sale of Goods and Consumer Law • Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act 1980 o Main Implied Terms o Effectiveness of Exclusion Clauses • Consumer Protection Act 2007 / 2014 o Main Features o Role of Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Introduction to Employment Law • Contracts of employment – Formation and Terms • Duties of employer and employee. • Protective legislation (maternity leave, parental leave, etc) • Health & Safety Legislation • Employment Equality Legislation • Termination of employment contracts (including unfair dismissal and entitlements on redundancy) • Remedies for breach. Role of the Workplace Relations Commission Data Protection Law • The Data Protection Acts 1988-2003 o Privacy of Personal data o Rights of Data Subject o Duties of Data Controllers o Role and Powers of Data Commissioner o Offences and Penalties for Breach

Assessment Breakdown

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

Continuous Assessment

| Assessment Type | Assessment Description | Outcome addressed | % of total | Assessment Date |
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| Practical/Skills Evaluation | The student will be required to electronically source and present in documentary form given • Articles from the Constitution • Pieces of legislation (both Acts and Statutory Instruments) • Cases • Provisions of EU Law (including Treaties, legislation and ECJ Decisions) • International treaties/Conventions • Scholarly Writings | 3 | 10.00 | Week 4 |
| Examination | Referencing and Abbreviation Assessment | 3 | 10.00 | n/a |
| Project | Here the students will be given a number of cases to read and a hypothetical problem scenario to solve using principles decided in those cases. Using research and presentation skills learned in class, the students will be required to draft a legal opinion on the legal issues and likely outcome to the problem scenario. This will be a group project building upon team work skills | 1,2,3,4 | 30.00 | n/a |
| Presentation | The student will be required to prepare and deliver an oral presentation on a contemporary legal issue. | 1,2,3 | 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 | n/a | 1,2,3,4 | 40.00 | End-of-Semester |

ITCarlow 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> |
| Lecture | Every Week | 3.00 |
| Independent Learning | Every Week | 4.00 |
| Total Hours | | 7.00 |

| Workload: Part Time | | |
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| <i>Workload Type</i> | <i>Frequency</i> | <i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i> |
| Lecture | Every Week | 1.50 |
| Independent Learning Time | Every Week | 5.50 |
| Total Hours | | 7.00 |

Module Delivered In

| Programme Code | Programme | Semester | Delivery |
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| CW_BBLAW_B | Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Business with Law | 1 | Mandatory |
| CW_BBLAW_C | Higher Certificate in Business with Law | 1 | Mandatory |