

Module Title:	Business Law for Accountants	
Language of Instruction:	English	
Credits:	10	
NFQ Level:	6	
Module Delivered In	No Programmes	
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 aspects of contract law, tort law and company law.	
Learning Outcomes		
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>		
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	Identify and distinguish between the various branches of commercial law, and demonstrate a clear understand of the salient features of each	
LO5	Apply theoretical knowledge to common problem scenarios to produce reasoned solutions	
LO6	Access and utilise both paper and electronic sources of legal information for research propuses	
LO7	Evaluate the efficacy of legal rules and identify possible reforms	
Pre-requisite learning		
Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>		
7265	LAWS H1302	Business Law
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 (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 (25%)

• 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 (20%)

• Insurance • Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Law • Unfair Terms Regulations • Consumer Credit Law • Introduction to Arbitration

INTRODUCTION TO COMPANY LAW (15%)

• Different Forms of Business Organizations • Membership and Share Capital of a Company • Separate Legal Personality • Corporate Authority and Corporate Capacity • Directors' Duties and Obligations • Financial Structure and Regulation of Companies • Corporate Investigation and Rearrangement • Receivership, Examinership, and Liquidations • Theories of Ethics and Corporate Governance (Business Ethics; • Social Responsibility; Relationship of Ethics to Performance: Sources, Methods and Means of Corporate Regulation and Enforcement in Ireland)

DATA PROTECTION LAW (10%)

• Statutory Basis for Data Protection Law • Data Controllers and Data Processors • Legal Obligations of Data Controllers • Rights of Data Subjects • Data Protection Rules • Direct Marketing • Transfers Abroad • Data Security Breach Code of Practice

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	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
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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.	1,2,3,4,5,6	10.00	n/a
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No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination

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Formal Exam	End-of-Semester Final Examination	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	60.00	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	Every Week	3.00
Independent Learning Time	Every Week	9.00
Total Hours		12.00

Workload: Part Time		
<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

