LAWS H2313: Principles of Property Law

Module Title:	Principles of Property Law
Language of Instruction:	English

Credits:	5

NFQ Level:	6

Module Delivered In	1 programme(s)

Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Formal lectures will be supplemented by discussion and group work, based on simulated scenarios and case studies. The module will be supported by on-line learning materials with an emphasis on self-directed independent learning.

Module Aim:	The overall aim of this module is to introduce students to the basic principles of property and succession law applicable in Ireland today which will be of assistance to them in the workplace or in the pursuit of further study options.

Learning Outcomes	
On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:	
LO1	Identify and explain the various legal, equitable and statutory rights an individual may have or acquire in or over land.
LO2	Demonstrate working knowledge of the basic principles of testate and intestate succession in Ireland.
LO3	Employ knowledge and understanding in solving relevant problems.

Pre-requisite learning
Module Recommendations *This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.*
No recommendations listed
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

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Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content
Foundational Concepts (5%) • The Meaning of Property • Distinction between Ownership and Possession
Types of Ownership (50%) • Meaning of an Interest in Land • Basic distinction between legal and equitable interests Possessory Interests • Freehold o Fee Simple o Life Estate – effect of Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009 • Leasehold o Relationship of Landlord and Tenant o Contractual basis of relationship under Deasy's Act 1860 o Distinction between lease and licence o Right to a New Tenancy - Residential Non-Possessory Interests • Easements o Essential Features of an Easement o Examples of Common Easements • Freehold Covenants.
Co-ownership (10%) • Basic distinctions between Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common
Systems of Land Registration (10%) Role of Property Registration Authority. E conveyancing. Registered and Unregistered Land
Adverse Possession (10%) • Meaning of Adverse Possession. • Basic requirements for Adverse Possession. • Statute of Limitations 1957
Succession Law (15%) • The Succession Act, 1965 (as amended by the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010) • Testate Succession o Wills – requirements for a valid will. o Operation of wills o Construction of wills o Rights of the spouse/civil partner and children • Intestate Succession

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	100.00%

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	*Assessment Description*	*Outcome addressed*	*% of total*	*Assessment Date*
Multiple Choice Questions	In class exam testing knowledge base across syllabus content	1,2,3	50.00	Sem 2 End
Practical/Skills Evaluation	Problem Based scenario	1,2,3	50.00	n/a

No Project

No Practical

No End of Module Formal Examination

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

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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
Workload Type	*Frequency*	*Average Weekly Learner Workload*
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	3.00
Estimated Learner Hours	12 Weeks per Stage	6.00
	Total Hours	108.00

Workload: Part Time		
Workload Type	*Frequency*	*Average Weekly Learner Workload*
Lecture	Every Week	0.75
	Total Hours	0.75

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_BBLEG_C_1	Higher Certificate in Arts in Legal Studies	3	Mandatory