LAWS: Derivatives and the Regulatory Environment

Module Title:	Derivatives and the Regulatory Environment
Language of Instruction:	English

Credits:	10

NFQ Level:	8

Module Delivered In	1 programme(s)

Teaching & Learning Strategies:	Lectures, independent research, class and team discussions, peer evaluations, scenarios/case studies and problem-solving activities

Module Aim:	The aim of this module is to enable students to evaluate the regulatory environment in which Alternative Investment Funds operate and to account for and assess trading in derivative securities.

Learning Outcomes	
On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:	
LO1	Critically evaluate the regulatory and legal framework for Alternative Investment Funds in an Irish, EU and international context.
LO2	Analyse and account for trading in derivatives, including futures, options, forwards, swaps and short sales.
LO3	Assess the financial statements of a fund, incorporating relevant standards and legal considerations.
LO4	Critically appraise current developments in the international funds industry
LO5	Appraise governance practices of investment funds, in an international context.

Pre-requisite learning		
Module Recommendations *This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.*		
9298	ACCT	Fund Accounting
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
Introduction to Derivatives Definition of derivatives, role of derivative securities, trading Over the Counter and Exchange-Traded, accounting for: daily appreciation/depreciation, trades and settlement of futures, options, short sales and swaps. Investment strategies.
Regulation/compliance Role of regulation and regulators including The Central Bank of Ireland, The Irish Stock Exchange, The European Securities and Markets Authority and The Securities and Exchange Commission, laws for the fund industry and their impact on fund activities - MiFID, MIFIR, AIFMD. Categories of funds that can be established in Ireland, Global, European and UK, regulatory frameworks for investment funds.
Alternative Investment Funds Categories of investors, investment strategies, fees, prospectus, risk management.
Financial statements of funds Financial statements of funds, including relevant Accounting Standards and legal considerations.
Current developments in the fund sector Responsible investments including sustainablel/green/Islamic investment funds. Developments in the technical regulatory environment such as distributed ledgers (blockchain), automation, data security,data governance.
Fund governance Role of investment fund boards:risk management, composition of boards: knowledge, independence and diversity, investor engagement and stewardship, board accountability

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	40.00%
Project	30.00%
Practical	30.00%

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	*Assessment Description*	*Outcome addressed*	*% of total*	*Assessment Date*
Examination	Accounting for derivative instruments. Evaluation of current developments in the fund sector.	2,3,4	40.00	n/a

Project

Assessment Type	*Assessment Description*	*Outcome addressed*	*% of total*	*Assessment Date*
Project	Reflective essay	1,2,4,5	30.00	n/a

Practical

Assessment Type	*Assessment Description*	*Outcome addressed*	*% of total*	*Assessment Date*
Practical/Skills Evaluation	Scenario based on the regulatory and legal framework and current developments in the fund sector.	1,3,4	30.00	n/a

No End of Module Formal Examination

Continuous Assessment

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No End of Module Formal Examination

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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
Workload Type	*Frequency*	*Average Weekly Learner Workload*
Independent Learning	15 Weeks per Stage	11.87
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	6.00
	Total Hours	250.00

Workload: Part Time		
Workload Type	*Frequency*	*Average Weekly Learner Workload*
Independent Learning	15 Weeks per Stage	5.93
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	3.00
	Total Hours	125.00

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_BWBUS_B	Bachelor of Business (Honours) Options: in Business or Digital Marketing	7	Elective