



Module Definition Form (MDF)

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1. Module Title
Business Law

2a. Module Leader
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3a. Level
5

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:			

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

This module introduces you to the fundamental principles of company law as the legal framework under which business are established and operate. The module aims to capture the dynamism of this aspect of law and to develop your awareness of the place and function of company law in a practical and theoretical context. The module aims to develop an understanding of the legal principles and theories underpinning the law relating to companies and focuses on four major areas: corporate personality, rights and liabilities; corporate governance and corporate social responsibility; shareholders rights and remedies; companies in financial difficulties. The module will facilitate both a 'black letter' and socio-legal approach to law and will provide both a practical and theoretical framework for the law relating to businesses.

6b. Outline Content

- Starting a new business through the vehicle of a company, partnership, LLP or as a sole trader, and the key differences between these legal forms
- Corporate personality and the company's constitution
- Procedures and rules for proper governance of businesses, including directors' duties and corporate governance
- The interests, rights, obligations and powers of stakeholders in a business
- The termination of a solvent business, corporate insolvency and personal bankruptcy

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

None

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)		
No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a thorough knowledge and largely accurate understanding of selected aspects of company law.
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate an awareness of the main implications for business and investors of company law.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Apply relevant law to moderately complex factual situations so as to identify the core and some subsidiary issues involved and suggest a range of appropriate, reasoned solutions.
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically evaluate, with limited guidance, selected aspects of the operation of company law in contemporary society.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	0	N/A	N/A
Other teacher managed learning	23	1-4	1 hour tutor led workshop OR 1 hour lecture x 10 weeks (weeks 1-10) AND 1 hour student led workshop OR 1 hour tutorial x 10 weeks minimum (weeks 2-11) PLUS 1 x twenty-minute screencasts x 10 weeks minimum (weeks 1-10, ACL modules only and excluding ARUL and SAM)
Student managed learning	127	1-4	To include such things as engaging online discussion boards, VLE exercises, private study (guided and autonomous), tutorial preparation, assessment preparation and completion.
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-4	100 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
One piece of written coursework; with element of critical evaluation. 3000 words Due end of module					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

(a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above

(b) pass any pass/fail elements

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]