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1. Module Title
Tort Law

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3a. Level
5

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
30

4b. Study Hours
300

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

You'll develop a thorough understanding of the major areas of the law of tort, including key concepts and principles with particular emphasis on their application and evaluation as the law operates in society. You'll gain a sound knowledge of the principles of tort, enabling you to suggest solutions to factual problems and analysis of contemporary issues. You'll also develop an appreciation of those within the sector such as courts, insurers, employers and the Health and Safety Executive.

6b. Outline Content

General principles applicable to the law of tort:

- Parties; joint, several and vicarious liability; and
- General defences; contributory negligence, volenti non fit injuria; and
- The major torts (such as Negligence, Occupiers' liability, Product liability, Nuisance and the rule in Rylands v Fletcher, Trespass to Land, Breach of Statutory Duty) and their constituent elements; and
- Remedies; the role of damages. Injunctions; and
- Legal research; and
- Writing skills.

As this module fulfils part of the seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge, in alignment with the Bar Standards Board's requirement compensation is not permitted for this module.

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 understanding of the fundamental concepts and core principles of the law of tort and a detailed knowledge of selected aspects of the law of negligence.
2	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Apply the law of tort to moderately complex factual problems so as to identify the main issues involved and provide appropriate solutions.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	With limited guidance, critically evaluate the operation of selected aspects of the law of tort in contemporary society.
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	With limited guidance, identify and locate appropriate electronic and other resources to address issues raised in assessment.
5	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Present clearly and appropriately an oral argument on points of law in a formal setting.
6	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Apply basic numeracy skills in a legal context

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2026/7	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	51	1-6	2 x 1 hour tutor led workshop OR 2 x 1 hour lectures x 12 weeks minimum (weeks 1-12) AND 2 x 1 hour student led workshop OR x 2 x 1 hour tutorial x 10 weeks minimum (weeks 2-11) PLUS 2 x twenty-minute screencasts x 10 weeks minimum (weeks 1-10, ACL modules only and excluding ARUL and SAM)
Student managed learning	249	1-6	To include such things as online discussion boards, VLE exercises, private study (guided and autonomous), tutorial preparation, assessment preparation and completion. This is adjusted if additional Teacher Managed Learning is used to ensure total 300 hours.
TOTAL:	300		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1,2,3,4,6	50 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
An authentic practical written exercise of up to 2500 words. Where appropriate, this may be linked to a live brief the module used					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
011	Practical	1,2,4,5	50 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Practical: 10 minute oral moot presentation (equivalent word count 2500) Compensation is not permitted for this 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]