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1. Module Title
Business Law

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
School of Economics, Finance and Law

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
5

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
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	Explain how legal rules, principles, doctrines, and institutions in business law interact within wider social, political, commercial, and ethical contexts to balance competing interests;
2	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Analyse and compare a range of legal materials relating to business law, and evaluate legal arguments, addressing ambiguity and uncertainty with developing independence and insight;
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Analyse and apply legal understanding to moderately complex scenarios, and construct reasoned and coherent solutions that consider both legal principles and practical outcomes;
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Communicate legal information and arguments effectively and coherently, using a logical structure, clear and reasoned expression, and appropriate academic and professional conventions, including consistent OSCOLA referencing.

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	25.5	1-4	1 x 1 hour tutor led workshop OR 1 x 1 hour lecture x 11 weeks (weeks 1-11) AND 1 x 1 hour student led workshop OR 1 x 1 hour tutorial x 11 weeks (weeks 1-11) PLUS 1 x 20min screencast x 10 weeks
Student managed learning	124.5	1-4	To include such things as watching screencasts, 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]
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