

IB237-15 Business Law 2

20/21

Department

Warwick Business School

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

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Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

The module includes the following:

Contract Law

The use and control of exclusion clauses.
The need for consensus ad idem in contract formation and the affect of mistake, misrepresentation, duress and undue influence.
The various methods of discharging a contract.
Contractual remedies, including damages, specific performance and injunctions.

Tort Law

The rules required to prove the tort of negligence – duty of care, breach and damages.
Contributory negligence and volenti non fit injuria.
The importance of vicarious liability.
The rules on economic loss and financial loss due to negligent mis-statements.
Liability for professional negligence – accountants, solicitors, surveyors

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand the basic principles and theories underlying the law of contract.
- Understand the basic theories and principles underlying the law of tort.
- Analyse legal problems.
- Conduct research using official sources of legislation and case law.
- Evaluate and criticise current law and reform proposals.

Indicative reading list

Lucy Jones, Business law, 2019, Oxford.

Illustrative Reading:

Stephen Judge, Law for Business Students, 2006, Palgrave.

Smith & Keenan English Law , 2002, Pitman Publishing.

George Applebey Contract Law , 2003, Sweet & Maxwell.

David Kelly & Ann Holmes Principles of Business Law , 2001, Cavendish Publishing Limited.
Chris Turner & Sue Hodge Unlocking Torts, 2004, Hodder & Stoughton

Subject specific skills

1. Analyse legal problems
2. Conduct research using official sources of legislation and case law.
3. Prepare and present legal arguments for both sides of a legal dispute.
4. Evaluate and criticise current law and reform proposals.

Transferable skills

Conduct independent research of set issues using library and electronic sources.
Present reasoned arguments orally and on paper.
Work in teams to prepare and present case-studies.
Support arguments by reference to appropriate sources

Study

Study time

| Type | Required |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Lectures | 20 sessions of 1 hour (13%) |
| Seminars | 9 sessions of 1 hour (6%) |
| Private study | 48 hours (32%) |
| Assessment | 73 hours (49%) |
| Total | 150 hours |

Private study description

Private Study.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group B

| | Weighting | Study time |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| In-person Examination | 100% | 73 hours |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answerbook Pink (12 page) | | |

Feedback on assessment

Feedback via my.wbs.

[Past exam papers for IB237](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

To take this module, you must have passed:

- Any of
 - [IB113-15 Business Law](#)
 - [IB2C1-15 Fundamentals of Business Law](#)

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- UIBA-N20B BSc in Management
 - Year 2 of N20B Management
 - Year 2 of N20B Management
 - Year 2 of N23K Management with Accounting
 - Year 2 of N234 Management with Digital Innovation
 - Year 2 of N235 Management with Entrepreneurship
 - Year 2 of N232 Management with Finance
 - Year 2 of N252 Management with Marketing
 - Year 2 of N23L Management with Strategy and Organisation
- Year 2 of UIBA-N400 Undergraduate Accounting and Finance
- Year 3 of UIBA-N403 Undergraduate Accounting and Finance (with Foundation Year)
- Year 3 of UCSA-I1N1 Undergraduate Computer Science with Business Studies
- Year 4 of UCSA-I1NA Undergraduate Computer Science with Business Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 2 of UGEA-RN21 Undergraduate German and Business Studies
- Year 2 of UIPA-L8N1 Undergraduate Global Sustainable Development and Business
- Year 2 of UIBA-N1RA Undergraduate International Business with French
- Year 2 of UIBA-N1RB Undergraduate International Business with German
- Year 2 of UIBA-N1RC Undergraduate International Business with Italian

- Year 2 of UIBA-N1RD Undergraduate International Business with Spanish
- UIBA-N20F Undergraduate International Management
 - Year 2 of N20F International Management
 - Year 2 of N20F International Management
 - Year 2 of N20S International Management (with Accounting)
 - Year 2 of N20T International Management (with Chinese)
 - Year 2 of N20N International Management (with Digital Innovation)
 - Year 2 of N20P International Management (with Entrepreneurship)
 - Year 2 of N20M International Management (with Finance)
 - Year 2 of N20U International Management (with French)
 - Year 2 of N20L International Management (with Marketing)
 - Year 2 of N20V International Management (with Spanish)
 - Year 2 of N20W International Management (with Strategy and Organisation)
 - Year 2 of N20E Management (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 2 of N234 Management with Digital Innovation
- Year 2 of UIBA-MN3A Undergraduate Law and Business Studies
- UIBA-N20E Undergraduate Management (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N20E Management (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N23N Management with Accounting (with Foundation Year and Placement Year)
 - Year 3 of N23M Management with Accounting (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N23E Management with Digital Innovation (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N23F Management with Entrepreneurship (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N23D Management with Finance (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N254 Management with Marketing (with Foundation Year)
 - Year 3 of N23P Management with Strategy and Organisation (with Foundation Year)
- Year 3 of UMAA-G1N4 Undergraduate Mathematics with Business Studies
- Year 4 of UMAA-G1N5 Undergraduate Mathematics with Business Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 4 of UPXA-F3ND Undergraduate Physics and Business Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPXA-F3N2 Undergraduate Physics with Business Studies