

FP004-30 Contract and Tort Law

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Department

Warwick Foundation Studies

Level

Foundation

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

25 weeks

Assessment

60% coursework, 40% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

Contract and Tort Law will give students a foundation-level insight into Contract Law and Tort Law, concentrating on core concepts of the formation and life of a contract, and the tort of negligence. Students will develop skills in legal research, critical analysis and application of legal knowledge to a variety of different situations.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

Contract and Tort Law aims to produce a degree candidate who can demonstrate the necessary tools for unravelling complex information, and who is able to apply the relevant knowledge and materials in a meaningful way. Students should be able to use information effectively to write essays and solve problems. Students will gain insights into key concepts in Contract Law and acquire in-depth understanding of the tort of negligence.

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.

Contract and Tort Law offers an introduction to these two key areas of civil law. In Contract Law, students will be introduced to the legal obligations arising from contractual agreements, exploring the nature of contracts and the rules that a court applies to determine whether a contract is valid or not. Tort Law offers students the opportunity to explore the basis and extent of legal liability arising from negligent (careless) conduct and its impact on others.

Learning outcomes

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

- Explain the fundamental aspects of Contract Law, including the formation and validity of contracts.
- Explain the main aspects of the tort of Negligence - duty of care, breach of duty and causation of damage.
- Apply decision-making to gain an insight into the options facing lawyers, the choices they make and the consequences of those choices.
- Construct and present arguments through appropriate and effective legal reasoning, thereby enabling understanding of real-world problems.
- Exhibit a range of key competences including critical analysis, communication and presentation skills, and research skills (including information retrieval, interpretation of laws and citation).

Indicative reading list

Contract Law by Tracey Hough and Ewan Kirk

Law of Contract by Paul Richards

Tort Law by Kirsty Horsey and Erika Rackley

Law of Tort by John Cooke

Street on Torts by Christian Whitting

Subject specific skills

Develop detailed understanding of the necessary elements to establish liability in areas of Contract and Tort Law. Identify Contract and Tort Law issues, formulate questions and conduct investigatory research. To appreciate differences between establishing liability in different areas of the law. Apply Contract and Tort Law concepts and principles competently to analyse specific questions or issues. Articulate reasoned arguments in a clearly-structured format in response to the Contract and Tort Law issues that arise. Draw upon appropriate sources of law to support reasoning. Employ tools of legal analysis to construct persuasive arguments and justified conclusions. Develop skills in OSCOLA referencing.

Transferable skills

Analytical skills; Commercial awareness; Communication skills; Confidence; Creative problem solving; Critical thinking; Ethical awareness; Flexibility; Independent working; Initiative; Planning and organisation; Professionalism; Research skills; Self awareness; Team working; Time management; Use / Application of knowledge.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	25 sessions of 1 hour (8%)
Seminars	75 sessions of 1 hour (25%)
Online learning (independent)	25 sessions of 1 hour (8%)
Private study	115 hours (38%)
Assessment	60 hours (20%)
Total	300 hours

Private study description

Private Study - further reading, research, seminar preparation and contribution to discussion forums. Moodle will be used to set tasks for independent learning.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group D2

	Weighting	Study time
Contract Law: Case Study Application of Contract Law knowledge to a given case study.	30%	20 hours
Tort Law: Case Study Application of the Tort of Negligence to a given case study.	30%	20 hours
Online Examination Examination of Contract and Tort Law topics - this will focus on areas of study not assessed by the two summative essays and will consist of a mix of knowledge-based and application style questions.	40%	20 hours

~Platforms - Moodle, Submission Through Tabula Assignment Management

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Feedback on assessment

For the case study assignments, written feedback will be provided via Tabula and at a minimum will address:

Comprehension of tasks

Essay structure

Spelling and grammar

Choice of vocabulary

Clarity of reasoning

Presentation of information

Referencing skills

Verbal feedback will also be given during consultation hours.

For the examination, feedback of the mark/grade only via Tabula.

[Past exam papers for FP004](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of FIOE Warwick International Foundation Programme

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