

IB237-15 Business Law 2

22/23

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 (26%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Private study	48 hours (62%)
Total	77 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

- Answerbook Pink (12 page)

Feedback on assessment

Feedback via my.wbs.

[Past exam papers for IB237](#)

Availability

Courses

Course availability information is based on the current academic year, so it may change.

This module is Optional for:

- UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
 - Year 2 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
 - Year 2 of L1CC Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway)
 - Year 2 of L1CD Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway)
 - Year 2 of L1CE Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway)
 - Year 3 of L1CA Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
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- UPHA-L1CB Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CG Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Behavioural Economics Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CH Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Economics with Philosophy Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 4 of L1CJ Economics, Psychology and Philosophy (Philosophy and Psychology Pathway) (with Intercalated Year)
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This module is Unusual option for:

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