

LA372-15 Commercial Law

26/27

Department

School of Law

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

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

Deals with basic concepts of commercial law such as agency, assignment, negotiability and property and looks at how these are used by the courts and by practitioners to achieve the results commercial lawyers and their clients need, in the particular context of providing businesses with credit finance.

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Module aims

Foundations of Commercial Law deals with basic concepts of commercial law such as agency, assignment, negotiability and property and looks at how these are used by the courts and by practitioners to achieve the results commercial lawyers and their clients need, in the particular context of providing businesses with credit finance. It aims to develop the techniques and skills involved, in particular the skill of manipulating legal concepts to achieve practical ends, both in dispute resolution but more particularly in the planning of commercial transactions. It will thus build on the skills and knowledge acquired in the core modules of Tort Law and Contract Law, and will enable students to apply the concepts learned there, plus the further concepts mentioned above, to the particular context of commercial transactions. It will also add further to skills of research, analysis, synthesis, and oral and written presentation as well. Students will be encouraged to think

critically about the concepts, the legislation and the case law in the commercial context. By way of comparison there will be limited reference to the context of consumer contracting, where the needs are often very different.

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.

Sale of Goods: obligations and remedies in respect of defective goods (revision of material covered in contract law)

Sale of Goods: the passing of property between seller and buyer and the passing of risk

Transfer of title by non-owners

Agency

Assignment of debts and similar obligations

Real security over personal property

Learning outcomes

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

- Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the general principles of commercial law.
- Demonstrate transferable and cross-curricular skills, such as those of interpersonal communication and collaborative group-working.
- Demonstrate high-level skills of written and oral communication of complex legal issues.
- Analyse and appraise a complicated legal scenario, and offer appropriate legal advice.
- Demonstrate effective use of legal research skills and methods, applicable both to academic studies and to the practical resolution of commercial disputes
- Critically appraise the current law in the context of a wide range of commercial transactions and disputes.

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

Subject specific skills

No subject specific skills defined for this module.

Transferable skills

No transferable skills defined for this module.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	7 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Private study	123 hours (82%)
Assessment	2 hours (1%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group B4

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Centrally-timetabled examination (on campus)	100%	2 hours	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answerbook Gold (24 page)• LA004: Sale of Goods Act 1979 (Commercial & Consumer Contracting)			

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Generic feedback via Moodle, with the option for one to one feedback in October by student request.

[Past exam papers for LA372](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

To take this module, you must have passed:

- Any of
 - [LA247-15 Contract Law](#)
 - [LA243-30 Contract Law](#)

Courses

This module is Optional for:

- ULAA-M130 Undergraduate Law
 - Year 3 of M130 Law
 - Year 3 of M130 Law
- ULAA-M131 Undergraduate Law (4 Year)
 - Year 3 of M131 Law (4 year)
 - Year 4 of M131 Law (4 year)
- Year 4 of ULAA-M132 Undergraduate Law (Year Abroad)
- ULAA-M135 Undergraduate Law and Sociology
 - Year 3 of M135 Law and Sociology
 - Year 4 of M135 Law and Sociology
- Year 4 of ULAA-M133 Undergraduate Law with French Law
- Year 4 of ULAA-M134 Undergraduate Law with German Law
- Year 3 of ULAA-M136 Undergraduate Law with Humanities (3 Year)
- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
 - Year 3 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
 - Year 3 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law