

BUSINESS LAW AND ETHICS - 2024/5

Module code: MAN1155

Module Overview

This course provides an understanding of the principles of English law and the legal system and how this legal framework impacts on business and professional services. Emphasis is placed upon the relationship with ethics and ethical codes in a professional context.

Module provider

Surrey Business School

Module Leader

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Number of Credits: 15

ECTS Credits: 7.5

Framework: FHEQ Level 4

Module cap (Maximum number of students): N/A

Overall student workload

Independent Learning Hours: 117

Lecture Hours: 22

Seminar Hours: 11

Module Availability

Semester 2

Prerequisites / Co-requisites

None

Module content

The following areas of Law will be covered:

English Legal System including sources of Law

Law and consequences of negligence

Contract Law

Partnership and Agency

Company Law

Insolvency Law

Impact of Criminal Law on Business

Information and the Legal Environment

Employment Law

Professional Ethics

Assessment pattern

Assessment type	Unit of assessment	Weighting
Coursework	Individual Coursework	40
Examination	Exam Set Time and Date (2 hours)	60

Alternative Assessment

N/A

Assessment Strategy

The assessment strategy is designed to provide the opportunity for the students to demonstrate the ability to apply the main principles of the law relating to the legal areas covered in this module and to apply these in practice through coursework and examination.

The summative assessment for this module consists of an individual written assignment which will demonstrate individual knowledge and research with a structured, reasoned and logical approach. It will test understanding and the ability to apply knowledge.

The examination will be a closed book examination during the examination period. The examination tests the students' detailed knowledge and ability to apply of aspects of business law.

Formative assessment and feedback

Students will have opportunities to receive individual feedback during the module from the tutor during seminars.

Opportunities to practice assessments and self-test questions are available.

Module aims

- To enable students to develop an understanding of the general legal framework and principles of English law of obligations.
- To enable students to develop knowledge of the impact of business law in the professional context
- To enable students to gain an appreciation of the ethical obligations of a professional accountant

Learning outcomes

		Attributes Developed
001	Explain the nature of contractual agreements and the consequences of negligence in the context of the English legal system;	KCPT
002	Describe the legal implications of incorporation, including the roles of shareholders and directors, and the main implications of insolvency law;	KCPT
003	Identify other key areas in which the law affects the role and work of the professional accountant.	KCPT
004	Identify and illustrate instances of criminal behaviour that may be encountered in the business environment	KCPT
005	Explain the importance and application of ethical frameworks in resolving ethical conflict encountered by professional accountants;	KCPT

Attributes Developed

C - Cognitive/analytical

K - Subject knowledge

T - Transferable skills

P - Professional/Practical skills

Methods of Teaching / Learning

The teaching and learning strategy is designed to develop an understanding and critical awareness of the essential principles of the law relating to the fundamentals of business law and ethics, so as to develop an ability to apply the principles in an appropriate way.

The learning and teaching methods include lectures and seminars. The lectures will introduce the students to the subject areas and provide an over-view to enable students to understand the basic principles and underlying concepts.

Seminars will include the consideration of legal questions and scenarios mirroring real life. Students will be expected to have prepared and developed topic areas and to take an active role in discussing them. A wide variety of interactive methods of teaching and learning will be used including problem based learning and simulations with an emphasis on the students' ability to analyse legal issues.

Indicated Lecture Hours (which may also include seminars, tutorials, workshops and other contact time) are approximate and may include in-class tests where one or more of these are an assessment on the module. In-class tests are scheduled/organised separately to taught content and will be published on to student personal timetables, where they apply to taken modules, as soon as they are finalised by central administration. This will usually be after the initial publication of the teaching timetable for the relevant semester.

Reading list

<https://readinglists.surrey.ac.uk>

Upon accessing the reading list, please search for the module using the module code: **MAN1155**

Other information

None

Programmes this module appears in

Programme	Semester	Classification	Qualifying conditions
Accounting and Finance (SII DUFE) BSc (Hons)(DUFE)	2	Compulsory	A weighted aggregate mark of 40% is required to pass the module

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