

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

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| <b>Module Title</b>                                    | Commercial Law                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Course Title(s)</b>                                 | LLB (Hons) Law<br>LLB (Hons) Law (Business)<br>LLB (Hons) Law (with Foundation Year)<br>LLB Law (Top Up)<br><br>BSc (Hons) Business Management<br>BSc (Hons) Business Management with Placement<br>BSc (Hons) Business Management [with Foundation Year]<br>BSc (Hons) Business Management with Placement [with Foundation Year]                                                                                                           |
| <b>College</b>                                         | College of Society and Professions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>School</b>                                          | School of Law and Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Parent Course<br/>(if applicable)</b>               | LLB (Hons) Law                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Level</b>                                           | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Semester</b>                                        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Module Code</b>                                     | <i>Law_6_CML</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Credit Value</b>                                    | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Student Study Hours</b>                             | <b>Total hours: 200</b><br>Contact hours: 36<br>Student managed learning hours: 164                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Pre-requisite<br/>Module(s) or/and<br/>learning</b> | N/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Co-requisite<br/>Module(s)</b>                      | N/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Module Leader</b>                                   | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Short Description</b>                               | This module teaches students some key aspects of commercial law which include:<br>1. determining which is the appropriate business form for commercial operations<br>2. using agents for the sale and purchase of goods<br>3. the law on the sale of goods<br>4. insolvency procedures, including rehabilitation and related director's liabilities<br>5. protecting operations through insurance and<br>6. resolving disputes through ADR |
| <b>Aims</b>                                            | This module aims to<br>1. Develop students' awareness of the law governing commercial operations and different models of business formation and organisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                                            | <p>2. Support students to analyse the practical operation of business law principles and to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches to dispute resolution.</p> <p>3. Explore concepts such as insurance, principals and agents and other business law concepts relevant to commercial law and the law of commercial transactions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Learning Outcomes<br/>(Recommended 4 to 6 outcomes)</b> | <p>By the end of the module, students will be able to:</p> <p><b>A. Knowledge and Understanding:</b></p> <p>A1. Demonstrate a systematic and critical understanding of commercial legal principles and concepts of the English legal system, and international law across a range of sectors.</p> <p>A2. Evaluate key legal doctrines and debates in commercial domestic law as well as international law, showing awareness of how law develops and responds to change.</p> <p><b>B. Intellectual Skills:</b></p> <p>B3. Construct reasoned and evidence-based arguments, drawing on appropriate sources and demonstrating independent judgment.</p> <p><b>C. Practical Skills:</b></p> <p>C1. Conduct effective legal research, using primary and secondary sources, online databases, and digital tools.</p> <p><b>D. Transferable Skills:</b></p> <p>D2. Use digital technologies confidently and responsibly, including presentation tools, legal databases, and emerging legal technologies.</p> |
| <b>Employability</b>                                       | <p>This module supports employability by developing students' commercial awareness, problem-solving, and professional communication skills. Students apply legal principles to real-world business contexts, building transferable skills relevant to a range of graduate roles, including professional practice, business, compliance, insurance and further study.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Teaching and Learning Pattern</b>                       | <p><b>Lectures</b></p> <p>Group Work</p> <p><b>Seminars</b></p> <p>Tutorials</p> <p>Laboratory</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>Practical</p> <p><b>VLE Activities</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Indicative Content</b>                                  | <p>1. Introduction to Commercial Law context and values</p> <p>2. Legal forms: Legal Forms through which business operate</p> <p>3. Agency</p> <p>4. Insurance</p> <p>5. Sale of goods</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                                           | <p>6. ADR</p> <p>7. Insolvency</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Assessment Method</b>                  | <p><b>Formative assessment:</b></p> <p>Throughout the semester each seminar will incorporate in-class activities where students will have the opportunity to receive tutor-led and peer-to-peer feedback to support the development of skills needed for the summative assessment.</p> <p><b>Summative assessment: [Module LO's: A1, A2, B3, C1, D2]</b></p> <p><b>CW1 Reflective Commentary (100%)</b></p> <p>Students will produce an academic commentary on a judicial decision reviewed in the module, along with a short reflection on how they conducted the research for this task. The commentary can be presented either as a written submission or as an audio-visual submission.</p> <p><b>A) Written Commentary:</b> A written commentary [A1, B3] based on research undertaken in relation to a given case [A2, C1, D2], along with a written reflection on the research process.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>B) Recorded Audio-Visual Commentary:</b> A recording simulating a presentation of the student's opinion of the court's decision [A1, B3] based on research undertaken in relation to a given case [A2, C1, D2], along with an explanation of the research process.</p> |
| <b>Mode of Resit</b>                      | <p>Formative assessment: Same as above</p> <p>Summative assessment: Same as above</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Indicative Sources (Reading lists)</b> | <p>Core materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baskind E, Osborne G and Roach L, <i>Commercial Law</i> (Oxford University Press 2025)</li> <li>Dignam AJ and Lowry JP, <i>Company Law</i>, vol Core text series (13<sup>th</sup> Edition, Oxford University Press 2025)</li> </ul> <p>Statute books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French D, <i>Blackstone's Statutes on Company Law 2024-2025</i>, vol Blackstone's statutes series (French Derek ed, Oxford University Press 2024)</li> <li>Rose FD (ed), <i>Blackstone's Statutes on Commercial &amp; Consumer Law: 2023-2024</i>, vol Blackstone's statutes series (Oxford University Press 2023)</li> </ul> <p>Optional reading:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                 | See Moodle site                                                                                                 |
| <b>Other Learning Resources</b> | The module has a companion site on the VLE containing all teaching materials and further reading and resources. |