MODULE SPECIFICATION – UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

KEY FACTS

Module name	Introduction to Business Law
Module code	BM2210
School	Bayes Business School
Department or equivalent	UG Programme
UK credits	15
ECTS	7.5
Level	5
Delivery location (partnership programmes only)	

MODULE SUMMARY

Module outline and aims

This module gives you an understanding of the legal framework within which business decisions take place.

It is designed to introduce students to Business Law.

Content outline

-**English Legal System**: Sources of Law, Legal persons, Civil and Criminal law distinguished, corporate crime, whistleblowing, ethics.

-**Contract Law** - capacity, agreement and discharge, remedies for breach of contract.

-**Law of Tort – Negligence:** business negligence, negligent misstatement, economic loss.

-**Business Ventures:** Introduction to Company Law and Corporate Legal Personality, partnerships and concepts of agency.

-**Employment law**: employment contracts, dismissals, redundancy, other 'work' contracts.

-**Property**: with special focus on Intellectual Property law.

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this module, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- Explain the basics of the English Legal system; including the distinction between civil and criminal liability in relation to business or commercial transactions.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic legal principles relating to contract and tort which form the basis of various types of business activity.

- Compare the legal models for the conduct of commercial and business activity.

Skills:

- Illustrate the application of general principles of law with reference to a given case study.

- Identify, assess and analyse legal problems which arise in a business context, provide solutions to those problems and communicate their answers effectively both orally and in writing.

- Develop and demonstrate the capacity for legal analysis, research and problem solving skills within the context of Business Law, including the ability to produce written advice and to work in small groups.

- State, describe and distinguish between, the different sources of English law and to illustrate their practical application in the business and social environment.

- Argue both sides of a case and draw conclusions employing effective inter-personal and communication skills.

- Apply theory to practice.

Values and attitudes:

- Recognise the case for legal reform together with the case for reform of ethics, attitudes and behaviours in business dealings, brought about by less formal influences.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Lectures and tutorials.

Teaching pattern:

Teaching component	Teaching type	Contact hours	Self-directed study hours	Placement hours	Total student learning hours
Tutorials	Tutorial	10	40	0	50
Lectures	Lecture	20	80	0	100
Totals		30	120	0	150

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessments

Coursework essay addressing more than one area of business law, and more than one style of question, of 1500 words, and an exam of 120 minutes.

Assessment pattern:

Assessment component	Assessment type	Weighting	Minimum qualifying mark	Pass/Fail?
Coursework	Written assignment, including essay	30	0	N/A
Examination	Written Exam	70	0	N/A

Assessment criteria

Assessment Criteria are descriptions of the skills, knowledge or attributes students need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully and Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the skills, knowledge or attributes students need to demonstrate to achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria for module assessments will be made available to students prior to an assessment taking place. More information will be available from the module leader.

Feedback on assessment

Following an assessment, students will be given their marks and feedback in line with the Assessment Regulations and Policy. More information on the timing and type of feedback that will be provided for each assessment will be available from the module leader.

Assessment Regulations

The Pass mark for the module is 40%. Any minimum qualifying marks for specific assessments are listed in the table above. The weighting of the different components can also be found above. The Programme Specification contains information on what happens if you fail an assessment component or the module.

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Main text: Choose the LATEST edition of ONE Business Law textbook from e.g.

Macintyre E (2016) *Business Law*, Harlow: Pearson

Business Law, Riches S, Allen V and Keenan D (2013) *Keenan and Riches' business law.* Harlow: Pearson education.

Adams A (2016) *Law for Business Students*. Harlow: Pearson education..

Supplementary:

Askey S and McLeod T (2014), *Studying Law*, Basingstoke: Palgrave;

Macintyre E (2015) *Essentials of Business Law* Harlow: Pearson.

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Appendix: *see http://www.hesa.ac.uk/content/view/1805/296/ for the full list of JACS codes and descriptions*

CODES		
HESA Codes	**Description**	**Price Group**
133	Business and management studies	D
JACS Codes	**Description**	**Percentage (%)**
M221	The study of the definition and application of business and commercial law.	100
HECOS Codes	**Description**	**Percentage (%)**
100482	The study of the features and ideas involved in a legal system as it refers to commercial organisations, including its major concepts, values, principles and rules, its relevant legal institutions and procedures.	100