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IB208 BUSINESS LAW

Credits:	3 US credits / 6 ECTS credits
Credit level:	Stage one
Prerequisites:	None
Mandatory:	Yes
Contact hours:	40
Academic Year:	2016/17
Semester:	2
Lecturer:	Mr. Johnnie McCoy

MODULE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the theories, practises, procedures, cases, decisions and issues involved in modern business law. It is an introduction to business law, in theory and in practise from decided cases so as to enable students to apply the law to their specific area(s) of business

MODULE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this class students will have:

1. Developed a comprehension of the kind of knowledge pertaining to business law.
2. Understood the different theories, concepts and methods of business law.
3. Developed an understanding of the legal system and its terminology.
4. An ability to use legal language to describe practices in business law and apply them to structured problems.
5. To successfully implement procedures and practices which comply with statutory provisions regulating civil liability and employment protection.
6. Demonstrated the know-how to apply the law in a rational manner in order to assist them to overcome difficulties which may arise in the business environment and/or to seek specialist legal advice.

TEACHING METHODS

Lectures, exercises, presentations, assignments, reading, group discussion, based upon the course of business law.

LEARNING OUTCOMES MAP

Learning Outcomes	Content	Delivery	Assessment
1	All sections	Lectures, readings, class exercises & discussions.	Assignment, exam & participation.
2	All sections	Lectures, readings, class exercises & participation.	Assignment, exam & participation.
3	All sections	Lectures, readings, class exercises & participation.	Assignment, exam & participation.
4	All sections	Lectures, readings, class exercises & participation.	Assignment, exam & participation.
5	12	Lectures, readings, class exercises & participation.	Assignment, exam & participation.
6	4-12	Lectures, readings, class exercises & participation.	Assignment, exam & participation.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Sources of law and administration of justice.	10%
2. The personnel of the law.	5%
3. Arbitration. Alternative dispute resolution. Comparison with litigation. Preliminary meetings. Hearings.	5%
4. Contract. Formation. Capacity to contract.	15%
5. Invalid contracts. Discharge. Remedies.	10%
6. Tort. Civil liability. Negligence and the duty of care.	15%
7. Vicarious liability.	5%
8. Defamation.	5%
9. Sale of goods and supply of services.	10%
10. Consumer protection.	5%
11. Agency.	5%
12. Employment Law. Contracts of Employment.	10%
• Unfair Dismissals Act	
• Equality Act 2000	

WEIGHTING

REQUIRED TEXT

Doolan, B., (2004) *Principles of Irish Law*, Gill & McMillan.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING LIST

Keenan, A., (2008) *Essentials of Irish Business Law*, 5th edition, Gill & Macmillan, Dublin.

McDermott, P.A. (2001) *Contract Law*, LexisNexis UK, London.

Murphy, A. (2004) *Business & Company Law for Irish Students*, Gill & McMillan.

Stewart, E., (2004) *Arbitration Commentary and Sources*, Firstlaw.

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLICATIONS & LIBRARY FACILITIES

Irish Independent	Business Plus
Irish Times	Bar Review
Sunday Business Post	Law Society Gazette

INTERNET WEBSITES

www.lawyer.ie
www.arbitrators.org
www.arbitration.ie

ASSESSMENT/GRADING

The following must be completed satisfactorily by any student undertaking the standard assessment of the course.

Class test: Complete a written test under exam conditions and within the allocated time, on one subject of the course outline.

Assignment: Complete a written paper that demonstrates the capacity for independent research and be submitted within the allocated time, on one subject of the course outline.

Exam: The Exam is in one section and is paper based. Essay style answers are required.

Assessment will take the form of:

Class test	10%
Assignment	20%
Final Exam	<u>70%</u>
Total	100%

Grading

Each component of the course will be assessed separately. Students will be graded according to the attached grading system as outlined in the HETAC Marks and Standards 2009, available at:

<http://www.hetac.ie/docs/Fina%20English%20Assessment%20and%20Standards%202009.pdf> (page 21)

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is necessary for the achievement of intended learning outcomes. In the case of illness it is the student's responsibility to telephone the College office to notify the lecturer (see *Academic Policies and Procedures* in the ACD Catalogue and the QA Manual).

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

Refer to the subsection on Academic Discipline in the current ACD Catalogue and the QA Manual.