

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	CONTRACT LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW1013 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

### MODULE AIMS

This module will introduce students to the legal principles and doctrines which comprise the English Law of Contract. It will explore how, and why, contractual obligations are created, how they are performed and discharged, and what legal remedies are available in the event of breach. Students will demonstrate their understanding of these principles by applying them to contractual scenarios (both orally and in writing) and by developing reasoned arguments in support of solutions to the legal issues raised. Students will also acquire legal research and information retrieval skills in constructing both written and oral legal arguments.

### MODULE CONTENT

#### Indicative syllabus content:

- *Principles of contractual liability*: freedom of contract, sanctity of contract; bargain-theory
- *Contract Formation*: agreement (offer and acceptance), consideration, intention
- *Contract Content and Performance*: terms (express and implied), variation and duress, exempting liability
- *Discharge*: performance (literal, part and severable), classifying terms (conditions, warranties and innominate), frustration, misrepresentation, the remedies of rescission, repudiation and damages
- *Remedies*: damages (interests protected, quantification, causation and remoteness, mitigation), liquidated damages clauses, limitation periods

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## INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Describe and explain the components of a legally binding agreement
  2. Explain the remedies available for breach of contract, quantify losses caused by breach, and identify common law and statutory rules which limit claims for damages.
  3. Select appropriate legal principles, and cite relevant authorities, for resolving issues raised by contractual problem scenarios.
  4. Demonstrate skills of written expression, research and the use of information technology.
  5. Work to deadlines and follow instructions necessary for completing learning tasks.
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## TEACHING METHODS

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The module will be delivered on-campus through a combination of weekly lectures and seminars, with a comprehensive virtual learning environment platform providing supplementary materials for supporting learning, assessment and feedback. Seminars will take the form of interactive sessions making use of problem questions and discussion points to enhance the student's ability to solve problems and investigate issues. Students will be expected to have independently researched topics for discussion and to come prepared to respond and participate in an open and active discussion.

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## ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a written assignment and a written examination.

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English