

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	CONTRACT LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW1221 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

To explore the structure and substantive content of common law and statutory principles that comprise English Contract Law, using relevant research skills and legal databases, and apply these to hypothetical scenarios to produce persuasive legal arguments and reasoned conclusions in both oral and written form.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

- The basis of contractual liability
- The formation of agreements (including offer & acceptance, consideration, intention, certainty, privity)
- The content of agreements (including implied and express terms, exemption clauses, boilerplate clauses, construction)
- Recognising faulty agreements (including misrepresentation, mistake, duress, undue influence)
- Ending agreements (including breach, frustration)
- Causes of loss (including legal and factual causation, novus actus)
- Remedies (including damages, liquidated damages, specific performance injunctions, mitigation, indemnities/guarantees)

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Explain the structure of legal principles that comprise English Contract Law.
2. Describe and explain the components of a legally binding agreement.
3. 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.
4. Demonstrate skills of expression, research, and communicate in an evidenced and well-structured manner.

TEACHING METHODS

Campus delivery will be organised around lectures and workshops. Lectures will introduce new legal ideas and concepts and build an outline of the structure of legal rules and principles. Further reading of cases and statutes in secondary and primary legal sources will consolidate and expand the breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding. Small group workshops will allow students to test their level and range of understanding and reflect formatively on areas of strength and weakness. Workshops will also develop and support general legal techniques and skills in support of legal reading, analysis, writing, drafting and note taking, legal problem solving through IRAC type techniques, as well as test formative knowledge and understanding. Summative assessment will focus on the accuracy of synoptic knowledge across the whole syllabus and evaluate legal problem solving skills and the ability to create structured legal arguments that draw reasoned conclusions through factual scenarios that raise key legal issues from the syllabus. Module support materials (lecture outlines lecture recordings, Office Mix presentations, Power-points slides, workshop questions, cases, case materials, technique and skills materials, exemplar assessments) will be located on a dedicated module virtual learning environment, which will also be used as the repository for assessment submission, student communication, and e-discussion boards.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through one Unseen Examination and one Written Coursework.