

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL LAW		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	LW2226 (L5)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF LAW		

### MODULE AIMS

To explore critically the framework of civil, criminal and administrative rules, procedures and remedies for protecting consumers from disappointment and harm when supplied with defective goods and services. To familiarize students with the rules governing domestic commercial contracts and instruct them on how competently to apply the relevant legal rules to a number of possible disputes arising under such contracts.

### MODULE CONTENT

#### Indicative syllabus content:

- The development of consumer protection regulation in the UK: principles and policy
- Civil Protection: rights, remedies and enforcement for defective goods and services; distance selling; package holidays; misrepresentation; contract remedies; exemptions
- Criminal Protection: rights, remedies and enforcement against manufacturers; unfair pricing and advertising
- Administrative protection: Codes of Practice, Ombudsmen, ADR
- Insolvency protection: consumer rights on pre-payments (deposits, gift vouchers etc.) in retail insolvency
- Definition and nature of the contract of sale: Terms of the contract
- Passing of property and risk
- Seller's duty to transfer title and the power of non-owner to transfer title
- Implied terms relating to goods
- Duties of buyer and seller and Remedies for non-performance

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Outline the range of civil, criminal and administrative principles and procedures available to a consumer seeking redress when supplied with sub-standard goods and services.
2. Appraise the range of legal protection given to consumers on pre-payments (deposits, gift vouchers etc.) in retail insolvency.
3. Explain and analyse the relevant legal rules governing domestic commercial contracts
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 Written Assignment and one Moot.