

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	ADVANCED COMPANY LAW		
MODULE CODE	LW4008 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

- To provide students with a comprehensive and practical understanding of the laws and regulations that govern companies in the UK, with some references to the EU approach.
- To analyse the extent to which the current judicial and legislative framework of company law operates to serve the needs of businesses in an increasingly competitive enterprise culture.
- To develop awareness of the interaction between theory and practice, through evaluating the core rules and principles of company law.
- To examine a broad range of company topics, such as the company as a separate legal personality, the constitution of the company, corporate governance and corporate sustainability, directors' duties and liabilities, shareholders' rights and remedies, corporate share capital, as well as aspects of UK insolvency law.
- To consider contemporary developments in Company Law and explore the implications of these developments upon professional practice.

MODULE CONTENT

1. The legal forms of business organisations
2. Corporate Personality and Limited Liability
3. The company's constitution
4. Foundations of corporate governance and corporate sustainability
5. Directors' Duties and Liabilities
6. Shareholders' Rights and Remedies
7. Corporate Share Capital
8. Insolvency Law

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Critically evaluate the fundamental concepts, principles, and theories of company law.
2. Critically analyse the key legal aspects in relation to the operation of companies in terms of the relationship between the board of directors, the shareholders, and other stakeholders.
3. Critically assess the impact of legal regulation and its implication on the functioning of a corporation.
4. Critically discuss the role of companies in promoting sustainable and socially responsible business practices, including the ethical and legal implications of corporate behavior and evaluate the current trends and emerging issues in company law.
5. Identify and articulate complex legal issues that arise in business practice and demonstrate advanced analysis of statutory provisions and case law, sophisticated legal reasoning and well-developed skills in creative thinking to identify appropriate legal and practical responses to those issues.

TEACHING METHODS

Preparation for the workshops will involve extensive research and reading, to consider and critically analyse the set topics and the discussion questions, set in advance, arising from those topics. Students are expected to prepare answers to the discussion questions and present these to, and discuss with, the workshop tutor and workshop group members. In addition to the skills of analysis and research, students are expected to develop and apply skills of analytical discussion, oral expression and writing. Students will engage with other students and staff in online activities, and synchronous and asynchronous workshops, to consider and critically analyse particular sources and engage in discussion leading to development of these skills.

The workshops also give students the opportunity to synthesise in a more dynamic way the independent learning already undertaken and apply principles from various themes covered in the workshop activity sheets.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through one written exam and one coursework.