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1. Module Title
Introduction to Business Contracts and the Law

2a. Module Leader
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Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
4

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:			

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

As an introduction to a broad range of civil legal issues, you will get an insight and appreciation of the various ways in which the law impacts on the world of commerce and our everyday life. The module provides a foundation across a broad range of fundamental legal principles and concepts of the English Legal System. The rights and obligations of legal entities/individuals under the Law of Contract and the Law of Tort will also be examined.

6b. Outline Content

- Introduction Branches of law
- Sources of Law
- Tort Law
- Court system, ADR and tribunals
- Formation of a contract - The Offer
- Formation of a Contract - The Acceptance and Intention to create a legal relationship
- Formation of a Contract – Consideration, Capacity and Privity of Contract
- Terms, Conditions & Exemption clauses
- Vitiating Factors - Discharge of a Contract
- Employment Law

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

None

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)		
No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a secure knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of the English Legal System and the Law of Contract, including an appreciation of the impact of the Law of Tort upon the area of business / commerce
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a wide range of understanding and appreciation relevant to the influence of law on business and management
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Apply the Law of Contract to common, straightforward factual problems and suggest appropriate, reasonable solutions whilst demonstrating flexible and creative approaches to problem solving and the ability to discuss the issues
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	With guidance, examine, interpret and evaluate the different rules of interpretation surrounding legislation and case laws, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms within the English Legal System and appreciation of the symbiotic relationship between the Law of Contract and Tort whilst being able to write clearly and effectively in academic English, communicating clearly and appropriately

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2024/5	F01CAM	Trimester 1	ARU Cambridge Campus	Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	12	1-4	Online Accessible Rich Media Materials (lectures, videocasts, podcasts) – 1hr per week
Other teacher managed learning	12	1-4	face2face workshops – 1 hr per week
Student managed learning	126	1-4	Reading and independent research
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-4	100 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)
Assessed Piece (max 500 words) and Two written questions (up to 2000 words)					

Assessment components for Element 010				
Component No.	Assessment Title	Submission Method	Weighting (%)	Components needed for Mark Calculation?
010/1	Assessed Piece to support skills for main assessment (max 500 words)	Canvas	20 (%)	All
010/2	Two substantive written questions (up to 2000 words)	Canvas	80 (%)	

<p>In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).</p> <p>In addition, students are required to:</p> <p>(a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above</p> <p>(b) pass any pass/fail elements</p> <p>[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]</p>
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