

Module 7: Company Law

Stage		2					
Semester		1 and 2					
Module Title		LLBH - COM					
Module Number		7					
Module Status		Mandatory					
Module ECTS Credits		15					
Module NFQ level		7					
Pre-Requisite Module Titles		None					
Co-Requisite Module Titles		None					
Capstone Module?		No					
List of Module Teaching Personnel		Dr Cian Carroll					
Contact Hours				Non-contact Hours			Total Effort (hours)
96 (72) ¹				204 (228)			300
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Seminar	Assignment	Placement	Independent Work	
72 (48)			24	30		174 (198)	300
Allocation of Marks (Within the Module)							
	Continuous Assessment	Project	Practical	Final Examination	Total		
Percentage Contribution	40			60	100		

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of company law and how it relates to other areas of law;
2. Interpret relevant case law and legislation in the area of Company Law;
3. Apply rules and principles of company law in factual scenarios;
4. Employ research skills and communicate effectively on matters of company law;
5. Explain and debate the core provisions of company law;
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the societal impact of company law.

¹ Part time hours shown in brackets where different from full time hours

Module Objectives

1. To provide the learner with a knowledge of the historical development of company law;
2. To develop within the learner an understanding of the sources of company law and their interaction;
3. To provide the learner with an understanding of the main principles and rules of company law and their interaction;
4. To provide the learner with an understanding of the practical operation of company law.

Module Curriculum

- Introduction: historical background and company law fundamentals
- Sources of company law
- Constitution of companies
- Separate legal personality
- Corporate capacity and authority
- Company directors
- Statutory obligations of companies and their officers
- Restriction and disqualification of company officers
- Capital maintenance
- Shareholders – rights, powers, duties, remedies
- Corporate borrowing
- Receivership
- Examinership
- Liquidation
- Fraudulent and reckless trading

Reading lists and other learning materials

Primary Reading:

Courtney, T.B. (2012) *The Law of Private Companies*. Dublin: Bloomsbury

Davies, P. (2012) *Gower and Davies' Principles of Modern Company Law*. London: Sweet & Maxwell

Keane, R. (2007) *Company Law*. Dublin: Tottel

McCann, L. & Courtney, T.B. (2012) *Companies Acts 1963-2012*. Dublin: Bloomsbury

Secondary Reading:

Girvin, S. (2010) *Charlesworth's Company Law*. London: Sweet & Maxwell

Ferran, E. (2008) *Company Law and Corporate Finance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Samad, M. (2013) *Court Applications Under the Company Acts*. Dublin: Bloomsbury

Thuillier, A. (2013) *Company Law in Ireland*. Dublin: Clarus Press

Module Learning Environment Accommodation

Lectures and workshops take place in a classroom setting. Participants also have access to online teaching resources and Moodle

Library

All learners have access to an extensive range of “physical” and “remote access” library resources. The library monitors and updates its resources on an on-going basis, in line with the College’s Library Acquisition Policy. Lecturers collaborate with the library in updating reading lists for this course on an annual basis as is the norm with all programmes run by Griffith College.

Module Teaching and Learning Strategy

This module is delivered through a series of lectures which incorporate tutorial-style discussions, group work sessions and exercises. The lectures are supplemented by structured on-line resources and reading.

In order to support learners through the exam process they engage in the answering of sample exam questions and correction of their own or peers’ papers, thereby familiarising themselves with the process of writing papers and with the marking criteria.

Module Assessment Strategy

Theoretical knowledge is assessed through submission of a written assignment worth 40% and by an end of module examination worth 60% of the total marks in this subject.

Element No.	Weighting	Type	Description	Module Learning outcomes
1	40%	Assignment	Learners are required to research and report on some aspect of company law or a specific legal scenario.	4
2	60%	Exam	The examination consists of a choice of both essay and problem style questions. Essay style questions place emphasis on the learners demonstrating their understanding of the main principles of the law and their capacity to critique the law. Problem style questions enable learners to apply principles of the law to a factual scenario.	1-3, 5 & 6