

Module title: Contract Law

Module code:	CONL	NQF level:	Level 5
Credit value:	30 credits	Study duration:	18 weeks

Module description

This is a 30 credit Level 4 module which forms part of the core of the LLB. All students must complete this part of the course. The module covers the principles of the law of contract and the application of such principles on an academic and practical basis.

Aims

- Equip students with the knowledge to draft/ identify a legally enforceable contract, recognise unenforceability, correctly terminate a contract and list appropriate remedies.
- Provide a starting point for students to undertake independent legal research on contract law related issues.
- Provide students with the knowledge required enabling them to identify key legal issues in a problem/ scenario based question and apply the law to solve the problem.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

Subject-Specific Skills

- Identify the components of a legally enforceable contract.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the factors which may render a contract unenforceable, including unfair terms, misrepresentation, mistake, duress and frustration

- Analyse the appropriate remedies for non-performance of or breach of contract.

Key Skills

- Utilise primary and secondary legal sources in order to produce a coherent legal argument
- Ability to comprehend and use basic numeracy information in problem questions.

Syllabus

- Introduction and theory of contract
- Offer and acceptance
- Intention to create legal relations
- Consideration
- Promissory estoppel
- Certainty
- Privity and third parties
- Terms
- Unfair terms
- Misrepresentation
- Mistake
- Duress and undue influence
- Frustration
- Illegality
- Remedies 1: Principles of compensation
- Remedies 2: Severity of breach and relationship with damages
- Remedies 3: Assessment of damages
- Remedies 4: specific performance and injunction

Learning and teaching methods

The Learning and Teaching Methods for the Module follow the intended online delivery Strategy for the Programme as a whole. The module will be delivered by reading materials available on the learning platform supported by discussion forums and online lectures using the Adobe Connect synchronous communication and application sharing facility. Students will be encouraged to identify and share relevant web-based resources. Within the Live lectures and discussions you will be encouraged to explore current theoretical, practical and policy issues with your tutor and fellow students.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 x assessed discussion activities	3 weeks	NA	20%
Mid Module Assignments i) Written submission (Skeleton arguments and Bundle) ii) Oral presentation	Written submission (Skeleton argument 150 words and Bundle up to 1,500 words) AND 12 to 15 mins oral presentation	Mid term	30%
Reflective journal entries	300-500 words per entry	Multiple (bi-weekly)	20%
End of module project	2,500-3,000 words	End term	30%