

Module Title:	COMPANY LAW
Date of Approval	November 2011
Module Code	7LA503
Pre-requisite	None
Module Level	7
Credit value	20
Total Number of Learning Hours	200
Key Words	Company, articles, directors, shareholders, auditors, liquidation, administration, share capital, debentures.
Module Delivery Mode	Online / Distance / Blended / Face to Face

Module Description

This module explores the nature of the corporate entity as a business medium. Students will examine how the law has developed to regulate and accommodate needs of corporate entities and involve a significant international comparative study element. Internal procedures, the role of documentary records and also financial aspects will be evaluated. The respective roles of individuals within the company will be explored, considering the respective rights and duties of company managers and controllers.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the functioning of the company as an entity and financial issues related to the company.
- Analyse and effectively evaluate the differing roles of the people who manage and control the company.

Module Content

- Formation, nature and function of companies
- Internal corporate procedures
- Company securities, raising of capital and borrowing
- Internal regulations and the relationship of directors and shareholders
- The exercising of control and maintenance of shareholders rights to participate
- The role of the company secretary
- The powers and duties of auditors

Module Learning and Teaching Methods

The module is delivered by three hours of seminar per week. This will be supported by a programme of fortnightly tutorials and discussion group meetings, in preparation for which students will be required to research topic areas using primary sources and leading texts. Both an analytical approach and practical application will be incorporated into the demands of these classes. A significant level of research will underpin preparation for these classes.

Scheduled learning and teaching activities:	24%
Guided independent study:	76%
Placement/study abroad:	0%

Module Learning and Teaching Methods (online)

The module will be delivered utilising 3 hour sessions each week, which will comprise lectures, seminars and tutorials on a flexible basis. An average of at least 2 hours each week will be devoted to lectures. Online activity including discussion boards will occupy 4 hours during the module.

For students studying the module online, online interaction with the materials will comprise an average of 3hrs per week per module, with Wimba classroom or equivalent synchronous online activity constituting 4 hrs per semester.

Module Assessment

Mode: Coursework 100%

Coursework 1 100%

The module is assessed through the preparation of a written paper (4,000 words). Formative feedback is provided by peers and tutor to a seminar presentation.

Reading list

Key Texts

Mayson, French and Ryan, *Company Law*, 28th Edition OUP (2011)

Brenda Hannigan, *Company Law*, 2nd Edition OUP (2009)

Griffin, *Company Law Handbook*, 2nd Edition Law Society (2010)

Further reading and Support Material

Dignan and Lowry, *Company Law*, 6th Edition OUP (2010)

Seally, *Cases and Materials on Company Law*, 4th Edition Butterworths (2008).

Gower and Davies, *Principles of Modern Company Law*, 8th Edition Sweet and Maxwell (2008).

Smith and Keenan, *Company Law*, 15th Edition Pearson (2011)

Cahn and Donald, *Comparative Company Law*, Cambridge University Press (2010)

Milman, *National Corporate Law in a globalised market*, Edward Elgar Publishing (2009)

Fuller, *Corporate Borrowing: Law and Practice*, 4th Edition Jordans (2009)

Loose, Griffiths & Impey, *The Company Director: Power, Duties and Liabilities*, 10th Edition Jordans (2008)

Hollington, *Shareholders Rights*, 5th Edition Sweet and Maxwell (2007)

Gerard McCormack, *Registration of Company Charges*, 3rd Edition Sweet and Maxwell (2009)

Wyatt, *Company Acquisition of its own shares*, Longman (2004)

