Module Descriptor

Title	Advanced Company Law		
Session	2026/27	**Status**	**Approved**
Code	LAWW10011	**SCQF Level**	Level 10
Credit Points	20	**ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)**	10
School	**Business and Creative Industries**		
Module Co-ordinator	Colin McFadyen		

Summary of Module

Company Law begins with an introduction to the development of the law in this area as it operates throughout the UK. Initially the module introduces the process of creating a limited liability entity and of the personnel involved in its management, including an examination of a company's separate legal personality.

Thereafter there will be a detailed examination of the role, duties and responsibilities of those who promote, own and manage such entities, including the rules on disqualification of directors. Company Law is then considered in more detail in the context of the environment in which it operates, involving an examination of the relevant professional and institutional codes regulating the commercial marketplace, including a discussion of appropriate statutory and case law provisions and debate relating to topical issues in this field. There will also be an examination of the rules pertaining to minority shareholder protection and thereafter a consideration of issues in relation to corporate crime.

Finally, the procedures pertaining to the winding up of a company will be considered, along with a detailed examination of the various processes available and of the different persons involved in this area, including their statutory powers and duties

Module Delivery Method	**On-Campus[1]**	**Hybrid[2]**	**Online[3]**	**Work -Based Learning[4]**
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Campuses for Module Delivery	☐ Ayr ☐ Dumfries	☐ Lanarkshire ☐ London	☐ Online / Distance Learning ☐ Other (specify)

[1] Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[2] The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[3] Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[4] Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

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Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	☐	Term 2	☒	Term 3	☐
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	☐	Term 2 – Term 3	☐	Term 3 – Term 1	☐

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Investigate, analyze, and evaluate company law concepts in a UK context
L2	Make effective use of library and electronic resources to acquire legal information
L3	Analyse problems in terms of legal concepts and apply legal principles to propose solutions
L4	Engage in discourse on company law issues
L5	Distinguish between alternative opinions based on evidence presented in coherent and logical arguments.

Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	**During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:**
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	**SCQF 10** Demonstrate and/or work with: Knowledge that covers and integrates most of the principal areas, features, boundaries, terminology and conventions of Company Law. A critical understanding of the principal theories, concepts and principles. Detailed knowledge and understanding in one or more specialisms, some of which is informed by, or at the forefront of, Company Law. Knowledge and understanding of the ways in which Company Law has developed, including a range of established techniques of enquiry or research methodologies.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	**SCQF 10** Apply knowledge, skills and understanding: In using a wide range of the principal professional skills, techniques, practices and/or materials associated with Company Law. In using a few skills, techniques, practices and/or materials that are specialised, advanced and/or at the forefront of Company Law. In executing a defined project of research, development or investigation and in identifying and implementing relevant outcomes. To practise in a range of professional level contexts that include a degree of unpredictability and/or specialism.
Generic Cognitive skills	**SCQF 10** Critically identify, define, conceptualise and analyse complex/professional problems and issues. Offer professional insights, interpretations and solutions to problems and issues.

	Demonstrate some originality and creativity in dealing with professional issues. Critically review and consolidate knowledge, skills, practices and thinking in Company Law. Make judgements where data/information is limited or comes from a range of sources.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	**SCQF 10** Use a wide range of routine skills and some advanced and specialised skills in support of established practices in Company Law, for example: Present or convey, formally and informally, information about specialised topics to informed audiences. Communicate with peers, senior colleagues and specialists on a professional level. Use a range of ICT applications to support and enhance work at this level and adjust features to suit purpose. Interpret, use and evaluate a wide range of numerical and graphical data to set and achieve goals/targets.
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	**SCQF 10** Exercise autonomy and initiative in professional/equivalent activities. Exercise significant managerial responsibility for the work of others and for a range of resources. Practise in ways that show awareness of own and others' roles and responsibilities. Work, under guidance, in a peer relationship with specialist practitioners. Work with others to bring about change, development and/or new thinking. Manage complex ethical and professional issues in accordance with current professional and/or ethical codes or practices. Recognise the limits of these codes and seek guidance where appropriate.

Prerequisites	**Module Code** LAWW08023	**Module Title** Company Law
	Other	
Co-requisites	**Module Code**	**Module Title**

Learning and Teaching
In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours.

Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	**Student Learning Hours** (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Tutorial / Synchronous Support Activity	24
Independent Study	176
Please select	
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Please select	
Please select	
TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources
The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes: Davies & Worthington, Gower and Davies : Principles of Modern Company Law, Sweet & Maxwell (latest edition) Grier, N, Company Law, W Green (latest edition) Hicks & Goo, Cases and Materials on Company Law, OUP (latest edition) Lowry & Reisberg, Pettet's Company Law : Company Law and Corporate Finance, Pearson (latest edition) Smith & Keenan's, Company Law for Students, Pearson (latest edition) Website resources : Law Society of Scotland - http://www.lawscot.org.uk Companies House - https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house
(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements
In line with the Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure, Students are academically engaged if they are regularly attending and participating in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time. **For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:** Attending timetabled teaching sessions, accessing course-related learning resources and complete and submit assessments on time.

Equality and Diversity
The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code.

(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)

Supplemental Information

Divisional Programme Board	**Accounting Finance Law**
Overall Assessment Results	☐ **Pass / Fail** ☒ **Graded**
Module Eligible for Compensation	☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** **If this module is eligible for compensation, there may be cases where compensation is not permitted due to programme accreditation requirements. Please check the associated programme specification for details.**
School Assessment Board	AFL
Moderator	Clive Mitchell
External Examiner	Gary Betts
Accreditation Details	
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
Changes / Version Number	

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)
Assessment 1
Coursework - weighted 50%. Students will be expected to complete a discursive essay on a current topic.
Assessment 2
Examination - weighted 40%. Students will be expected to answer two questions from a choice of four in a closed book examination.
Assessment 3
Presentation based on the essay coursework element - weighted 10%.
(N.B. (i) Assessment Outcomes Grids for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed. (ii) An indicative schedule listing approximate times within the academic calendar when assessment is likely to feature will be provided within the Student Module Handbook.)

Component 1							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
Essay	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	50	0

Component 2

Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
Online Examination	☒	☒	☒	☐	☒	40	0

Component 3							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
Presentation	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	10	0
Combined total for all components						100%	hours

Change Control

What	When	Who