

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Law of Obligations
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	GDL7001

5	Module Overview
<p>The Law of Obligations is a core module and covers TWO of the seven foundations of legal knowledge that must be successfully completed in order to proceed to the next stage of training for entry into the legal profession. The module aims to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the law of contract (introducing you to the ways in which the law regulates, polices and enforces contracts) and the law of tort (focussed on the more common tortious wrongs, associated defences and remedies) in English law.</p> <p>In studying the law of obligations on this module you will gain insight into how lawyers interpret and analyse statutes and case law in order to solve problems in private law, and to make connections between these two sources of law in order to formulate legal arguments. You will use these insights in practice to improve your legal skills. Therefore, alongside the accumulation of knowledge, you will also engage in activities which will enable you to refine your research and analytical skills, demonstrate your ability to apply knowledge to find alternative solutions to legal problems and improve your ability to communicate complex ideas to others. By doing so you will reinforce your understanding of the relevant legal rules and principles.</p> <p>In keeping with the philosophy and aims of the programme most activities within the module will be practice-led principally through the use of real-life problem scenarios aligned closely to actual cases and real-life problems together with discussions which attempt to mimic case conferences used by practitioners and aligned to the development of the skills that you will need when you enter into employment. As well as problem solving, there will be a strong focus upon applied legal research (both case law and statutory), application and distinction of precedent, prioritisation of arguments, clarity of exposition (both written and oral), assessment of the strength of cases and the ability to highlight crucial missing information as well as working with provided facts.</p> <p>Participation in the module will also contribute positively to the future quality of your employability. These skills include the opportunity to engage in teamwork; the ability to research and report findings; to put theory into practice; to develop competence in the range of thinking skills and provision of advice, to undertake legal research and provide advice within time constraints; and to exercise leadership in seminar and workshop activities.</p> <p>This module fits in with the Programme's philosophy by providing you with foundational legal knowledge and the opportunity to understand and analyse the law through an engagement with fictitious and 'real life' problem scenarios. All activities within the module will be practice-led and aligned to the development of skills that you will need when you enter employment. There will be opportunities to consider how the law of obligations performs a social and economic role as well as a legal one, particularly in tort law's management of risk and liability across society more widely. The law of tort is also central to the realisation of fundamental human rights enshrined in the Council of Europe's human rights framework.</p>	

There are TWO summative assessments for this module. You must pass both of them in order to demonstrate your knowledge of each of the foundation subjects taught and assessed in this module.

The module will be taught with a mixture of online lectures, directed self-study, and 2-hour seminars. The online lectures aim to provide a general framework for understanding which will then be built upon through directed self-study and seminars. The module will use activities and discussions hosted by the Moodle. All of the learning activities will be supported in teaching sessions and on the Virtual Learning Environment, which will also offer interactive practice-orientated opportunities to test and apply your legal knowledge.

6	Indicative Content
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the law of obligations? • Creation of a contract - offer, acceptance & consideration • Term & conditions (express & implied) • Exclusion clauses • Discharge of contract • Trespass against the person • Negligence • Occupiers Liability • Vicarious Liability • Remedies

7	Module Learning Outcomes
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:
	1 Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and critical understanding of the key principles, rules and concepts in the law of obligations.
	2 Apply advanced legal knowledge on matters of the Law of Contract and the Law of Tort to problem scenarios.
	3 Critically analyse and evaluate principles in the law of obligations on matters of the Law of Contract and the Law of Tort.
	4 Communicate effectively relevant legal principles, proposed solutions and supportive reasoning in professional writing using appropriate referencing conventions.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1- 4		X	

9 Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	36
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	128
Total Study Hours:	200