

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title Ethics, Corporate Governance and Law	
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	ACC5031

5 Module Overview

This module offers a basis for academic learning and discipline suitable for a sound foundation of the general legal framework, and of specific legal areas relating to business for a subsequent career as a professionally qualified accountant, or for any career in management and business administration. Examining both the legal obligations & Governance issues for any business will enable students to build knowledge and understanding on how to operate within a legal framework.

Additionally exploring ethical conflict as well as the role of corporate governance increases the impact students will have in any management role in a range of organisations.

Assessment will be made by:

70% examination – 3x in-class tests (10%) and one final MCQ exam (60%)

30% in-person group presentation

6 Indicative Content

- Introduction to the English Legal System
- Contract Law
- Introduction to Business Organisations
- Maintenance of Capital
- Directors
- Employment Law
- Wrongful and Fraudulent Activity
- Corporate Governance
- Ethical Issues
- Corporate Social Responsibility



7	Module Learning Outcomes				
	O	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:			
	1	Explain how the law determines the validity of contract law and how to manage both termination / breaches and identify the essential elements of the English legal System & tort of negligence.			
	2	Differentiate between different types of business organisations and evaluate the law relating to Financing and management of companies.			
	3	Demonstrate an understanding of management of Directors & employees within a businesses, recognising the consequences of any wrongful and fraudulent activity, from a legal perspective.			
	4	Investigate the meaning, theories, structures and rules of corporate governance and ethics and report on an aspect of the interplay of governance and ethics.			

8 Module As	essment				
Learning					
Outcome					
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person		
1, 2, 3		X			
4			X		

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	48	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	48	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	104	
Total Study Hours:	200	