



## Report of the Panel of Assessors

**Faculty/Department:** Business – Law, Public Service and Education

**Date:** May 4 2022

**Title of the Programme:**

- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Corporate Law - Level 8 180 ECTS
- Certificate in Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Investigations – Level 7 10 ECTS

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**Criteria for the Approval of a New Programme**

1. The Programme Aims and Objectives are clear and consistent with the Award sought.
2. The Programme concept, implementation strategy are well informed and soundly based.
3. The Programme's Access, Transfer and Progression arrangements are satisfactory.
4. The Programme's written curriculum is well structured and fit for purpose.
5. There are sufficient qualified and capable programme staff.
6. There are sufficient physical resources to implement the programme as planned.
7. The learning environment is consistent with the needs of the programme learners.
8. There are sound Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategies.
9. Learners enrolled on the Programme will be well informed, guided and cared for.

# **Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Corporate Law - Level 8 180 ECTS**

For the attention of the Academic Council

## **The programme is approved.**

The Panel of Assessors advises the Academic Council that the ATU and the Faculty/Department should take cognisance of following:

### **Commendations**

The panel commend the programme team for:

1. Their engagement with the panel.
2. Embedding the needs of their students throughout the programme.
3. The quality and presentation of the programme documentation.
4. Clear evidence of applied assessments and experiential learning methodologies.

### **Recommendations**

- In Year 1: Review the module content to reduce duplication and repetition, creating space for additional Corporate Law focused content across all modules.
  - Tutorials may be the appropriate vehicle for the inclusion of Corporate Law orientated content as this will not impact other programmes.
- In Year 2: Consider increasing the Privacy and Data Protection Law module to 10 ECTS to incorporate additional content on technology.
  - We would request that the Programme Team make the necessary ECTS adjustments to facilitate this change.
- In Year 3: Consider making the *Jurisprudence* module and the *Evidence* module electives to allow for the adjustment of other modules to include additional Corporate Law focused content in other modules.
- Significant revision and a thematic focus is required in the “*Contemporary Issues in Commercial Law*” module.
  - Key themes may include: cryptocurrencies, smart contracts, NFTs intellectual properties and others from the Level 9 offerings.
- That the Department and ATU Donegal consider the resource implications associated with this programme, Specifically, additional staff needs.
- Consider the CA and Exam split on the BESR module.
- Consider adding a 1 hour tutorial to complement 2 hour lecture in relevant modules (particularly in the final year).
- There is a need to address a range of minor typos.
- Please review reading lists to ensure the most up-to-date text is included.
- Review module learning outcomes to ensure descriptors are at Level 8.

- In all Years/semesters please review the module content to reduce duplication and repetition, creating space for additional Corporate Law focused content across all modules.

### **Conditions**

N/A

### **Response to the Recommendations from the Department of Law, Public Service and Education.**

The Programme team and Head of Department are grateful for the positive response by panel and, in particular, the commendations.

The recommendations have been given careful consideration and the response of the programme team is noted below:

In Year 1: Review the module content to reduce duplication and repetition, creating space for additional Corporate Law focused content across all modules.

- Tutorials may be the appropriate vehicle for the inclusion of Corporate Law orientated content as this will not impact other programmes.

Tutorials already exist in several modules, therefore, a separate group for this cohort of learners will be ensured with a focus on corporate law content/ case-studies. A tutorial has been added to the Foundations of Law module syllabus so that this cohort of learners can undertake a Mock Trial in corporate law. In addition, the Privacy module has been moved to year 1 to ensure a distinction between the programmes, as per below.

- In Year 2: Consider increasing the Privacy and Data Protection Law module to 10 ECTS to incorporate additional content on technology.
  - We would request that the Programme Team make the necessary ECTS adjustments to facilitate this change.
- This has been given careful consideration and, rather than increase the credits to 10, has been re-designed as two separate modules; Privacy Law and ICT 5 ECTS which has been moved to year one to replace Employment Law and Fintech Law 5 ECTS in Year 3.
- In Year 3: Consider making the *Jurisprudence* module and the *Evidence* module electives to allow for the adjustment of other modules to include additional Corporate Law focused content in other modules.

The programme team has given this very careful consideration and decided, based on targeted stakeholder feedback, to retain these modules as Mandatory modules for now, however, other changes have been made to ensure that learners have sufficient corporate law content.

- Significant revision and a thematic focus is required in the “*Contemporary Issues in Commercial Law*” module.
  - Key themes may include: cryptocurrencies, smart contracts, NFTs intellectual properties and others from the Level 9 offerings.
 

This module has been revised to incorporate the more contemporary issues including smart contracts, blockchain, cryptocurrencies and NFT’s as well as Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a thematic focus;
  
- That the Department and ATU Donegal consider the resource implications associated with this programme, Specifically, additional staff needs.
 

This is noted
  
- Consider the CA and Exam split on the BESR module.
- This module has been revised to 100% Continuous Assessment
- Consider adding a 1
- hour tutorial to complement 2 hour lecture in relevant modules (particularly in the final year).
- Each module has been reviewed and tutorials added where appropriate;
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- There is a need to address a range of minor typos.
- This is noted and has been acted upon;
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- Please review reading lists to ensure the most up-to-date text is included.
 

This has been done and the more up to date versions of the shared syllabi, recently validated during Programmatic Review have replaced the previous versions;
  
- Review module learning outcomes to ensure descriptors are at Level 8.
 

This has been done;
  
- In all Years/semesters please review the module content to reduce duplication and repetition, creating space for additional Corporate Law focused content across all modules.
 

This has been done and, in particular, some revisions have been made to the syllabi in Banking Law, Insurance Law and Financial Services Regulation in order to avoid overlap and repetition. In all modules, consideration will be given to providing this group with corporate law material by way of case-studies and problem-based learning scenarios and they will have a separate group practical within the ADR module.

## **Certificate in Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Investigations – Level 7 10 ECTS**

For the attention of the Academic Council

### **The programme is approved.**

The Panel of Assessors advises the Academic Council that the ATU and the Faculty/Department should take cognisance of following:

### **Recommendations**

1. Provide flexibility that allows learners to complete assessment either face-to-face or online as necessary.

### **Response to the Recommendations from the Department of Law, Public Service and Education.**

The report is noted with thanks and the recommendation is taken on board so that learners will be given the option of undertaking the assessment face to face or online.



## Revised Programme Schedule

### 4.2 Proposed Programme Schedule

Title of Award:	<b>Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Corporate Law</b>
Area of Specialisation:	Corporate Law
Learning Mode Offered:	Full-Time
Date Effective:	September 2022
Stage	Award

Semester	Module Title	Subject Status	ECTS		Total Contact Hours					Allocation of Marks %		
			Level	Number	Lecture	Tutorial	Lab/Studio/ Practical	Independent Learning	Total	Coursework	Final Exam	Total
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>												
1	Introduction to Legal Research Skills and Methods	M	6	5	2	-	1	5	8	100	-	100
1	ICT Skills	M	6	5	1	-	2	5	8	100	-	100
1	<i>Irish Legal System</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>100</i>
1	<i>Foundations of Law</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>100</i>
1	<i>Constitutional Law 1</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>100</i>

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SEMESTER 2												
2	<i>Contract Law</i>	<i>M</i>	6	10	5	1	-	12	18	30	70	100
2	<i>Constitutional Law 2</i>	<i>M</i>	6	5	3	1	-	5	9	30	70	100
2	<i>Criminal Law</i>	<i>M</i>	6	10	5	1	-	12	18	30	70	100
2	<i>Fundamentals of Privacy Law &amp; ICT</i>	<i>M</i>	6	5	3	-	-	5	8	100	-	100

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			Level	Number	Lecture	Tutorial	Lab/Studio/ Practical	Independent Learning	Total	Coursework	Final Exam	Total
SEMESTER 3												
3	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility	M	7	5	3	-	-	5	8	100		100
3	<i>Jurisprudence</i>	M	7	5	3	-	-	5	8	100	-	100
3	<i>Land and Succession Law</i>	<i>M</i>	7	10	5	1	-	12	18	30	70	100
3	<i>Tort</i>	<i>M</i>	8	10	5	-	-	13	18	30	70	100
SEMESTER 4												
4	<i>Administrative Law</i>	<i>M</i>	7	10	5	1	-	13	18	30	70	100
4	<i>Company Law &amp; Governance</i>	<i>M</i>	7	10	5	-	-	13	18	30	70	100
4	Fundamentals of Banking Law	M	6	5	3	-	-	5	8	100	-	100
4	International Business and Trade Law	M	8	5	3	-	-	5	8	100	-	100

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SEMESTER 5												
5	<i>European Union Law</i>	<i>M</i>	8	10	5	-	-	13	18	50	50	100
5	<i>Fintech Law</i>	<i>M</i>	8	5	1	2	-	5	8	30	70	100
5	Insurance Law	M	8	5	3	-	-	5	8	100	-	100
5	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution</i>	<i>E</i>	8	10	3	2	-	13	18	100	-	100
5	Financial Services Law and Regulation	E	8	10	5	-	-	13	18	100	-	100

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			Level	Number	Lecture	Tutorial	Lab/Studio/Practical	Independent Learning	Total	Coursework	Final Exam	Total
SEMESTER 6												
6	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>M</i>	8	10	5	-	-	13	18	30	70	100
6	<i>Equity and Trust</i>	<i>M</i>	8	10	5	-	-	13	18	30	70	100
6	Contemporary Issues in Commercial Law	M	8	10	5		-	13	18	100	-	100

*Modules in blue refer to shared modules*

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**New Programme Validation Report Approved by:**



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Chair to Panel

(VP International Dean, Business and Humanities, TUS)



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(VP for Academic Affairs and Registrar, ATU Donegal)

Date **7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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