

MODULE: BUSINESS LAW

CODE: BAIHM-1-2-10

Stage: I

Credit Points: 4 semester credits / 6 quarter units

Overview and Aims

This module Introduces the legal environment in which business operates. It explains the legal framework within which law is administered, and its application to business practices. It presents general legal principles and highlights the need for business practitioners to comply with their many responsibilities under the law to learners.

The module aims:

- To provide learners with an historical understanding of the legal system and how it pertains to business entities
- To familiarise learners with key legal concepts
- To provide learners with the skill and knowledge to understand and interpret legal judgments.

Module Content

Introduction to the study of Law:

- Functions and sources of law
- Divisions of Law – civil and criminal
- Administration of law
- Structure of the courts.

Elements of the law of tort:

- Principles of liability
- Remedies
- Negligence
- Defamation.

Law of contract:

- Nature of a contract
- Offer and acceptance
- Consideration
- Intention to create Legal Relations
- Terms of contract
- Form of a contract
- Misrepresentation
- Mistake in contract
- Duress and undue influence
- Contracts illegal or contrary to public policy
- Capacity to contract
- Discharge of contract
- Remedies for breach of contract.

Commercial law:

- Agency
- Sales of goods
- Hire purchase and leasing
- Insurance.

Employment law:

- Contact of employment
- Terms of contract
- Common law duties of the employee
- Common law duties of the employer

- Statutory regulation of the terms of the contract
- Termination of the contract

Employment equality.