

ENES E8010: Legal, Intellectual Property and Commercialisation

Module Details	
Module Code:	ENES E8010
Full Title:	Legal, Intellectual Property and Commercialisation APPROVED
Valid From::	Semester 1 - 2014/15 (September 2014)
Language of Instruction:	English
Duration:	1 Semester
Credits::	5
Module Owner::	Conor Reidy
Departments:	Unknown
Module Description:	The aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding of the Irish legal system, the legal obligations of and opportunities for those in business and how law facilitates business and entrepreneurship.

Module Learning Outcome	
On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:	
#	Module Learning Outcome Description
MLO1	Explain the significance of law in the establishment and support of a business in Ireland.
MLO2	Compare the forms of business organisation and the legal context in which each operates.
MLO3	Categorise the legal obligations relevant to those engaging in business.
MLO4	Evaluate the opportunities offered by commercialisation through appropriate intellectual property forms.
Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is strongly recommended before enrolment in this module. You may enrol in this module if you have not acquired the recommended learning but you will have considerable difficulty in passing (i.e. achieving the learning outcomes of) the module. While the prior learning is expressed as named DkIT module(s) it also allows for learning (in another module or modules) which is equivalent to the learning specified in the named module(s).</i>	
No recommendations listed	

Module Indicative Content
Introduction to the Irish Legal System Distinction between civil and criminal law in Ireland. Operation of the court system in Ireland. Sources of law in Ireland.
Business Forms Distinction between sole trader, partnership and company. Overview of incorporation of a business. Company law compliance in Ireland.
Legal Obligations for Businesses Legal obligations under the law of contract. Principles of negligence. Liability for defective products.
Commercialisation Patents. Registration of a patent. Dealings in patents. Infringement of patent and remedies. Trademarks. Registration of a trademark. Dealings in trademarks. Infringement of a trademark. Remedies. Designs. Registration of a design. Infringement of a design and remedies..

Module Assessment	
Assessment Breakdown	%
Course Work	50.00%
Final Examination	50.00%
Module Special Regulation	

Assessments

Full Time On Campus			
Course Work			
Assessment Type	Portfolio	% of Total Mark	25
Marks Out Of	0	Pass Mark	0
Timing	Week 10	Learning Outcome	1,2,3,4
Duration in minutes	0		
Assessment Description Identification and analysis by student of legal issues in establishment and operation of specific business model			
Assessment Type	Short Answer Questions	% of Total Mark	25
Marks Out Of	0	Pass Mark	0
Timing	Week 7	Learning Outcome	1,2,3
Duration in minutes	0		
Assessment Description Questions designed to assess understanding by the students of the detail of the course.			
No Project			
No Practical			
Final Examination			
Assessment Type	Formal Exam	% of Total Mark	50
Marks Out Of	0	Pass Mark	0
Timing	End-of-Semester	Learning Outcome	1,2,3,4
Duration in minutes	0		
Assessment Description End-of-Semester Final Examination			
Reassessment Requirement			
A repeat examination <i>Reassessment of this module will consist of a repeat examination. It is possible that there will also be a requirement to be reassessed in a coursework element.</i>			

Module Workload					
Workload: Full Time On Campus					
Workload Type	Contact Type	Workload Description	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload	Hours
Lecture	Contact	Lectures based on module content	Every Week	3.00	3
Directed Reading	Non Contact	Directed reading to enhance student's understanding of module content	Every Week	2.00	2
Independent Study	Non Contact	Independent study by student	Every Week	3.00	3
				Total Weekly Learner Workload	8.00
				Total Weekly Contact Hours	3.00
This module has no Part Time On Campus workload.					

Module Resources

Recommended Book Resources

Aine Keenan. (2012), Essentials of Irish Business Law, 6th. Gill and Macmillan, [ISBN: 978-0-7171-5261-2].
Clarke and Smyth. (2010), Intellectual Property Law in Ireland, 3rd. Thompson Roundhall, [ISBN: 9781847663665].
Law Society of Ireland. (2008), Business Law, Tottel.

This module does not have any article/paper resources

Other Resources

Website, Database of Legislation and Court Decisions,
<http://www.bailii.org>
Website, Irish Legislation,
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie>
Website, Court Service in Ireland,
<http://www.courts.ie>
Website, EU,
<http://www.ec.europa.eu>