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Title: Theory & Practice of International Corporate Governance
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 15 **Total Delivered Hours:** 12
Total Learning Hours: 150 **Private Study:** 138

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	12

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1		100	

Aims

1. To examine critically the intellectual, practical and theoretical background to the concept of corporate governance in the UK and various jurisdictions
2. To gain an understanding of the legal nature of corporate groups and the liabilities and responsibilities of interlinked companies
3. To demonstrate the legal and extra-legal solutions to perceived problems with past and present corporate governance regimes
4. To critically examine proposed future developments in and monitoring of corporate

governance compliance

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Develop through the core and option modules a more in depth knowledge and understanding which is sufficient to critically evaluate key issues and current developments in the areas of international business corporate and finance law
- 2 Show originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry may be used to create and interpret knowledge in relevant areas of law
- 3 Demonstrate conceptual understanding and evidence critical evaluation, current research and advanced scholarship in the areas of international business corporate or finance law
- 4 Formulate judgements and identify a range of possible solutions to a given problem.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay (4000 words)	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

Content is indicative rather than definitive

1. *What is Corporate Governance – theory and sources*
2. *The legal nature of the corporation and the corporate group*
3. *Key players in corporate governance – Directors and Shareholders*
4. *Control of Executive agency costs*
5. *Improving channels of communication*
6. *The use of independent gatekeepers*
7. *Information transparency and disclosure*
8. *Shareholder activism*
9. *Building an ethical and socially responsible corporate culture*

Learning Activities

Students will be involved in some or all of the following:

Lectures
Group work
Case studies
Case analysis
Workshops
Research exercises
Reading

Seminars

Notes

This module seeks to introduce students to the intellectual and practical background of corporate governance in the UK and elsewhere. In particular, the module is concerned with the legal and extra-legal processes by which corporations are governed. The module aims to provide students with an awareness and understanding of corporate governance through the critical examination of appropriate theoretical perspectives, models and practices for developing and monitoring corporate governance compliance