Liverpool John Moores University

Title:	CORPORATE GROUP STRUCTURES
Status:	Definitive but changes made
Code:	7500HBLBC (106767)
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Owning School/Faculty: Law Teaching School/Faculty: Holborn College

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Academic Level:	FHEQ7	Credit Value:	15.00	Total Delivered Hours:	150.00
Total Learning Hours:	150	Private Study:	0		

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Online	126.000
Seminar	24.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Coursework	100.0	

Aims

To examine the different theories explaining the origin, nature and purpose of the company and the different models adopted in various jurisdictions. To understand the legal nature of corporate groups and the liabilities and responsibilities of interlinked companies. To see the 'group' as a vehicle for global business activity. Develop legal writing, research and communication skills. Provide opportunities to develop skills associated with problem solving and decision making.

Develop higher order competencies of critical evaluation and independence of thought through the presenting of a cogently argued case.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically assess and evaluate the corporate group structure re its potential liabilities, responsibilities and duties to group members.
- 2 Critically evaluate the legal fiction of the company and analyse how the historical fiction may not accord with current economic reality.
- 3 Analyse and evaluate the different theories and approcahes to the corporate form in different jurisdictions.
- 4 Critically assess and evaluate the legal nature of the corporate entity.
- 5 Apply analytical and critical evaluation skills to contemporary issues pertaining to multinational groups of companies.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

essay 1 2 3 4 5

Outline Syllabus

The legal nature and origins of the UK company- fiction and organism theories. Comparative analysis with other juridictions. The legal nature of the corporate group. Veil lifting Directors - shadow directors and the parent. The corporate shareholder.

Learning Activities

The primary teaching learning vehicle will be seminars and workshops. Students will be expected to undertake apreparatory reading and note taking to present to the group at seminars and workshops. Non-assessed formative feedback will be given on student performance at seminars and through written work.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Sealy and Worthington
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Cases & Materials

Subtitle	
Edition	8th edition
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Mayson, French and Ryan
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Company Law
Subtitle	
Edition	24th edition
Publisher	Oxford
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Moore
Publishing Year	2006
Title	A Temple Built on Faulty Foundations
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	JBL 180
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Howell,C
Publishing Year	2005
Title	The Company White Paper
Subtitle	A Descriptive Overview
Edition	
Publisher	JBL 306
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hirt
Publishing Year	2003
Title	In What Circumstances Shall Breaches of Directors' Duties
	Give a Remedy under S459?
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Company Lawyer 100
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Goddard and Hirt
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Section 459 and Corporate Groups
Subtitle	

Edition	
Publisher	JBL 247
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Schmitthof, C M
Publishing Year	1978
Title	The Wholly Owned and Controlled Subsidiary
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	JBL 218
ISBN	

Notes

A module designed to analyse and critically evaluate the corporate group structure within a global market context.