

MGT 388 Law Component Guide

Law Component Teaching team

Module Convenor: Luke Blindell

Additional Seminar Tutors: Michael Jefferson, Helen Raby, Stefanie Pletz

Contact: l.blindell@sheffield.ac.uk

Law component overview

MGT388 is a Joint Law school / Management school module. The law component is designed to provide Engineering students with a basic understanding of the law in four key areas. These areas were selected by the Faculty of Engineering in accordance with recommendations made by the Engineering Council and may be categorised as:

- Contract Law
 - This topic considers the formation, breach and voiding of contractually binding relations.
- Intellectual Property Law
 - This topic considers the means by which the law affords protection to ideas, commercial reputation, creative works, and invention.
- The Tort of Negligence
 - This topic considers the way in which the tort (civil wrong) of negligence protects against those who harm others through a failure to take proper care to avoid what a reasonable person would regard as a foreseeable risk. This is of particular relevance to considerations of health and safety at work.
- Environmental Law
 - This topic considers the sources of environmental law. Along with providing a greater understanding of regulatory decision-making this topic introduces students to a number of areas of environmental law that are relevant to engineering projects and commercial operations.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students will gain an awareness of relevant legal requirements governing engineering activities. These include legal issues relating to the formation and breach of contracts, the protection afforded by intellectual property rights, the relevance of the tort of negligence to health & safety at work, and a number of considerations relating to engineering operations stemming from the environmental law. The component will focus on the legal framework within the UK, yet students will be aware that the levels of legal protection may differ internationally. Students will gain experience in applying legal considerations to a variety of scenarios. The use of group work activities within the seminar schedule ensures that students are able to work in teams and are encouraged to critically on their team working skills.

Taught Content

Lecture Schedule

The law component comprises ten one hour lectures on four different areas of law which have been selected to be of particular relevance to the field of engineering.

The lecture schedule is as follows:

Lecture	Lecture Topic
1	CONTRACT
2	CONTRACT
3	CONTRACT
4	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)
5	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)
6	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)
7	TORT (NEGLIGENCE)
8	TORT (NEGLIGENCE)
9	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
10	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Seminar Schedule

The law component requires students to attend **2 x one hour seminars**.

Students will be placed in a seminar group and each seminar group will attend a Contract seminar in week 6 and an IP seminar in week 10 (Schedule A) **OR** a Contract seminar in week 7 and an IP seminar in week 11 (Schedule B).

Week	Seminar Topic	Seminar Group
6	Seminar 1: CONTRACT	Schedule A
7	Seminar 1: CONTRACT	Schedule B
10	Seminar 2: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)	Schedule A
11	Seminar 2: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)	Schedule B

Assessment of the Law component of MGT388

The assessment of the law component of MGT388 incorporates both a formative (non-assessed) and summative (assessed) element.

Formative Assessment

Over the course of the module, four formative (non-assessed) pre-tests are made available online. Each formative online test focuses on one area of law covered within the module. The first MCQ test contains twenty MCQs and will be made available online. These MCQs are on contract law and relate to first law seminar on contract law. The second MCQ test contains twenty MCQs and will be made available on online. These MCQs are on intellectual property law and relate to lectures and seminar on intellectual property law. The final two formative MCQs will be available on online and comprise ten MCQs each relating to the law of tort (negligence) and environmental law.

The table below provides a summary of the formative assessment:

Formative Test	Topic Area	Format
Pre-Test 1	Contract Law	20 MCQs
Pre-Test 2	IP Law	20 MCQs
Pre-Test 3	Tort (Negligence)	10 MCQs
Pre-Test 4	Environmental Law	10 MCQs

Summative Assessment

The law component of MGT 388 is assessed by a final assessment using a multiple choice question (MCQ) format. This exam provides 50% of the total mark for the module (the remaining 50% comes from the Finance component). The assessment will take place during the January examination period.

A guessing correction will be applied to all the MCQs. 1 mark for a correct answer, minus 1/3 mark for a wrong answer. An opt out option will be given for each question so if a student doesn't know the answer they can 'opt out', this scores 0 for that particular question.

The formative online pre-tests and seminars have been designed to adequately prepare you for the final assessment. Information will be provided in a scenario as per the seminars with answer options given in the multiple choice format as per the online pre-tests. In order to protect the integrity of the exam no past papers are made available. It is thus very important that you both attempt the online pre-tests and attend the seminars in order to be familiar with the format of the final assessment.

The final assessment will consider **all four areas of law** (Contract Law, Intellectual Property Law, Tort, and Environmental Law). There will be 32 questions in total (ten each for Contract and IP law, and six each for Tort and Environmental Law). Each set of questions will be based upon a scenario for Contract, IP, and Tort. No scenario is used for the Environmental law questions given the complexity of the law in this area.

Reading Week

A reading week is scheduled in week 5. As such, no lectures or seminars will take place during this week. It is recommended that you use this time to review the lecture material, attempt the available online formative pre-tests and prepare for your upcoming seminar.

Sustainability

The University of Sheffield is committed to reducing and managing its environmental impact. Students can help support this goal by only printing where it is necessary to do so. For further information on the University's sustainability strategy please see:
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/sustainability/strategy>