



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

<b>Module Name:</b>	<b>Law</b>
<b>Module Code:</b>	<b>04 17695</b>
<b>Presenter(s):</b>	<b>(De Montfort University)</b>
<b>Credit Rating:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>School of Metallurgy &amp; Materials, University of Birmingham</b>

**Description:**

- i) Introduction to the court structure in England and Wales.
- ii) a) Basic contract law. What is a contract? What happens when there is a breach of contract?  
b) Working through problem questions relating to contract law.
- iii) a) Introduction to the law of negligence. How does the tort of negligence work? Defences to claims of negligence.  
b) Working through problem questions relating to the tort of negligence.
- iv) An introduction to the law of patents.

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the module the student should be able to: Explain briefly the court structure in England and Wales; Understand the basic principles of contract law and be able to apply his or her knowledge to answer simple problem questions relating to breach of contract; Understand the basic principles of the tort of negligence and be able to apply his or her knowledge to answer simple problem questions relating to the tort of negligence; Understand the basic principles of patent law and explain the main provisions of the Patents Act 1977 and the underlying policy requiring these provisions

**Assessment:**

Two hour open book examination at end of course presentation 2,000 word essay to be submitted following course presentation.