

Module Descriptor Definitive Document

Module Code	BSNF54	
Version	1	
Module Title	Principles of Business	
Credits	20	
Valid From	January 2025	
Status	Validated	
Subject Board	BSN	
HECoS Code	100097	
Academic Level (FHEQ)	3	
Study Period	В	
Prerequisites and co-requisites	N/A	
Not available to students	N/A	
taking/having taken		

Content (Indicative)

This module provides an essential introduction to the fundamental principles of business for foundation year students. It covers the basic concepts, functions, and structures of businesses, alongside key areas such as marketing, finance, operations, and human resource management. Through theoretical learning and practical case studies, students will develop the foundational knowledge and skills needed to succeed in further business studies.

Teaching and Learning Experience

- Guided Independent Study
- Lectures
- Seminars

Module Learning Outcomes (MLOs)

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

- 1. Explain the basic concepts of business and its role in society, including different types of business ownership.
- 2. Identify the main functions within a business and describe how they contribute to organisational success.
- 3. Understand the principal actions of marketing, finance, people management and other business operation functions.

Assessment

Assessment Task	Weighting	Module Learning Outcomes Assessed
Group Podcast	100%	1,2,3

Indicative reading

Books

Bovee, C. L., & Thill, J. V. (Latest Edition). *Business in action*. Pearson.

Worthington, I., & Britton, C. (Latest Edition). *The business environment*. Pearson.

Kotler, P., & Armstrong, G. (Latest Edition). *Principles of marketing*. Pearson.

Atrill, P., & McLaney, E. (Latest Edition). *Accounting and finance for non-specialists*. Pearson.

Slack, N., Brandon-Jones, A., & Johnston, R. (Latest Edition). *Operations management*. Pearson.

Dessler, G. (Latest Edition). *Human resource management*. Pearson.

Journals

International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research

Websites

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