

Over the last four years I have produced 20 micromodules in the areas of Conflict of Laws (9 micromodules), Commercial Law (6 micromodules) and Contract Law (6 micromodules). The objective of this project is to fill in the gaps of what has been undertaken to date, by focusing on important subject areas not yet covered and in one case replacing an outdated micromodule to reflect changes in the law. The project involves the production of a further five micromodules; each of a maximum 10 minutes in length to be professionally produced by CUAV.

The principal aims of the micromodules are to complement traditional teaching methods by focusing on areas where students traditionally have difficulty (making the same mistakes year in year out) by overviewing complex topics highlighting the key issues and by emphasizing the connections between different areas of law that are traditionally taught in a linear way.

The project is best be described as blended learning.

Each of the above topics will be introduced in the normal way in a lecture backed up by small group session. The video will then be released and the students will then have a useful revision aid that they can replay at their convenience, providing an overview of the topic, and highlighting common mistakes that students make. The videos must look as professional as possible hence the involvement of the CUAV unit.

Student feedback on the previous micromodule projects has been uniformly positive and on every course where they have been introduced there has been an improvement on the CTE scores.

In order to ensure that that it is not just a passive teaching aid companion quizzes will be set to accompany each video so that students can self-test whether they have understood the issues raised in the videos.

The project requires the shooting of five videos, each of a maximum ten minutes in duration for uploading onto Blackboard. After writing the script it will be sent to the CUAV Unit and, in collaboration with the Unit, a plan will be drawn up as to the best way to shoot the script. The focus of the project supervisor will be in preparing the video content and the technical side will be left to the CUAV Unit. This partnership has worked very well in relation to previous years' Micro-Modules in Conflict of Laws, Sale of Goods and Contract Law.