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Distressed business assessment 821 (OBS 821)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil Insolvency and Business Rescue (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	20 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Business Management
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The aim of this module is to equip students to explore the concepts, theories, patterns and recent cases of the four stages of corporate sickness: decline, distress, insolvency and bankruptcy. It examines contemporary product, production, accounting, financial, marketing, alliance and joint venture-based turnaround strategies. The module provides students with a perspective on identifying and remedying turnaround business situations, that is, established businesses experiencing operational, financial and managerial difficulties. Students learn, from the viewpoint of a general manager, how to distinguish between "troubled" and "crisis" companies and how to use both qualitative and quantitative tools to effect solutions.

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