

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Constitutional Law			
Reference	BS1247	Version	4
Created	January 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	July 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	July 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To develop an understanding of the general principles of constitutional law and their relevance to contemporary society.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Recognise and discuss in depth the sources and scope of the constitution.
- 2 Explain the devolution settlement and the position of Scotland within the United Kingdom and European Union.
- 3 Evaluate the doctrines of the separation of powers, parliamentary sovereignty and the rule of law and the role and nature of judicial review.

Indicative Module Content

Sources and scope of constitutional law, doctrines of separation of powers, parliamentary sovereignty, and the rule of law. Levels of governance - EU, UK, Scottish and local. Judicial review. Human Rights Act 1998 implications for constitutional law.

Module Delivery

This is a lecture and tutorial based module. Lectures provide core module content. Tutorials develop associated higher level skills through student centred learning.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2
 Description: Five class tests held during tutorials throughout the semester, worth 30% of the overall module grade.

Component 2

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Written examination

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
B	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
C	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
D	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
E	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
F	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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