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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Constitutional Law

Reference	BS1247	Version	5
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	July 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	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 calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 70% weighting of C2 - Examination and 30% weighting of C1 - Coursework. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

		Coursework:						NS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
Examination:	A	A	A	B	B	B	E	
	B	B	B	B	C	C	E	
	C	B	C	C	C	D	E	
	D	C	C	D	D	D	E	
	E	D	D	D	E	E	E	
	F	E	E	E	E	F	F	
	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.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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