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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Introduction To Media Law

Reference	BS1258	Version	4
Created	July 2020	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	June 2018	SCQF Points	15
Amended	July 2020	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

1. To appraise students of the principles and concepts relating to the structure of the media industry and its regulation.
2. To enable students to understand how the law impacts upon the activities of the media industry.
3. To facilitate students' critical understanding of the media and the regulatory mechanisms that impinge upon it.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

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| 1 | Explain the basic principles of the law that relates to media organisations and the constraints they place them |
| 2 | Discuss the legal and regulatory framework in which media organisations must operate. |
| 3 | Identify and explain the key issues of law arising from legal problems relating to media organisations |
| 4 | Evaluate and apply the principles of law to problems associated with media organisations |

Indicative Module Content

Sources of Law; Scots Legal System; Delict (defamation; confidence; trespassing); copyright; official secrets; racial and religious hatred; privacy; access to information; official secrets; court reporting; regulation

Module Delivery

The subject matter is delivered by way of twelve two-hour lectures and supported by tutorials.

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: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Description: Individual Written Coursework

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Examination - 100% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	70% or above
B	60% - 69%
C	50% - 59%
D	40% - 49%
E	35% - 39%
F	0% - 34%
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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