

Module Title	Reference BS2178
Legal Framework	SCQF SCQF
	Level 11
	SCQF Points 15
	ECTS Points 7.5
Keywords	Created February
Legal systems; sources of law; courts; legal personnel; legal methods and skills; obligations - contract and tort/delict; EU; International Law; legal concepts	2011
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	Amended
	Version No. 1

This Version is No Longer Current

The latest version of this module is available [here](#)

Prerequisites for Module

None.

Indicative Student Workload

Corequisite Modules

None.

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
	36

Precluded Modules

<i>Directed Study</i>	
	60

BSM743 Law of Obligations
BSM731 Law for Employment

<i>Private Study</i>	
	54

Aims of Module

To provide students with an understanding of the framework within which the law operates. The module will introduce discipline specific legal skills and methods, an exploration of the UK's divergent legal systems (English & Scots) and selected areas of law.

Mode of Delivery

Delivered full time on campus

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2

Learning Outcomes for Module

Component 2	2,3
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On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Describe the sources of law, the structure of the legal system and the roles of its personnel.
2. Analyse the elements of criminal liability and identify applicable defences.
3. Explain and apply the principles of the law of evidence and procedure as they apply in criminal cases with particular reference to expert evidence.

Indicative Module Content

The module will outline key features of UK legal systems, processes and personnel; core legal concepts; legal methods and skills. There will be an introduction to selected areas of private and public law. European and International Law will be introduced

Component 2: The presentation of evidence in both written and oral form, worth 75%

Component 1: This will take the form of five class tests held during seminars throughout the semester, worth 25% of the overall module grade.

Indicative Bibliography

1. AUCHIE, D., 2014. *Evidence*. 4th ed. Edinburgh: W. Green. (Law Basics series)
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3. WHITE, R., WILLOCK, I., and MACQUEEN, H., 2013. *The Scottish legal system*. 5th ed. Hayward Heath: Bloomsbury Professional.