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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Law Of Evidence

Reference	BS2246	Version	5
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	May 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	May 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with a working knowledge and understanding of the law of evidence in Scotland, with the ability to apply the rules to practical situations.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Evaluate the sufficiency of evidence in law.
- 2 Explain and apply the rules of relevancy and admissibility of evidence.
- 3 Critically discuss to what extent stricter evidential standards are applied to criminal cases than to civil cases
- 4 Determine the competence, compellability and privileges of witnesses.

Indicative Module Content

This module will cover the main aspects of evidence in both civil and criminal cases namely: relevance of evidence, the burden of proof, sufficiency of evidence, judicial knowledge, admissibility of evidence, competence and compellability of witnesses, privileges of witnesses and communications, disclosure and recovery of evidence, and forms of proof and appeals.

Module Delivery

The primary mode of delivery will be lectures, with tutorials acting as a forum for the development of higher cognitive skills through using case studies and problem-solving techniques.

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: Written coursework exercise

Component 2

Type: Coursework Weighting: 10% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2
 Description: Oral Presentation

Component 3

Type: Examination Weighting: 60% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Description: Written exam

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by three components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Oral Presentation - 10% weighting. C3 - Examination - 60% 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.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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