

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Criminal Law

Reference	BS2276	Version	4
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 students with an ability to identify core concepts of liability and critique specific offences in Scots criminal law.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Identify key elements of liability and applicable defences.
- 2 Appraise substantive crimes and discuss the relationship between them and the key elements above.
- 3 Identify and solve problems in respect of specific offences.

### Indicative Module Content

Actus reus and mens rea of crimes; art and part, and inchoate liability; defences; murder and assault; rape and other sexual offences; breach of the peace and drugs; theft and fraud; Human Rights Act 1998 implications.

### 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  
 Description: Written coursework exercise

**Component 2**

Type: Coursework Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 2, 3  
 Description: Written coursework exercise

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

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

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	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**

- 1 CHRISTIE, S., 2009. *Introduction to Scots criminal law*. 2nd ed. Dundee: Dundee University Press.
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- 3 JONES, T. and TAGGART, I., 2015. *Criminal law*. 6th ed. Edinburgh: Thomson / W Green.