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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Criminal Law

Reference	BS2276	Version	5
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	May 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2021	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 calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 30% weighting of C1(horizontal axis) and 70% weighting of C2(vertical axis) components. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module

		Coursework:						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	NS
Coursework:	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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- 4 FERGUSON, P.R., MCDIARMID, C., 2014 *Scots Criminal law: A Critical Analysis* 2nd ed., Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.