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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:						NS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
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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