

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Family Law			
Reference	BS3174	Version	4
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	May 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	May 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with a working understanding of Family Law in Scotland and in particular the relationships of Husband and Wife; Civil Partnership; Cohabitees and Parent and Child.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Consider and analyse the main principles of family law.
- 2 Critically evaluate and analyse the legal consequences of key family law relationships such as marriage, civil partnership and parent and child.
- 3 Apply the understanding of the legal consequences of the key family law relationships to practical situations.

Indicative Module Content

Consideration of the features and legal consequences of marriage, matrimonial breakdown and the grounds for divorce, financial provision on divorce, cohabitation, legitimacy, parental rights and responsibilities, residence and contact, civil partnership, adoption and the key Human Rights Act 1998 implications of family law.

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, 2, 3
 Description: Written coursework exercise

Component 2

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Written examination

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% 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.

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