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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Advocacy And Mooting Skills

Reference	BS3360	Version	3
Created	April 2018	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	June 2018	SCQF Points	15
Amended	June 2018	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To develop skills in relation to the preparation and delivery of written and oral legal arguments in a forensic setting.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Apply legal knowledge to, and formulate legal arguments in respect of, problem scenarios using appropriate legal authority.
- 2 Demonstrate understanding of forensic rhetoric.
- 3 Prepare written and oral legal arguments in the appropriate forms.
- 4 Present a persuasive oral argument in a courtroom or tribunal setting.

Indicative Module Content

Advocacy skills, courtroom decorum, the importance of rhetoric, drafting written submissions, presenting oral arguments in an appellate or Tribunal setting

Module Delivery

This is a lecture and seminar based module. Lectures provide core module content. Seminars develop associated higher level skills through practical workshop sessions and 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 worth 30% of the overall module grade

Component 2

Type: Practical Exam Weighting: 60% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Description: Presentation of legal argument in a court or tribunal setting worth 60% of the overall module grade

Component 3

Type: Coursework Weighting: 10% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Description: Preparation of a reflective report on the development of one's advocacy skills throughout the duration of the course.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

C1 Coursework - 30% weighting. C2 Oral Presentation - 60% weighting. C3 Coursework - 10% 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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