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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Legal Systems

Reference	LL1000	Version	2
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	April 2021	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To provide candidates with an understanding of the foundational elements of, and operation of, the Scottish Legal System

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Discuss the detail of the various sources of law in Scotland.
- 2 Explain the jurisdiction and functions of the civil and criminal court system and the roles of persons working in the legal profession.
- 3 Evaluate the predominant law making bodies which affect the Scottish legal system at Scottish and UK levels and externally, such as the ECHR.

### Indicative Module Content

History of the Scottish Legal System; Sources of Law in Scotland; civil and criminal court structure; legal personnel and the legal profession; Scotland and Devolution; Scotland and Human Rights; Legal aspects of Brexit

### Module Delivery

This is a lecture and tutorial based module. Lectures provide core module content. Tutorials deliver associated highest level skills through student centred learning.

### Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	114	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<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: Practical Exam Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3  
 Description: Quizzes

**Component 2**

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3  
 Description: End of semester written examination

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

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 30% weighting of C1 coursework and 70% weighting of C2 examination components. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

		Coursework:						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	NS
Examination:	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 in addition to SCQF requirement or equivalent  
 Corequisites for module No co-requisites  
 Precluded Modules None precluded

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Not applicable

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- DEWART M, 2019, The Scottish Legal System, 6th ed., Bloomsbury Professional.
- KEEGAN G., Scottish Legal Systems Essentials, 4th edn., Edinburgh University Press, 2021.