

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Legal Systems

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| Reference | LL1000 | Version | 4 |
| Created | February 2024 | SCQF Level | SCQF 7 |
| Approved | April 2021 | SCQF Points | 15 |
| Amended | March 2024 | 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; and impact of the aforementioned on sustainability.

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 |
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| 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: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: In-Class Tests

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 100% weighting of C1. An overall minimum Grade D is required to pass the module.

| Module Grade | Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade: |
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| A | The student needs to achieve an A in C1 |
| B | The student needs to achieve a B in C1 |
| C | The student needs to achieve a C in C1 |
| D | The student needs to achieve a D in C1 |
| E | The student needs to achieve an E in C1 |
| F | The student needs to achieve an F in C1 |
| NS | Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination |

Module Requirements

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| 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.