

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Legal Theory and Professional Skills (Online LLB)

Reference	LL2000	Version	2
Created	April 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	May 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2023	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

1. To deepen student knowledge and appreciation of the nature of law and of key legal concepts, such as rights and justice, and their operation in practice.
2. To develop understanding of, and the ability to apply, practical legal skills in areas such as communication, negotiation, client interviewing and counselling, and dispute resolution.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Explain, and demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature of law and of legal concepts including legal obligation, rights, and justice
- 2 Apply key document drafting skills pertinent to legal practice.
- 3 Demonstrate a practical knowledge of sound client interviewing and negotiating techniques.
- 4 Appraise the range of dispute resolution methods available.

Indicative Module Content

One part of the module will explore major legal concepts such as legal obligation, rights, and the idea of justice. The other part of the module will develop key practical transferrable skills required in the workplace such as drafting, client interviewing and counselling, negotiation, and the selection of appropriate dispute resolution alternatives.

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. In addition, online activities will form part of the module contact time.

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
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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, 4
Description:	Written coursework worth 100% of the overall module grade.				

Component 2

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	0%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Compliance on a pass/fail basis with the requirement to participate in online forum and tutorial activities.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by way of a single assessment component weighted at 100%. Additionally there is a participation requirement which is assessed on a pass/fail basis. Relative to the participation requirement each student is normally required to pass such online activities as identified in the module. Non-submission or non-completion of the competencies will result in an NS grade. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A:Pass
B	B:Pass
C	C:Pass
D	D:Pass
E	E:Pass
F	F:Pass
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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