MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Legal Framework

Reference	LL2178	Version	1
Created	January 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	May 2011	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with an understanding of the framework within which the law operates. The module will introduce discipline specific legal skills and methods, an exploration of the UK?s divergent legal systems (English & Scots) and selected areas of law.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

1	Describe the sources of law, the structure of the legal system and the roles of its personnel.
2	Analyse the elements of criminal liability and identify applicable defences.
3	Explain and apply the principles of the law of evidence and procedure as they apply in criminal cases with particular reference to expert evidence.

Indicative Module Content

The module will outline key features of UK legal systems, processes and personnel; core legal concepts; legal methods and skills. There will be an introduction to selected areas of private and public law. European and International Law will be introduced

Module Delivery

Delivered full time on campus

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
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body		

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ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	25%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2
Description:	Five seminar class tests.				

Component 2

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	75%	Outcomes Assessed:	2, 3
Description:	Presentation of evidence in written and oral form				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 75% weighting of C2(vertical axis) and 25% weighting of C1 (horizontal axis) components. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

		Coursework:						
		A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	**NS**
Coursework:	**A**	A	A	A	B	B	E	
	B	B	B	B	B	C	E	
	C	B	C	C	C	C	E	
	D	C	C	D	D	D	E	
	E	D	D	D	D	E	F	
	F	E	E	E	F	F	F	
	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	BSM743 Law of Obligations BSM731 Law for Employment

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

1	AUCHIE, D., 2014. *Evidence.* 4th ed. Edinburgh: W. Green. (Law Basics series)
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3	WHITE, R., WILLOCK, I., and MACQUEEN, H., 2013. *The Scottish legal system.* 5th ed. Hayward Heath: Bloomsbury Professional.