

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Law Of Evidence

Reference	LL2246	Version	2
Created	August 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	May 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2023	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with a working knowledge and understanding of the law of evidence in Scotland, with the ability to apply the rules to practical situations.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Evaluate the sufficiency of evidence in law.
- 2 Explain and apply the rules of relevancy and admissibility of evidence.
- 3 Critically discuss to what extent stricter evidential standards are applied to criminal cases than to civil cases.
- 4 Determine the competence, compellability and privileges of witnesses.

Indicative Module Content

This module will cover the main aspects of evidence in both civil and criminal cases namely: relevance of evidence; the burden of proof; sufficiency of evidence; judicial knowledge; admissibility of evidence; competence and compellability of witnesses; privileges of witnesses and communications; disclosure and recovery of evidence, and forms of proof and appeals.

Module Delivery

The primary mode of delivery will be lectures, with tutorials acting as a forum for the development of higher cognitive skills through using case studies and problem-solving techniques.

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:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Written coursework exercise including oral presentation				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

Component 1 comprises 100% of the module grade. To pass the module, a D grade or above is required.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
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	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1 AUCHIE, D.P., 2018. *Evidence..* 5th ed. Edinburgh: W.Green. (Law Basics series)
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- 3 ROSS, M. CHALMERS, J.CALLANDER I 2020. *Walker and Walker: the law of evidence in Scotland.* 5th Ed, Haywards Heath, Bloomsbury Professional