

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Criminal Law			
Reference	LL2276	Version	2
Created	June 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	May 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2023	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with an ability to identify core concepts of criminal liability and critique specific offences in Scots criminal law.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Identify key elements of criminal liability and applicable defences.
- 2 Appraise substantive crimes and discuss the relationship between them and the key elements above.
- 3 Identify and solve problems in respect of specific offences.

Indicative Module Content

Actus reus and mens rea of crimes; art and part, and inchoate liability; defences and mitigating pleas; murder, culpable homicide and assault; sexual offences; breach of the peace and drugs; theft and offences against property.

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.

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
 Description: Written coursework exercise

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:
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

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 2 Timothy H Jones and Ian Taggart, Criminal Law (7th edn, W Green 2018)
- 3 Pamela R Ferguson and Claire McDiarmid, Scots Criminal Law: A Critical Analysis (2nd edn, Edinburgh University Press 2014)