

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Criminal Law (Online LLB)

Reference	LL2305	Version	3
Created	June 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	July 2017	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 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. In the distance learning mode, 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
<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

**Component 2**

Type: Coursework Weighting: 0% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3

Description: Compliance on a pass/fail basis with the requirement to participate in online forum and tutorial activities

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The first grade represents Component 1 (Coursework) weighted at 100%. Component 2 is pass/fail competencies. Component 2 is a participation requirement with each student required to (1) complete at least two out of three interactive activities in this module and (2) attend and participate in at least 3 out of the 4 synchronous online tutorial sessions. Non-submission of either component 1 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:
<b>A</b>	A:Pass
<b>B</b>	B:Pass
<b>C</b>	C:Pass
<b>D</b>	D:Pass
<b>E</b>	E:Pass
<b>F</b>	F:Pass
<b>NS</b>	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 Sheriff Cubie, Sheriff Cottam and Sheriff McIntyre, Scots Criminal Law (5th edn, Bloomsbury Professional 2022)
- 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)