

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

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|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Family Law |             |             |        |
| Reference  | LL3174      | Version     | 2      |
| Created    | June 2022   | SCQF Level  | SCQF 9 |
| Approved   | May 2017    | SCQF Points | 15     |
| Amended    | August 2023 | ECTS Points | 7.5    |

### Aims of Module

To provide students with a working understanding of Family Law in Scotland and in particular the relationships of Husband and Wife; Civil Partnership; Cohabitees and Parent and Child.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Consider and analyse the main principles of family law.
- 2 Critically evaluate and analyse the legal consequences of key family law relationships such as marriage, civil partnership and parent and child.
- 3 Apply the understanding of the legal consequences of the key family law relationships to practical situations.

### Indicative Module Content

Consideration of the features and legal consequences of marriage, matrimonial breakdown and the grounds for divorce; financial provision on divorce; cohabitation; legitimacy; parental rights and responsibilities; residence and contact; civil partnership; adoption and the key Human Rights Act 1998 implications of family law.

### 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        | 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

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

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 100% weighting of CW1. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

| Module Grade | Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:                                  |
|--------------|--|
| <b>A</b>     | The student needs to achieve an A in CW1                                       |
| <b>B</b>     | The student needs to achieve a B in CW1  |
| <b>C</b>     | The student needs to achieve a C in CW1  |
| <b>D</b>     | The student needs to achieve a D in CW1  |
| <b>E</b>     | The student needs to achieve an E in CW1                                       |
| <b>F</b>     | The student needs to achieve an F in CW1                                       |
| <b>NS</b>    | Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination |

**Module Requirements**

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

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